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**Form S-1  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES N.V.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**The Netherlands**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**2860**  
*(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)*

**98-0646235**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)*

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration Statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration Statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
Class A ordinary shares, par value 0.04 per share	150,197,023	\$27.49	\$4,128,916,162	\$294,392
Class B ordinary shares, par value 0.04 per share(2)	108,405,020	\$27.49	\$2,980,054,000	\$212,478
Class A ordinary shares issuable upon the conversion of Class B ordinary shares, par value 0.04 per share	108,405,020	\$27.49	\$2,980,054,000	(3)

(1) Estimated solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act based upon the average of the high and low sales prices of the registrant's ordinary shares on October 22, 2010, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, with the exception of shares of Class A ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of Class B ordinary shares.

(2) Also includes Class A ordinary shares issuable upon the conversion of Class B ordinary shares.

(3) Pursuant to Rule 457(i), no separate registration fee is required for the shares of Class A ordinary shares to be issued upon conversion of the Class B ordinary shares covered by this Registration Statement. The conversion of the Class B ordinary shares has been included in the proposed maximum offering price of the Class B ordinary shares pursuant to Rule 457(i).

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**



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The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED OCTOBER 25, 2010**

**Preliminary Prospectus**

**LyondellBasell Industries N.V.**

**150,197,023 Class A ordinary shares**

**108,405,020 Class B ordinary shares**

This prospectus relates to the offer and resale by certain of our shareholders, referred to as selling shareholders of up to an aggregate of 258,602,043 shares of Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. We are not selling any shares of Class A ordinary shares or Class B ordinary shares of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. under this prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from the sales of ordinary shares being offered by the selling shareholders.

The distribution of ordinary shares offered hereby may be effected in one or more transactions that may take place, including ordinary brokers transactions, privately negotiated transactions or through sales to one or more dealers for resale of such securities as principals, at fixed prices, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, at varying prices determined at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. We are required to pay all fees and expenses incident to the registration of the ordinary shares. Usual and customary or specifically negotiated brokerage fees or commissions may be paid by the selling shareholders.

Our Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols LYB, and LYB.B, respectively. On October 21, 2010, the last reported sales price for our Class A ordinary shares was \$27.56 per share and the last reported sales price for our Class B ordinary shares was \$27.58 per share.

**Investing in these securities involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page 3 of this prospectus for factors you should consider before buying our ordinary shares.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is October , 2010.

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**You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or amendment. We have not authorized any person to provide you with different information. This prospectus is not an offer to sell, nor is it an offer to buy, these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information in this prospectus is complete and accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus, but our business, financial condition or results of operations may have changed since that date.**

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**CAUTIONARY INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain of the statements contained in this prospectus are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements include statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenue or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions, business trends, the impact of fresh-start accounting, the impact of our bankruptcy on our future performance and other information that is not historical information. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as estimate, believe, expect, anticipate, plan, may, should, continue, budget that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Many of these forward-looking statements have been based on expectations and assumptions about future events that may prove to be inaccurate. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. Our actual results (including the results of our joint ventures) could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including but not limited to:

our ability to comply with debt covenants and service our substantial debt;

availability of cash and access to capital markets;

the business cyclicity of the chemical, polymers and refining industries;

the availability, cost and price volatility of raw materials and utilities, particularly the cost of oil and natural gas;

competitive product and pricing pressures;

uncertainties associated with the U.S. and worldwide capital markets and economies;

labor conditions;

our ability to attract and retain key personnel;

operating interruptions (including leaks, explosions, fires, weather-related incidents, mechanical failure, unscheduled downtime, supplier disruptions, labor shortages, strikes, work stoppages or other labor difficulties, transportation interruptions, spills and releases and other environmental risks);

the supply/demand balances for our and our joint ventures products, and the related effects of industry production capacities and operating rates;

our ability to achieve expected cost savings and other synergies;

legal and environmental proceedings;

tax rulings, consequences or proceedings;

technological developments, and our ability to develop new products and process technologies;

current and potential governmental regulatory actions in the U.S. and in other countries, including potential climate change regulation;

political unrest and terrorist acts; and

risks and uncertainties posed by international operations, including foreign currency fluctuations.

Any of these factors, or a combination of these factors, could materially affect our future results of operations (including those of our joint ventures) and the ultimate accuracy of the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and our actual results and future developments (including those of our joint ventures) may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Our management cautions against putting undue reliance on forward-looking statements or projecting any future results based on such statements or present or prior earnings levels.



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All forward-looking statements in this prospectus are qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus. See **Description of Business, Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations** for additional information about factors that may affect our businesses and operating results (including those of our joint ventures).

Use caution and common sense when considering these forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update these statements unless applicable securities laws require us to do so.

In addition, this prospectus contains summaries of contracts and other documents. The summaries of contracts and documents that are filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus forms a part may not contain all of the information that is important to an investor and reference is made to the actual contract or document for a more complete understanding of what is discussed in this prospectus regarding the contract or document involved.

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*This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before buying our ordinary shares. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the Risk Factors section and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes before deciding to invest in our ordinary shares.*

**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

<b>The Offering</b>	This is an offering of an aggregate of up to 258,602,043 of our Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares by certain selling shareholders.
<b>Shares Offered By the Selling Shareholders</b>	150,197,023 Class A ordinary shares, par value 0.04 per share and 108,405,020 Class B ordinary shares, par value 0.04 per share.
<b>Offering Price</b>	Determined at the time of sale by the selling shareholders
<b>Ordinary Shares Outstanding as of October 21, 2010</b>	An aggregate of 565,673,773 ordinary shares, including 348,901,309 Class A ordinary shares and 216,772,464 Class B ordinary shares.
<b>Use of Proceeds</b>	We will not receive any of the proceeds of the ordinary shares offered by the selling shareholders.
<b>Dividend Policy</b>	We currently intent to retain any future earnings to fund working capital. Therefore, we do not currently anticipate paying cash dividends.
<b>Trading Symbol</b>	Our Class A ordinary shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LYB and our Class B ordinary shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbol LYB.B.

**Overview**

LyondellBasell Industries N.V. ( LyondellBasell N.V. ) is a public company with limited liability (*naamloze vennootschap*) incorporated under Dutch law by deed of incorporation dated October 15, 2009.

LyondellBasell Industries N.V. was formed to serve as the parent holding company for certain subsidiaries of LyondellBasell Industries AF S.C.A. ( LyondellBasell AF ) after completion of proceedings under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. LyondellBasell AF and 93 of its subsidiaries were debtors (the Debtors ) in jointly administered bankruptcy cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York . Other subsidiaries of LyondellBasell AF were not involved in the Bankruptcy Cases. On April 23, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court approved our Third Amended and Restated Plan of Reorganization and we emerged from bankruptcy on April 30, 2010 (the date of our emergence from bankruptcy being the Emergence Date ).

Prior to the Emergence Date, LyondellBasell Industries N.V. had not conducted any business operations. Accordingly, unless otherwise noted or suggested by context, all financial information and data and accompanying financial statements and corresponding notes, as of and prior to the Emergence Date, as contained in this prospectus, reflect the actual historical consolidated results of operations and financial condition of LyondellBasell AF for the periods presented and do not give effect to the Plan of Reorganization or any of the transactions contemplated thereby or the adoption of fresh-start accounting. Thus, such financial information may not be representative of our performance or financial condition after the Emergence Date. Except with respect to such historical financial information and data and

accompanying financial statements and corresponding notes or as otherwise noted or suggested by the context, all other information contained in this prospectus relates to LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and its subsidiaries following the Emergence Date. When we use the terms LyondellBasell Industries N.V., we, the Company, us, our or similar words in this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, we are referring to LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and its

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subsidiaries following emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases. For more information on the Bankruptcy Cases, see Legal Proceedings Bankruptcy Cases and Reorganization.

As of the Emergence Date, LyondellBasell AF's equity interests in its indirect subsidiaries terminated and LyondellBasell Industries N.V. now owns and operates, directly and indirectly, substantially the same business as LyondellBasell AF owned and operated prior to emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases. References herein to our historical consolidated financial information (or data derived therefrom) should be read to refer to the historical financial information of LyondellBasell AF.

LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is the successor to the combination in December 2007 of Lyondell Chemical Company ( Lyondell Chemical ) and Basell AF S.C.A. ( Basell ), which created one of the world's largest private petrochemical companies with significant worldwide scale and leading product positions.

Our executive offices are located at Weena 737, 3013 AM Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Our telephone number is 31-10-713-62-59 and our internet address is [www.lyondellbasell.com](http://www.lyondellbasell.com).

This prospectus includes industry data that we obtained from periodic industry publications, including Chemical Marketing Associates, Incorporated ( CMAI ); Turner, Mason & Company; Platts (a reporting service of The McGraw-Hill Companies); SRI Consulting ( SRI ); Tecnon Orbicom; PIRA Energy Group; Chemical Market Resources; DeWitt & Company, Inc. ( DeWitt ); Oil and Gas Journal; Bloomberg L.P. ( Bloomberg ); Energy Information Administration ( EIA ); and internal company reports and estimates. Industry publications generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but there can be no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of included information. Additionally, the industry sources that we reference request or require that, if we reproduce the information they provide, we inform readers that they make no warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of, nor assume any liability for, such information. We believe that the industry data we obtained from industry publications are reliable and are the data commonly and regularly used for analysis of our industry. However, we have made no independent verification of the accuracy of these data.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Before investing in the securities offered hereby, you should carefully consider the following risk factors and all of the other information contained in this prospectus. If any of the possible events described below occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.*

**Risks Relating to Our Bankruptcy Cases and Emergence**

***Our actual financial results may vary significantly from the projections that were filed with the Bankruptcy Court.***

In connection with our disclosure statement relating to the Plan of Reorganization (the Disclosure Statement), and the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization, we prepared projected financial information to demonstrate to the Bankruptcy Court the feasibility of the Plan of Reorganization and our ability to continue operations upon our emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases. This projected financial information was prepared by, and is the responsibility of, management of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP neither examined, compiled nor performed any procedures with respect to the projected financial information and, accordingly, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto. The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP report included in this document relates to the historical financial information of LyondellBasell A.F. It does not extend to the projected financial information prepared for the Bankruptcy Court and should not be read to do so. Those projections were prepared solely for the purpose of the Bankruptcy Cases and have not been, and will not be, updated on an ongoing basis. Those projections are not included in this prospectus and have not been incorporated by reference into this prospectus and should not be relied upon in connection with the purchase or sale of ordinary shares. At the time they were prepared, the projections reflected numerous assumptions concerning our anticipated future performance and with respect to prevailing and anticipated market and economic conditions that were and remain beyond our control and that may not materialize. Projections are inherently subject to substantial and numerous uncertainties and to a wide variety of significant business, economic and competitive risks and the assumptions underlying the projections and/or valuation estimates may prove to be wrong in material respects. Actual results may vary significantly from those contemplated by the projections that were prepared in connection with the Disclosure Statement and the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization.

***Our financial condition and results of operations are not comparable to the financial condition or results of operations reflected in our historical financial statements.***

Since April 30, 2010, we have been operating our business under a new capital structure. In addition, as required by fresh-start accounting, at April 30, 2010 our assets and liabilities were recorded at fair value, based on values determined in connection with the implementation of our Plan of Reorganization, which are significantly different than amounts in LyondellBasell AF's historical financial statements. Accordingly, our financial condition and results of operations from and after the Emergence Date are not comparable to the financial condition or results of operations reflected in LyondellBasell AF's historical financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

***The bankruptcy may have affected our relationship with key customers, suppliers, employees and others.***

Our bankruptcy may have significantly harmed relationships we have with key customers, joint venture partners, suppliers, employees, hedging counterparties and others. Our ability to negotiate favorable terms from suppliers, hedging counterparties and others and our ability to attract, motivate and retain key employees and managers also has been affected by the bankruptcy.



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**Risks Relating to Our Indebtedness**

*We have a significant level of debt and we could incur additional debt in the future. Our debt could have significant consequences for our business and future prospects.*

At June 30, 2010, we have approximately \$7.3 billion of total consolidated debt, which represents approximately 42% of our total book capitalization. In addition, we have approximately \$526 million of letters of credit outstanding.

Our debt and the limitations imposed on us by our financing arrangements could have significant consequences for our business and future prospects, including the following:

we may be required to dedicate a substantial portion, or all, of our cash flow from operations to payments of principal and interest on our debt;

we may not be able to obtain necessary financing in the future for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements or other purposes and we may be required under the terms of those financing arrangements to use the proceeds of any financing we obtain to repay or prepay existing debt;

we may be exposed to risks inherent in interest rate fluctuations to the extent our borrowings are at variable rates of interest, which would result in higher interest expense in the event of increases in interest rates;

we could be more vulnerable during downturns in our business and be less able to take advantage of significant business opportunities and to react to changes in our business and in market or industry conditions; and

we may have a competitive disadvantage relative to our competitors that have less debt.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future, which is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. Our future cash flows may be insufficient to meet all of our debt obligations and other commitments and any insufficiency could negatively impact our business. To the extent we are unable to repay our indebtedness as it becomes due or at maturity with cash on hand, we will need to refinance our debt, sell assets or repay the debt with the proceeds from equity offerings. Additional indebtedness or equity financing may not be available to us in the future for the refinancing or repayment of existing indebtedness, and we may not be able to complete asset sales in a timely manner sufficient to make such repayments. In that case, we would be unable to make principal and interest payments, and our continued viability would be threatened.

*We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our debt obligations; there can be no assurance that our capital resources will be sufficient to meet our working capital requirements.*

Our ability to meet our obligations will depend upon our financial and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may be unable to maintain a level of cash flows sufficient to permit us to meet our obligations. We have a significant level of debt, and we may incur additional debt in the future. Our debt could have significant consequences for our business and future business prospects.

We finance our ongoing working capital, capital expenditure, debt service and other funding requirements through a combination of cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations, borrowings under the U.S. ABL Facility, the European Securitization and other receivables securitization and financing arrangements. We will need to access the cash flow from our foreign subsidiaries on an efficient basis. At June 30, 2010, we had approximately \$3.8 billion of

cash and cash equivalents. We currently believe that our liquidity arrangements and cash on hand provide us with sufficient financing to meet our funding requirements, but we are subject to risks attendant to the cyclical and volatility of our businesses which can materially impact our



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working capital needs. Among other things, we are subject to risks that our working capital requirements can spike with high oil prices.

If our cash flow from operations and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures, or to sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and we cannot assure you that we would be able to implement such alternative measures on satisfactory terms or at all. Our debt instruments may limit our ability to effect such actions as well.

### ***Failure to comply with covenants or to pay principal of, and interest on, indebtedness when due could result in an acceleration of debt.***

A breach of covenants of or the failure to pay principal and interest when due under our debt or other financing could result in a default or cross-default under all or some of those instruments. If any such default or cross-default occurs, the applicable lenders or noteholders may elect to declare all outstanding borrowings, together with accrued interest and other amounts payable thereunder, to be immediately due and payable. In such circumstances, such lenders or noteholders may also have the right to terminate any commitments they have to provide further borrowings, and the counterparties under securitization programs or facilities may be entitled to terminate further purchases of interests in accounts receivable and receive all collections from previously sold interests until they have collected on their interests in those receivables, thus reducing our liquidity. In addition, following such an event of default, lenders or noteholders may have the right to proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure the obligations, which in some cases may include available cash. If the obligations under any material financing arrangement were to be accelerated, it is likely that we would not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments, and as a result we could be forced to again file for bankruptcy protection or liquidation.

Our debt or other financing arrangements contain a number of restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us. These include covenants restricting, among other things, our ability to: (i) incur, assume or permit to exist indebtedness or guarantees; (ii) incur, assume or permit to exist liens; (iii) make loans and investments; (iv) make external dividends or distributions; (v) engage in mergers, acquisitions, and other business combinations; (vi) prepay, redeem or purchase certain indebtedness; (vii) make dispositions of assets; (viii) engage in transactions with affiliates; and (ix) enter into or permit to exist contractual obligations limiting the ability of certain restricted subsidiaries to make distributions, repay intercompany indebtedness, make loans or sell or transfer any property, in each case to LyondellBasell Industries N.V. or any of its restricted subsidiaries. There also is a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio contained in our U.S. ABL Facility that is applicable if availability under the facility falls below certain levels. We currently are in compliance with all of our restrictive and financial covenants; however, the ability to meet financial requirements can be affected by events beyond our control and, over time, these covenants may not be satisfied.

### ***The current instability and uncertainty in the worldwide financial markets have created increased counterparty risk.***

We have exposure to various financial institutions under commodity hedging contracts, and the risk of counterparty default is currently higher in light of existing capital market and economic conditions. Reduced liquidity or financial losses resulting from exposure to the risk of counterparties could have a material adverse effect on our cash flow and financial condition.

### ***Our disclosure of our liquidity constraints and the Bankruptcy Cases reduced the availability of trade credit.***

The public disclosure of our liquidity constraints and the Bankruptcy Cases impaired our ability to maintain normal credit terms with certain of our suppliers. As a result, we have been required to pay cash in advance to certain vendors and have experienced restrictions on the availability of trade credit, which further reduced our liquidity. We believe that since emergence from Chapter 11 on April 30, 2010, our ability to

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obtain and maintain normal credit terms has improved. However, it is possible that trade credit will continue to be negatively effected by our having been in bankruptcy.

### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

*Disruptions in financial markets and the economic downturn may continue to adversely affect our customers, and, therefore, our business.*

Our results of operations have been materially affected by adverse conditions in the financial markets and depressed economic conditions generally, both in the U.S. and elsewhere around the world. The economic downturn in the businesses and geographic areas in which we sell our products substantially reduced demand for our products and resulted in decreased sales volumes. Recently, concerns over inflation, energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit and the instability of financial and credit markets in the U.S. and worldwide have contributed to increased volatility and diminished expectations for the global economy and markets. These factors, combined with volatile raw material prices, declining business and consumer confidence, increased unemployment and continuing financial market fluctuations, precipitated a worldwide economic recession that could continue for an extended period of time. The recession adversely affected our business because of a reduction in worldwide demand for our products, in particular from our customers in industrial markets generally and specifically in the automotive and housing industries. As a result of the weaker business environment, we shut down certain production facilities and performed impairment reviews of our remaining productive assets. These actions resulted in charges of \$696 million for asset write-offs, primarily related to a lease rejection, and \$228 million for impairment of the carrying value of our investments in certain joint ventures in 2009 and \$5,207 million of asset impairments during 2008, including a \$4,982 million write-off of all our remaining goodwill in 2008. Additional asset impairments could occur in future periods. Adverse changes in our future estimated operating results could result in non-cash impairment charges in the future related to our assets. Moreover, many of our customers and suppliers rely on access to credit to adequately fund their operations. Disruptions in financial markets and economic slowdown may adversely impact the ability of our customers to finance the purchase of our products as well as the creditworthiness of those customers. These same factors may also impact the ability and willingness of suppliers to provide us with raw materials for our business.

*The cyclical and volatility of the industries in which we participate may cause significant fluctuations in our operating results.*

Our business operations are subject to the cyclical and volatile nature of the supply-demand balance in the chemical and refining industries, and our future operating results are expected to continue to be affected by this cyclical and volatility. These industries historically have experienced alternating periods of capacity shortages leading to tight supply conditions, causing prices and profit margins to increase, followed by periods when substantial capacity is added, resulting in oversupply, declining capacity utilization rates and declining prices and profit margins. In addition to changes in the supply and demand for products, the volatility these industries experience occurs as a result of changes in energy prices and changes in various other economic conditions around the world. The cyclical and volatility of the chemical and refining industries results in significant fluctuations in profits and cash flow from period to period and over the business cycles.

The global economic and political environment continues to be uncertain, and a decline in demand could place further pressure on our results of operations. In addition, new capacity additions, especially in Asia and the Middle East, are expected to lead to another period of oversupply and low profitability. The timing and extent of any changes to currently prevailing market conditions is uncertain and supply and demand may be unbalanced at any time. As a consequence, we are unable to accurately predict the extent or duration of future industry cycles or their effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations, and can give no assurances as to any predictions made herein with respect to the timing, extent or duration of future industry cycles.

As a result of such industry cycles, we may be required to reduce production at or idle certain facilities for an extended period of time or exit a business because of an oversupply of a particular product and/or a

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lack of demand for that particular product, or high raw material prices, which makes production uneconomical. We may also reduce production at certain of our facilities because we have either fixed or minimum off-take arrangements with joint ventures or third parties with respect to other facilities. Any decision to permanently close facilities or exit a business could result in impairment and other charges to earnings. Temporary outages sometimes last for several quarters or, in certain cases, longer, and could cause us to incur costs, including the expenses of maintaining and restarting these facilities. In addition, even though we may need to reduce production, we may still be required to continue to purchase or pay for utilities or raw materials under take-or-pay supply agreements. It is possible that factors such as increases in raw material costs or lower demand in the future will cause us to reduce operating rates, idle facilities or exit uncompetitive businesses.

***Costs and limitations on supply of raw materials and energy may result in increased operating expenses.***

The costs of raw materials and energy represent a substantial portion of our operating expenses, and energy costs generally follow price trends of, and vary with the market conditions for, crude oil and natural gas. These price trends may be highly volatile and cyclical. In the past, raw material and energy costs have experienced significant fluctuations that adversely affected our business segments. Moreover, fluctuations in currency exchange rates can add to this volatility.

There have been, and will likely continue to be, periods of time when we are unable to pass raw material and energy cost increases on to customers quickly enough to avoid adverse impacts on our results of operations. Our results of operations have been impacted by the volatility of these costs. Customer consolidation also has made it more difficult to pass along cost increases to customers. Cost increases also may increase working capital needs, which could reduce our liquidity and cash flow. In addition, when raw material and energy costs increase rapidly and are passed along to customers as product price increases, the credit risks associated with certain customers can be compounded. To the extent we increase our product sales prices to reflect rising raw material and energy costs, demand for products may decrease as customers reduce their consumption or use substitute products, which may have an adverse impact on our results of operations. See [We sell products in highly competitive global markets and face significant price pressures.](#)

In addition, higher North American and European natural gas prices relative to natural gas cost-advantaged regions, such as the Middle East, could diminish the ability of many chemical producers to compete internationally since the price of natural gas and natural gas liquids ( NGLs ) affects a significant portion of the industry's raw materials and energy sources. This environment may cause a reduction in our exports from North America and Europe, and has in the past reduced, and may in the future reduce, the competitiveness of U.S. and European producers. This Middle East production may increase the competition for product sales within North America and Europe with respect to product which could otherwise be sold in other geographic regions if not for such regions' natural gas cost advantage. This may result in lower margins in North America and Europe in the future. Furthermore, across our business, there are a limited number of suppliers for some of our raw materials and utilities and, in some cases, the number of sources for and availability of raw materials and utilities is specific to the particular geographic region in which a facility is located. It is also common in the chemical and refining industries for a facility to have a sole, dedicated source for its utilities, such as steam, electricity and gas. Having a sole or limited number of suppliers may result in our having limited negotiating power, particularly in the case of rising raw material costs. Alternatively, where we have multiple suppliers for a raw material or utility, these suppliers may not make up for the loss of a major supplier. Any new supply agreements we enter into may not have terms as favorable as those contained in our current supply agreements. For some of our products, the facilities or distribution channels of raw material suppliers and utilities suppliers and our production facilities form an integrated system. This is especially true in the U.S. Gulf Coast where the infrastructure of the chemical and refining industries is tightly integrated such that a major disruption of supply of a given commodity or utility can negatively affect numerous participants, including suppliers of other raw materials.

If one or more of our significant raw material or utility suppliers were unable to meet its obligations under present supply arrangements, raw materials become unavailable within the geographic area from which they are now sourced, or supplies are otherwise disrupted, our businesses could suffer reduced supplies or be forced to incur increased costs for our raw materials or utilities, which would have a direct negative impact on

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plant operations. For example, hurricanes have in the past negatively affected crude oil and natural gas supplies, as well as supplies of other raw materials, utilities (such as electricity and steam), and industrial gases contributing to increases in operating costs and, in some cases, disrupting production. In addition, hurricane-related disruption of vessel, barge, rail, truck and pipeline traffic in the U.S. Gulf Coast area would negatively affect shipments of raw materials and product.

In addition, with increased volatility in raw material costs, our suppliers could impose more onerous terms on us, resulting in shorter payment cycles and increasing our working capital requirements.

***External factors beyond our control may cause fluctuations in demand for our products and in our prices and margins.***

External factors beyond our control may cause volatility in the price of raw materials and other operating costs, as well as significant fluctuations in demand for our products, and can magnify the impact of economic cycles on our businesses. Examples of external factors include:

supply of and demand for crude oil and other raw materials;

changes in customer buying patterns and demand for our products;

general economic conditions;

domestic and international events and circumstances;

competitor actions;

the addition of new capacity in the marketplace;

governmental regulation; and

severe weather and natural disasters.

Also, we believe that worldwide events have had in recent years, and may continue to have, an impact on our businesses. We currently license our technology to customers in the Middle East and have three joint ventures in Saudi Arabia. We also have offices in Egypt, Dubai and Turkey and third-party commercial representatives throughout the Middle East. The threat of armed hostilities or acts of terrorism may impact our businesses in the Middle East or elsewhere, or the businesses of our customers.

In addition, a number of our products are highly dependent on durable goods markets, such as the construction and automotive markets, which also are cyclical and impacted by many of the external factors referenced above. Many of our products are components of other chemical products that, in turn, are subject to the supply-demand balance of both the chemical and refining industries and general economic conditions. The recent volatility of prices for crude oil and natural gas resulted in more volatile raw material and utility costs as compared to prior years. The impact of the factors cited above and others beyond our control may once again contribute to a slowdown in the business cycle or impact economic recovery, reducing demand and lowering operating rates and, ultimately, reducing our profitability.

Further, volatility in costs and pricing can result in commercial disputes with customers and suppliers with respect to interpretations of complex contractual arrangements. Significant adverse resolution of any such disputes also could reduce our profitability.

***We sell products in highly competitive global markets and face significant price pressures.***

We sell our products in highly competitive global markets. Due to the commodity nature of many of our products, competition in these markets is based primarily on price and to a lesser extent on product performance, product quality, product deliverability, reliability of supply and customer service. As a result, we generally are not able to protect our market position for these products by product differentiation and may not be able to pass on cost increases to our customers.



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In addition, we face increased competition from companies that may have greater financial resources and different cost structures or strategic goals than us, such as large integrated oil companies (many of which also have chemical businesses), government-owned businesses, and companies that receive subsidies or other government incentives to produce certain products in a specified geographic region. Increased competition from these companies, especially in our olefin and refining businesses, could limit our ability to increase product sales prices in response to raw material and other cost increases, or could cause us to reduce product sales prices to compete effectively, which could reduce our profitability. Competitors that have greater financial resources than us may be able to invest significant capital into their businesses, including expenditures for research and development. In addition, specialty products we produce may become commoditized over time. Increased competition could result in lower prices or lower sales volumes, which would have a negative impact on our results of operations.

As a result of these competitive pressures, increases in raw material and other costs may not necessarily correlate with changes in prices for our products, either in the direction of the price change or in magnitude. In addition, our ability to increase product sales prices, and the timing of those increases, are affected by the supply-demand balances for our products, as well as the capacity utilization rates for those products. Timing differences in pricing between rising raw material costs, which may change daily, and contract product prices, which in many cases are negotiated only monthly or less often, sometimes with an additional lag in effective dates for increases, may reduce our profitability. Even in periods during which raw material prices decline, we may suffer decreasing profits if raw material price reductions occur at a slower rate than decreases in the selling prices of our products.

### ***Interruptions of operations at our facilities may result in liabilities or lower operating results.***

We own and operate large-scale facilities, and our operating results are dependent on the continued operation of our various production facilities and the ability to complete construction and maintenance projects on schedule. Material operating interruptions at our facilities, including interruptions caused by the events described below, may materially reduce the productivity and profitability of a particular manufacturing facility, or our business as a whole, during and after the period of such operational difficulties. In the past, we had to shut down plants on the U.S. Gulf Coast, including the temporary shutdown of the Houston Refinery, as a result of hurricanes striking the upper Texas coast.

In addition, because the Houston Refinery is our only North American refining operation, an outage at the refinery could have a particularly negative impact on our operating results. Unlike our chemical and polymer production facilities, which may at times have sufficient excess capacity to mitigate the negative impact of lost production at another similar facility of ours, we do not have the ability to increase refining production elsewhere in the U.S. in an effort to mitigate the negative impact on operating results resulting from an outage at the Houston Refinery.

Although we take precautions to enhance the safety of our operations and minimize the risk of disruptions, our operations, along with the operations of other members of the chemical and refining industries, are subject to hazards inherent in chemical manufacturing and refining and the related storage and transportation of raw materials, products and wastes. These potential hazards include:

- pipeline leaks and ruptures;
- explosions;
- fires;
- severe weather and natural disasters;
- mechanical failure;

unscheduled downtimes;

supplier disruptions;

labor shortages or other labor difficulties;

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transportation interruptions;

remediation complications;

chemical and oil spills;

discharges or releases of toxic or hazardous substances or gases;

storage tank leaks;

other environmental risks; and

terrorist acts.

Some of these hazards may cause personal injury and loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property and equipment and environmental damage, and may result in suspension of operations, the shutdown of affected facilities and the imposition of civil or criminal penalties. Furthermore, except for claims that were addressed by the Plan of Reorganization, we also will continue to be subject to present and future claims with respect to workplace exposure, exposure of contractors on our premises as well as other persons located nearby, workers' compensation and other matters.

We maintain property, business interruption, product, general liability, casualty and other types of insurance, including pollution and legal liability, that we believe are in accordance with customary industry practices, but we are not fully insured against all potential hazards incident to our business, including losses resulting from natural disasters, war risks or terrorist acts. Changes in insurance market conditions have caused, and may in the future cause, premiums and deductibles for certain insurance policies to increase substantially and, in some instances, for certain insurance to become unavailable or available only for reduced amounts of coverage. If we were to incur a significant liability for which we were not fully insured, we might not be able to finance the amount of the uninsured liability on terms acceptable to us or at all, and might be obligated to divert a significant portion of our cash flow from normal business operations.

Further, because a part of our business involves licensing polyolefin process technology, our licensees are exposed to similar risks involved in the manufacture and marketing of polyolefins. Hazardous incidents involving our licensees, if they do result or are perceived to result from use of our technologies, may harm our reputation, threaten our relationships with other licensees and/or lead to customer attrition and financial losses. Our policy of covering these risks through contractual limitations of liability and indemnities and through insurance may not always be effective. As a result, our financial condition and results of operation would be adversely affected, and other companies with competing technologies may have the opportunity to secure a competitive advantage.

***Our crude oil supply agreement with PDVSA Oil is subject to the risk of enforcing contracts against non-U.S. commercial affiliates of a sovereign nation and political, force majeure and other risks.***

Our crude oil supply agreement with PDVSA Oil provides for the purchase and supply of 215,000 barrels per day of heavy, high sulfur crude oil (approximately 81% of the refining capacity at the Houston Refinery). The contract runs through July 31, 2011. There are risks associated with reliance on PDVSA Oil for supplies of crude oil and with enforcing the provisions of contracts with companies such as PDVSA Oil that are non-U.S. commercial affiliates of a sovereign nation. For example, currently and from time to time in the past, PDVSA Oil has declared itself in a force majeure situation and subsequently reduced deliveries of crude oil purportedly based on announced OPEC production

cuts. All of the crude oil supplied by PDVSA Oil under the crude oil contract is produced in Venezuela, and it is impossible to predict how governmental policies may change under the current or any subsequent Venezuelan government. In addition, there are risks associated with enforcing judgments of U.S. courts against entities whose assets are located outside of the U.S. and whose management does not reside in the U.S. Any modification, breach or termination of the crude oil contract, or any interruption in this source of crude oil on its current terms, may adversely affect us, as alternative crude oil supplies with similar margins may not always be available for purchase and may require modifications to the Houston Refinery that may result in significant costs or down time. In addition, the Venezuelan government has in recent times taken control of assets of foreign firms. As these firms pursue

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international arbitration awards as a result of these takings, our crude supply from PDVSA Oil could be threatened or interrupted by any awards in favor of these foreign firms that contemplate confiscation of PDVSA Oil crude supplies.

***Certain activities related to a project raise compliance issues under U.S. law.***

We have identified an agreement related to a project in Kazakhstan under which a payment was made in late 2008 that raises compliance concerns under the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA"). We have engaged outside counsel to investigate these activities, under the oversight of a special committee established by the Supervisory Board, and to evaluate internal controls and compliance policies and procedures. We made a voluntary disclosure of these matters to the U.S. Department of Justice in late 2009 and are cooperating fully with that agency. We cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this matter at this time or whether we will discover other matters raising compliance issues, including under other statutes. In this respect, we may not have conducted our business in compliance with the FCPA and may not have had policies and procedures in place adequate to ensure compliance. We cannot reasonably estimate any potential penalty that may arise from these matters. We are in the process of adopting and implementing more stringent policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance. We cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this matter at this time since our investigations are ongoing. Violations of these laws could result in criminal and civil liabilities and other forms of relief that could be material to us.

***Our non-U.S. operations conduct business in countries subject to U.S. economic sanctions and certain activities raise compliance issues under U.S. law.***

Certain of our non-U.S. subsidiaries conduct business in countries subject to U.S. economic sanctions, including Iran. U.S. laws and regulations, and proposed EU regulations prohibit certain persons from engaging in business activities, in whole or in part, with sanctioned countries, organizations and individuals. The U.S. Congress recently passed legislation that could result in the imposition of sanctions on U.S. and non-U.S. persons and entities doing business with Iran.

We intend to comply with all applicable sanctions laws and regulations and are adopting certain more significant compliance policies and procedures. In connection with our continuing review of compliance risks in this area, we made a voluntary disclosure of these matters to the U.S. Treasury Department and intend to continue cooperating fully with that agency. In addition, our management has made the decision to cease all business with the government, entities and individuals in Iran and is working with regulatory authorities to implement its decision.

These business activities present a potential risk that could subject the Company to civil and criminal penalties as well as private legal proceedings that could be material to us. Likewise, violations of these laws could result in criminal and civil liabilities and other forms of relief that could be material to us. We cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this matter at this time because our investigations and withdrawal activities are ongoing.

***We are addressing certain significant deficiencies with respect to our internal controls.***

In connection with our ongoing internal control reviews during the second half of 2009, our management identified three significant deficiencies in our internal control process. These deficiencies related to (i) segregation of duties related to freight contracting at our Houston Refinery, (ii) supervision and training of our internal accounting staff with respect to recording of our equity investments in joint ventures and (iii) inadequate support for review and reconciliation of a consolidation entry. We are remediating these deficiencies through changes in personnel; improved training; changes from manual to automated controls; and implementation of additional control procedures. These deficiencies did not have a material impact on our financial results or operations; however, there can be no assurance that we will not identify internal control deficiencies in the future or that any such identified deficiencies will not have a material impact on our operating results or financial statements.



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***Our operations could be adversely affected by labor relations.***

Approximately 1020 of our employees located in North America and the vast majority of our employees located in Europe and South America are represented by labor unions and work councils. Our operations have been in the past, and may be in the future, significantly and adversely affected by strikes, work stoppages and other labor disputes. Approximately 50% of our unionized North American employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between Houston Refining LP and the United Steelworkers Union, which became effective on January 20, 2010 and expires on January 31, 2012.

***Our operations and assets are subject to extensive environmental, health and safety and other laws and regulations, which could result in material costs or liabilities.***

We cannot predict with certainty the extent of future liabilities and costs under environmental, health and safety and other laws and regulations and whether any such liabilities and costs will be material. We also may face liability arising out of the normal course of business with respect to commercial matters, including alleged personal injury or property damage due to exposure to chemicals or other hazardous substances at our current or former facilities or chemicals that we manufacture, handle or own. In addition, because our products are components of a variety of other end-use products, we, along with other members of the chemical industry, are inherently subject to potential claims related to those end-use products. Although claims of the types described above have not historically had a material impact on our operations, a substantial increase in the success of these types of claims could result in the expenditure of a significant amount of cash by us to pay claims, and could reduce our operating results.

We (together with the industries in which we operate) are subject to extensive national, regional, state and local environmental laws, regulations, directives, rules and ordinances concerning, and are required to have permits and licenses regulating, emissions to the air, discharges onto land or surface waters or into groundwater and the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment, disposal and remediation of hazardous substances and waste materials. Many of these laws and regulations provide for substantial fines and potential criminal sanctions for violations, and such permits and licenses are subject to renewal, modification and in some circumstances, revocation. Some of these laws and regulations are subject to varying and conflicting interpretations. In addition, some of these laws and regulations require us to meet specific financial responsibility requirements. We generally expect that regulatory controls worldwide will become increasingly more demanding, including lower ozone ambient air standards in the U.S. and additional requirements related to climate change in the U.S. and other areas of the world where we operate, but cannot accurately predict future developments, such as increasingly strict environmental laws, and inspection and enforcement policies, as well as higher compliance costs, which might affect the handling, manufacture, use, emission or disposal of products, other materials or hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Stricter environmental, safety and health laws, regulations and enforcement policies could result in increased 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.

For example, under the European Union ( EU ) Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive ( IPPC ), EU Member State governments are to adopt rules and implement an environmental permitting program relating to air, water and waste for individual facilities. While the EU countries are at varying stages in their respective implementation of the IPPC permit program, we have submitted all necessary IPPC permit applications required to date, and in some cases received completed permits from the applicable government agency. However, we do not know with certainty what future IPPC permits will require, or the costs of compliance with the IPPC permit program. The EU also has passed legislation governing the registration, evaluation and authorization of chemicals (Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals, or REACH ). Under REACH, we are required to register chemicals and gain authorization for the use of certain substances. As an importer of chemicals and materials from outside the EU, we are subject to additional registration obligations. Legislation or rulings similar to

REACH may also be adopted outside the EU Member States, which could add to our obligations. Some risk of environmental costs and liabilities is inherent in our operations and products, and there is no assurance that material costs and liabilities will not be incurred.



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Environmental laws may have a significant effect on the nature and scope of cleanup of contamination at current and former operating facilities and at other sites at which hazardous substances generated by our current or former subsidiaries were disposed, the costs of transportation and storage of raw materials and finished products and the costs of the storage and disposal of wastewater. In the U.S., the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ( CERCLA ) may impose joint and several liability for the costs of remedial investigations and cleanup actions, as well as damages to natural resources, on the entities that generated hazardous substances, arranged for disposal of the hazardous substances, transported to or selected the disposal sites and the past and present owners and operators of such sites. All such responsible parties (or any one of them, including us) may be required to bear all of such costs regardless of fault, the legality of the original disposal or ownership of the disposal site. Under the EU Environmental Liability Directive, EU Member States may require the remediation of soil and groundwater contamination in certain circumstances, under the polluter pays principle. The scope of events and circumstances that could trigger remediation requirements and the level of remediation required vary from Member State to Member State. Similar environmental laws and regulations that have been or may be enacted in other countries outside of the U.S. may impose similar liabilities and costs upon us.

We also have liabilities under the U.S. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and various U.S. state and non-U.S. government regulations related to several current and former plant sites. Some of our manufacturing sites have an extended history of industrial chemical manufacturing and use, including on-site waste disposal. We are aware of soil, groundwater and surface water contamination at some of our sites, and we may find contamination at other sites in the future. It is anticipated that corrective measures will be necessary to comply with federal and state requirements with respect to some of these facilities. We also are responsible under applicable environmental laws for a portion of the remediation of certain off-site waste disposal facilities. Prior to the filing of the Bankruptcy Cases, we contributed funds to the cleanup of several waste sites throughout the U.S. under CERCLA. We also have been named as a Potentially Responsible Party ( PRP ) under CERCLA or similar laws at several other sites. Our policy is to accrue remediation expenses when it is probable that such efforts will be required and the related expenses can be reasonably estimated. Estimated costs for future environmental compliance and remediation are necessarily imprecise due to such factors as the continuing evolution of environmental laws and regulatory requirements, the availability and application of technology, the identification of presently unknown remediation sites, uncertainties relating to the choice and cost of remedial actions at various sites and the allocation of costs among the potentially responsible parties under applicable statutes. If actual expenditures exceed the amounts accrued, that could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position. For further discussion regarding environmental matters and related accruals, see Description of Business Environmental Capital Expenditures, Note 25 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Note 16 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell N.V. for the quarter ended June 30, 2010.

In addition to the matters described above, we are subject to other material regulatory requirements that could result in higher operating costs, such as regulatory requirements relating to the security of our facilities, and the transportation, exportation or registration of our products. Although we have compliance programs and other processes intended to ensure compliance with all such regulations, we are subject to the risk that our compliance with such regulations could be challenged. Non-compliance with certain of these regulations could result in the incurrence of additional costs, penalties or assessments that could be material.

***We may incur substantial costs to comply with, and demand for our products may be reduced by, climate change legislation and regulatory initiatives.***

There has been a broad range of proposed or promulgated state, national and international laws focusing on greenhouse gas ( GHG ) reduction. These proposed or promulgated laws apply or could apply in countries where we have interests or may have interests in the future. After the international meetings in Copenhagen, laws in this field

continue to evolve and, while they are likely to be increasingly widespread and stringent, at this stage it is not possible to accurately estimate either a timetable for implementation or our future

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compliance costs relating to implementation. Within the framework of EU emissions trading, we were allocated certain allowances of carbon dioxide per year for the affected plants of our European sites for the 2005 to 2007 period. For the second trading period (2008 to 2012), a number of our chemical plants are included in the Europe-wide trading system. We expect to incur additional costs as a result of the existing emissions trading scheme and in relation to any future carbon or other greenhouse gas emission trading schemes.

In the U.S., the EPA recently issued its final endangerment finding that is expected to lead to the agency promulgating federal GHG regulations and emissions limits under the Clean Air Act, even without Congressional action. The EPA has issued mandatory GHG reporting requirements which could lead to further obligations. The recent EPA action could be a precursor to further federal regulation of carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases, and may affect the outcome of other climate change lawsuits pending in United States federal courts in a manner unfavorable to our industry. In any event, some form of regulation is likely to be forthcoming at the United States federal level or the state level with respect to GHG emissions, and such regulation could result in the creation of additional costs in the form of taxes or required acquisition or trading of emission allowances.

Compliance with these or other changes in laws, regulations and obligations that create a GHG emissions trading scheme or GHG reduction policies generally could significantly increase our costs or reduce demand for products we produce. Depending on the nature of potential regulations and legislation, any future laws and regulations could result in increased compliance costs or additional operating restrictions, and could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***Legislative and other actions have eliminated substantially all U.S. demand for MTBE.***

Substantially all refiners and blenders have discontinued the use of MTBE in the U.S., partly as a result of U.S. federal governmental initiatives to increase use of bio-ethanol in gasoline as well as some state legislation to reduce or ban the use of MTBE. Accordingly, we are marketing our U.S.-produced MTBE for use outside of the U.S. However, there are higher distribution costs and import duties associated with exporting MTBE outside the U.S., and the increased supply of MTBE may reduce profitability of MTBE in these export markets. Our U.S.-based and European-based MTBE plants generally have the flexibility to produce either MTBE or ETBE to accommodate market needs. We produce and sell ETBE to accommodate growing demand for bio-based fuels in Europe, Japan and elsewhere in the world. There is a risk that such markets may ban or stop the use of MTBE or ETBE. As a result, we may, in the future, be required to produce an alternative gasoline blending component to either MTBE or ETBE, the profit contribution of which may be significantly lower than that historically realized on MTBE or ETBE.

***Our international operations are subject to exchange rate fluctuations, exchange controls, political risks and other risks relating to international operations.***

We have substantial international operations, which are subject to the risks of doing business on a global level, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates, transportation delays and interruptions, war, terrorist activities, epidemics, pandemics, political and economic instability and disruptions, restrictions on the transfer of funds, the imposition of duties and tariffs, import and export controls, changes in governmental policies, labor unrest and current and changing regulatory environments. These events could reduce the demand for our products, decrease the prices at which we can sell our products, disrupt production or other operations, require substantial capital and other costs to comply, and/or increase security costs or insurance premiums, all of which could reduce our operating results. In addition, we obtain a substantial portion of our principal raw materials from international sources that are subject to these same risks. Our compliance with applicable customs, currency exchange control regulations, transfer pricing regulations or any other laws or regulations to which we may be subject could be challenged. Furthermore, these laws may be modified, the result of which may be to prevent or limit subsidiaries from transferring cash to us. For geographic data, see Note 29 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended

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Furthermore, we may experience difficulty enforcing agreements in certain jurisdictions. In jurisdictions where bankruptcy laws and practices may vary, we may experience difficulty collecting receivables through the applicable legal systems. We are subject to certain existing, and may be subject to possible future, laws that limit or may limit our activities while some of our competitors may not be subject to such laws, which may adversely affect our competitiveness.

In addition, we generate revenues from export sales and operations that may be denominated in currencies other than the relevant functional currency. Exchange rates between these currencies and functional currencies in recent years have fluctuated significantly and may do so in the future. Future events, which may significantly increase or decrease the risk of future movement in currencies in which we conduct our business, cannot be predicted. We also may hedge certain revenues and costs using derivative instruments to minimize the impact of changes in the exchange rates of those currencies compared to the respective functional currencies. It is possible that fluctuations in exchange rates will result in reduced operating results.

***Significant changes in pension fund investment performance or assumptions relating to pension costs may adversely affect the valuation of pension obligations, the funded status of pension plans, and our pension cost.***

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 may 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. Any change in key actuarial assumptions, such as the discount rate, would impact 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. Certain of our current pension plans are underfunded. As of December 31, 2009, our pension plans were underfunded by \$1,140 million. Any declines in the fair values of the pension plans assets could require additional payments by us in order to maintain specified funding levels. Our pension plans are subject to legislative and regulatory requirements of applicable jurisdictions, which could include, under certain circumstances, local governmental authority to terminate the plan. See Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Note 13 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell N.V. for the quarter ended June 30, 2010.

***Many of our businesses depend on our intellectual property. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to protect our intellectual property rights, and our inability to do so could reduce our ability to maintain our competitiveness and margins.***

We have a significant worldwide patent portfolio of issued and pending patents. These patents, together with proprietary technical know-how, are significant to our competitive position, particularly with regard to PO, performance chemicals, petrochemicals, flavor and fragrance chemicals, and polymers, including process technologies such as *Spheripol*, *Spherizone*, *Hostalen*, *Spherilene*, *Lupotech T* and *Lupotech G* and *Avant* catalyst family technology rights. We rely on the patent, copyright and trade secret laws of the U.S. and other countries to protect our investment in research and development, manufacturing and marketing. However, we may be unable to prevent third parties from using our intellectual property without authorization. Proceedings to protect these rights could be costly, and we may not prevail.

The protection afforded by patents varies from country to country and depends upon the type of patent and its scope of coverage. While a presumption of validity exists with respect to patents issued to us, our patents may be challenged, invalidated, circumvented or rendered unenforceable. In addition, if any pending patent application filed by us does not result in an issued patent, or if patents are issued to us, but such patents do not provide meaningful protection of our intellectual property, then our ability to exploit our intellectual property may be adversely affected. Furthermore,

as patents expire, the products and processes described and claimed under those patents become generally available for use by competitors. Our continued growth strategy may also bring us to regions of the world where intellectual property protection may be limited and difficult to enforce. In addition, patent rights may not prevent our competitors from developing, using or selling products

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that are similar or functionally equivalent to our products. Moreover, our competitors or other third parties may obtain patents that restrict or preclude our ability to lawfully produce or sell our products in a competitive manner, which could result in significantly lower revenues, reduced profit margins or loss of market share.

We also rely upon unpatented proprietary know-how and continuing technological innovation and other trade secrets to develop and maintain our competitive position. While it is our policy to enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees and third parties to protect our intellectual property, these confidentiality agreements may be breached, may not provide meaningful protection for our trade secrets or proprietary know-how, or adequate remedies may not be available in the event of an unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets and know-how. In addition, others could obtain knowledge of our trade secrets through independent development or other access by legal or illegal means.

The failure of our patents or confidentiality agreements to protect our processes, apparatuses, technology, trade secrets or proprietary know-how could result in significantly lower revenues, reduced profit margins and cash flows and/or loss of market share. Additionally, we may be subject to claims that our technology, patents or other intellectual property infringes on a third party's intellectual property rights. Unfavorable resolution of these claims could either result in our being restricted from delivering the related service or result in a settlement that could be material to us.

***The continued integration of the historical Lyondell Chemical businesses with the historical Basell businesses may be extremely time-consuming and the associated expected synergies and savings may not be realized.***

The process of effectively integrating the historical Basell and Lyondell Chemical businesses into one business continues to require significant managerial and financial resources. The costs and time required to integrate these businesses into one organization could cause the interruption of, or a loss of momentum in, the activities of any one, or several, of the operations of the constituent entities. Furthermore, the combination of the Lyondell Chemical and Basell businesses has significantly increased our size and has also substantially increased the scope and complexity of our operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to effectively manage the enlarged operation, or achieve the desired profitability from the combination of the Lyondell Chemical and Basell businesses. A failure to successfully integrate Lyondell Chemical with Basell's legacy business operations could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We have also undertaken significant and aggressive fixed cost reduction programs. Since the beginning of 2008, we have shut down or announced planned shutdowns of several units and entire facilities. We continue to evaluate our asset portfolio and may initiate further rationalization, depending on market conditions. Furthermore, we have expanded our cost reduction program to be broader and more substantial in anticipation of continued weak market conditions in olefins, polyolefins and refining. The key components of the program include reducing staff, rationalizing our worldwide asset base, restructuring our contracts and realizing savings in procurement and logistics. The full benefits of these programs may be difficult to realize and any short term synergies and savings realized may not be sustainable in the long term. Losses of key personnel pursuant to any employee reduction programs could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Shared control or lack of control of joint ventures may delay decisions or actions regarding the joint ventures.***

A portion of our operations currently are, and may in the future be, conducted through joint ventures, where control may be exercised by or shared with unaffiliated third parties. We cannot control the actions of our joint venture partners, including any nonperformance, default or bankruptcy of joint venture partners. The joint ventures that we do not control may also lack adequate internal controls systems.

In the event that any of our joint venture partners do not observe their joint venture obligations, it is possible that the affected joint venture would not be able to operate in accordance with our business plans or that we would be required to increase our level of commitment in order to give effect to such plans. As with any such joint venture arrangements, differences in views among the joint venture participants may result in



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delayed decisions or in failures to agree on major matters, potentially adversely affecting the business and operations of the joint ventures and in turn our business and operations.

***Our results of operations could be adversely affected by litigation and other commitments and contingencies.***

We face risks arising from various unasserted and asserted litigation matters, including, but not limited to, product liability, patent infringement, antitrust claims, and claims for third party property damage. We have also noted a nationwide trend in purported class actions against chemical manufacturers generally seeking relief such as medical monitoring, property damages, off-site remediation and punitive damages arising from alleged environmental torts without claiming present personal injuries. We have also noted a trend in public and private nuisance suits being filed on behalf of states, counties, cities and utilities alleging harm to the general public. Various factors or developments can lead to changes in current estimates of liabilities such as a final adverse judgment, significant settlement or changes in applicable law. A future adverse ruling or unfavorable development could result in future charges that could have a material adverse effect on us. An adverse outcome in any one or more of these matters could be material to our results of operations.

In the ordinary course of business, we may make certain commitments, including representations, warranties and indemnities relating to current and past operations, including those related to divested businesses and issue guarantees of third party obligations. If we were required to make payments as a result, they could exceed the amounts accrued, thereby adversely affecting our results of operations.

***The selling shareholders own a substantial portion of our ordinary shares, and their interests in LyondellBasell Industries N.V. may conflict with your interests.***

The selling shareholders collectively own approximately 45.7% of our outstanding ordinary shares.

As long as the selling shareholders and any other substantial shareholder own, directly or indirectly, a substantial portion of our outstanding shares, they will be able to exert significant control over us, including:

- the composition of our board of directors and, through it, any determination with respect to our business;
- direction and policies, including the appointment and removal of officers;
- the determination of incentive compensation, which may affect our ability to retain key employees;
- any determinations with respect to mergers or other business combinations;
- our acquisition or disposition of assets;
- our financing decisions and our capital raising activities;
- the payment of dividends;
- conduct in regulatory and legal proceedings; and
- amendments to our articles of association.

Additionally, our Articles of Association state that our Supervisory Board will consist of at least nine members. Our Supervisory Board currently consists of eight members, three of whom were nominated by Apollo; one of whom was

nominated by Access Industries; and one of whom was nominated by Ares Management. The remaining initial Supervisory Board members are independent. Until April 30, 2011 and thereafter for so long as the selling shareholders own specified percentages of our ordinary shares, they will be entitled to nominate members of the Supervisory Board. See Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

The selling shareholders, in the event that they act collectively, also may have the ability to elect or remove and replace a majority of the members of our Supervisory Board without calling a meeting of the shareholders. The concentration of ownership may also make some transactions more difficult or impossible

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without their support or more likely with their support. The interests of any of the selling shareholders, any other substantial shareholder or any of their respective affiliates could conflict with or differ from our interests or the interests of shareholders. For example, the concentration of ownership held by the selling shareholders could delay, defer or prevent a change of control of our company or impede a merger, takeover or other business combination which may otherwise be favorable for us. The selling shareholders, a substantial shareholder or any affiliate thereof 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.

### **Risks Associated with Our Common Stock**

***The trading price of our ordinary shares may fluctuate and trading in the ordinary shares may be limited, which might lead to shareholders not being able to sell their ordinary shares at a reasonable price or at all.***

Our Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares began trading on the NYSE on October 14, 2010. We cannot assure you that an active trading market in our ordinary shares will be sustained. If such a market fails to be sustained, this could adversely affect the liquidity and price of our ordinary shares, as well as increase their price volatility. Accordingly, we cannot assure investors of the liquidity of any such market, any ability to sell the ordinary shares or the prices that may be obtained for the ordinary shares.

The trading price of our ordinary shares may experience volatility and may fluctuate, depending upon many factors beyond our control. The trading price of our ordinary shares may be significantly affected by, among others the following factors: (i) our actual or anticipated operational results, (ii) the level of our debt, (iii) future issuances of ordinary shares, (iv) changes in, or our failure to meet, securities analysts' expectations, and (v) general market conditions and the factors listed above under Risks Relating to Our Business.

***Uncertainty in enforcing U.S. judgments against Dutch or non-U.S. corporations, directors and others could create difficulties for holders of our securities in enforcing any judgments obtained against us.***

We are a company organized under the laws of The Netherlands and a significant portion of our assets are located outside the U.S. In addition, members of our Management and Supervisory Boards may be residents of countries other than the U.S. As a result, effecting service of process on each person may be difficult, and judgments of U.S. courts, including judgments against us or members of our Management or Supervisory Boards predicated on the civil liability provisions of the federal or state securities laws of the U.S., may be difficult to enforce. Because there is no treaty between certain countries and The Netherlands providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments, some countries' judgments are not automatically enforceable in The Netherlands or in the United States, where the principal market for our shares is located. In addition, it is uncertain as to whether a court in one country would impose civil liability on us or on the members of our Management and Supervisory Boards in an original action brought against us or our management or supervisory directors in a court of competent jurisdiction in another country and predicated solely upon the securities laws of that other country.

***We are subject to Dutch law and the rights of our ordinary shareholders may be different from those rights associated with companies governed by other laws.***

As a result of being organized under the laws of The Netherlands, our corporate structure as well as the rights and obligations of our ordinary shareholders may be different from the rights and obligations of shareholders in companies incorporated in other jurisdictions. Resolutions of the general meeting of shareholders may be taken with majorities different from the majorities required for adoption of equivalent resolutions in, for example, Delaware companies. Additionally, like other Dutch companies, our articles of association and our board charter contain control-enhancing rights that may have the effect of preventing, discouraging or delaying a change of control.

In addition, Dutch law provides certain obligations on companies that are domiciled in The Netherlands and whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market, as well as on certain shareholders of such companies. The NYSE may qualify as a regulated market, in which case these laws will apply to us and to certain of our shareholders. Among other things, these laws may require shareholders to notify the Dutch

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financial markets regulator (Autoriteit Financiële Markten, or AFM) of their holding of ordinary shares and changes to their holding if they increase or decrease their shareholding over or below 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 75% and 95% of our ordinary shares and may require certain shareholders that acquire 30% or more of the voting rights attached to our ordinary shares, subject to certain exceptions, acting alone or in concert with others, to make an unconditional offer to all our shareholders. See Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered Description of Certain Provisions of Dutch Law.

## **Risks Relating to Tax Matters**

***We have a risk of being classified as a controlled foreign corporation, which could adversely affect any 10% U.S. shareholder.***

As a company incorporated in The Netherlands, we would be classified as a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes if:

any United States person (as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the U.S. Tax Code)) possesses, directly, indirectly, or constructively, at least 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of our ordinary shares (each such person, a 10% U.S. shareholder), and

the sum of the percentage ownership by all 10% U.S. shareholders exceeds 50% (by voting power or value) of our ordinary shares.

Because controlled foreign corporation status depends upon the identity of our shareholders and their respective stock ownership, there can be no assurance that LyondellBasell Industries N.V. will not be treated as a controlled foreign corporation for any taxable year. In the event that such a determination were made, all 10% U.S. shareholders would be subject to taxation under Subpart F of the U.S. Tax Code. The ultimate consequences of this determination are fact-specific to each 10% U.S. shareholder, but could include possible taxation of such 10% U.S. shareholder on a pro rata portion of our income, even in the absence of any distribution of such income.

Based on information currently available to us, including information about the selling shareholders, we do not believe we are a controlled foreign corporation at this time.

***U.S. anti-inversion rules may apply to LyondellBasell Industries N.V. resulting in certain adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences.***

The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could seek to apply section 7874 of the U.S. Tax Code to treat LyondellBasell Industries N.V. as a U.S. corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes if, in connection with our emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases, the former creditors and shareholders of our top U.S. holding company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (our U.S. Group) received at least 80% of the stock issued in our emergence from Chapter 11 by reason of holding claims against those entities. Application of the 80% test could result in significantly increased U.S. federal income tax liability to us.

Alternatively, the IRS could seek to impose U.S. federal income tax on our U.S. subsidiaries' inversion gain if, in connection with our emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases, the former creditors and shareholders of our U.S. Group received at least 60%, but less than 80%, of the stock issued in our emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases by reason of holding such claims. Inversion gain generally includes gain from the transfer of stock or properties (other than inventory) and certain licensing income; tax on inversion gain generally cannot be offset by net operating losses, foreign tax credits or other tax attributes.

The 80% and 60% calculations are subject to certain adjustments. Although no assurance can be given that the IRS would not take a contrary position regarding section 7874's application or that such position, if asserted, would not be sustained, we believe that the stock issued in connection with our emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases that is attributable to the value of claims against our companies outside the U.S. Group exceeds 40% of all stock issued for any claims against us, making section 7874 inapplicable to us under the numerical stock ownership tests described above. In addition, we believe that strong arguments can be made

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that section 7874 should not in any event apply to us because of the business activities that we and our affiliates conduct in The Netherlands.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We are registering the resale of our ordinary shares pursuant to registration rights granted to the selling shareholders in the Registration Rights Agreement dated April 30, 2010 and filed herewith as Exhibit 4.7. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the ordinary shares by the selling shareholders named in this prospectus. All proceeds from the sale of the ordinary shares will be paid directly to the selling shareholders.

**SELLING SHAREHOLDERS**

This prospectus covers the offering of up to 150,197,023 Class A ordinary shares and 108,405,020 Class B ordinary shares by selling shareholders (and the Class A ordinary shares into which such Class B ordinary shares are convertible). When we refer to selling shareholders in this prospectus, we mean the persons listed in the table below, and the pledgees, donees, transferees, assignees, successors-in-interest and others who later come to hold any of the selling shareholders' interests in our ordinary shares other than through public sale. The ordinary shares offered by the selling shareholders are restricted securities under applicable federal and state securities laws and are being registered to give the selling shareholders the opportunity to sell their ordinary shares. The registration of such ordinary shares does not necessarily mean, however, that any of these ordinary shares will be offered or sold by the selling shareholders. The selling shareholders may from time to time offer and sell all or a portion of their ordinary shares in over-the-counter market or privately negotiated transactions, or otherwise, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. See Plan of Distribution.

In addition, the selling shareholders may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, or may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, at any time or from time to time, the ordinary shares in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), after the date on which they provided the information set forth below. The following table sets forth information as of October 21, 2010, regarding the selling shareholders' beneficial ownership of Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares. For a description of the material relationships between us and the selling shareholders, see Description of Securities to be Registered, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and

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Management, Directors and Executive Officers, Executive Compensation, and Certain Relationships, Related Party Transactions and Director Independence.

Name	Before Offering		Shares Offered Hereby	After Offering Percentage of	
	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares Owned(1)		Shares Owned After Offering(2)	Shares Owned After Offering
AI International Chemicals S.À.R.L.	56,270,668	9.9%	56,270,668		
Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>	164,895,924	29.2%	164,895,924		
Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund III, L.P.	16,904,384	2.99%	16,904,384		
Ares Enhanced Loan Investment Strategy II, Ltd.	39,727	0.01%	39,727		
Ares Enhanced Loan Investment Strategy III, Ltd.	397,269	0.07%	397,269		
Ares Enhanced Loan Investment Strategy IR Ltd.	119,181	0.02%	119,181		
Future Fund Board of Guardians	537,283	0.09%	537,283		
Ares Institutional Loan Fund B.V.	71,594	0.01%	71,594		
Ares IIR CLO Ltd.	46,659	0.01%	46,659		
Ares IIIR/IVR CLO Ltd.	59,590	0.01%	59,590		
Ares VR CLO Ltd.	119,181	0.02%	119,181		
Ares VIR CLO Ltd.	119,181	0.02%	119,181		
Ares VII CLO Ltd.	99,317	0.02%	99,317		
Ares VIII CLO Ltd.	119,181	0.02%	119,181		
Ares IX CLO Ltd.	119,181	0.02%	119,181		
Ares X CLO Ltd.	99,317	0.02%	99,317		
Ares XI CLO Ltd.	79,454	0.01%	79,454		
Ares XII CLO Ltd.	69,522	0.01%	69,522		
Confluent 2 Limited	228,413	0.04%	228,413		
DF US BD Holdings LLC	199,633	0.04%	199,633		
Ares Euro CLO I B.V.	106,341	0.02%	106,341		
Ares Euro CLO II B.V.	159,112	0.03%	159,112		
Ares Enhanced Credit Opportunities Fund Ltd.	365,650	0.06%	365,650		
Global Loan Opportunity Fund B.V.	119,480	0.02%	119,480		
SEI Global Master Fund plc	25,261	0.00%	25,261		
SEI Institutional Investments Trust	183,376	0.03%	183,376		
SEI Institutional Managed Trust	139,555	0.02%	139,555		
Ares Strategic Investment Partners Ltd.	89,547	0.02%	89,547		



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Ares SPC Holdings, L.P.	14,351,953	2.54%	14,351,953
Ares SPC Luxembourg SARL	346,094	0.06%	346,094
Ares Special Situations Fund, L.P.	1,230,287	0.22%	1,230,287
Ares Special Situations Fund I-B, L.P.	890,728	0.16%	890,728

\* Less than 1% of issued and outstanding ordinary shares.

(1) All percentages are based on an aggregate of 565,673,773 Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares issued and outstanding on October 21, 2010.

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- (2) This table assumes that each selling shareholder will sell all of its ordinary shares during the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Selling shareholders are not required to sell any of their ordinary shares. See Plan of Distribution.
- (3) Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. is the general partner or manager of various Apollo investment managers that manage Apollo investment funds which hold our ordinary shares. The total number of ordinary shares being offered by Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. includes ordinary shares held by the following record owners: 79,237,329 ordinary shares held by LeverageSource Holdings Series III (Lux) S.À.R.L., 3,383,080 ordinary shares held by ACLF/Lyondell S.À.R.L., 3,102,004 ordinary shares held by ACLF Co-Invest/Lyondell S.À.R.L., 560,960 ordinary shares held by AIE Eurolux S.À.R.L. and 78,612,551 ordinary shares held by LeverageSource XI S.À.R.L.

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

The selling shareholders and any of their pledgees, donees, transferees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their ordinary shares on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the ordinary shares are traded or quoted or in private transactions. The selling shareholders may sell the ordinary shares being offered here by at various times to underwriters, for resale to the public or to Institutional Investors, directly to Institutional Investors or through agents to the public or to Institutional Investors. This prospectus may also be used by broker-dealers or other transferees who borrow or purchase the securities to settle or close out short sales of securities. These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices. Selling shareholders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale or non-sale related transfer. We will not receive any proceeds from sales of ordinary shares by the selling shareholders. The selling shareholders may also use any one or more of the following methods when selling ordinary shares:

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits investors;

block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the ordinary shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

transactions involving cross trades;

distribution by any selling shareholder to its partners, members or shareholders;

purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account and may be resold at various times in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed price or prices at market prices prevailing or at the time of sale;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions including, entering into derivative or hedging transactions with third parties;

sales to cover short sales made after the date that the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part is declared effective by the SEC;

agreement with broker-dealers to sell a specified number of ordinary shares at fixed prices, prevailing market prices at the time of sale, prices related to prevailing market prices, varying prices determined at the time of sale or negotiated prices;

the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, including without limitation, derivative securities, warrants, exchangeable securities and forward delivery contracts whether through an options exchange or otherwise;

other ways not involving market makers or established trading markets, including direct sales to purchasers or sales effected through agents;

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a combination of any such methods of sale; and  
any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling shareholders may offer ordinary shares in one or more offerings pursuant to one or more supplements to this prospectus, if required by applicable law, and any such supplement will set forth the terms of the relevant offering to the extent required. To the extent the ordinary shares pursuant to a supplement remain unsold, the selling shareholders may offer those ordinary shares on different terms pursuant to another supplement.

The selling shareholders may also sell ordinary shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus. The ordinary shares covered by this prospectus may also be sold to non-U.S. persons outside the U.S. in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling shareholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling shareholders (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of ordinary shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated. The selling shareholders do not expect these commissions and discounts to exceed what is customary in the types of transactions involved. Each selling shareholder reserves the right to accept and, together with their respective agents, to reject, any proposed purchases of ordinary shares to be made directly or through broker-dealers or other agents.

The selling shareholders may have pledged, and may from time to time pledge or grant a security interest in, some or all of the ordinary shares owned by them. If the selling shareholders default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the ordinary shares from time to time under this prospectus, or under an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act, amending the list of selling shareholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling shareholders under this prospectus. In addition, upon notification to us in writing by a selling shareholder that a donee or pledge intends to sell more than 500 ordinary shares, a supplement to this prospectus will be filed if then required in accordance with applicable securities law.

If we are notified in writing by a selling shareholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with a broker-dealer for the sale of ordinary shares through a block trade, special offering, exchange distribution or secondary distribution or a purchase by a broker or dealer, a supplement to this prospectus will be filed, if required, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, disclosing (i) the name of each such selling shareholder and of the participating broker-dealer(s), (ii) the number of ordinary shares involved, (iii) the price at which such the ordinary shares were sold, (iv) the commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to such broker-dealer(s), where applicable, (v) that such broker-dealer(s) did not conduct any investigation to verify the information contained in this prospectus, and (vi) other facts material to the transaction. The selling shareholders also may transfer the ordinary shares in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

The selling shareholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the ordinary shares may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the ordinary shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. Discounts, concessions, commissions and similar selling expenses, if any, that can be attributed to the sale of ordinary shares will be paid by the selling shareholder and/or the purchasers. Each selling shareholder has represented and warranted to us that it acquired the ordinary shares subject to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part in the ordinary course of such selling shareholder's business and, at the time of its purchase of such ordinary shares, such

selling shareholder had no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute any such ordinary shares.

There can be no assurance that the selling shareholders will sell any or all of the ordinary shares registered pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

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To comply with the securities laws of certain jurisdictions, if applicable, the ordinary shares will be offered or sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

If a selling shareholder uses this prospectus for any sale of ordinary shares, it will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The selling shareholders will be responsible to comply with the applicable provisions of the Securities Act and Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder promulgated, including, without limitation, Regulation M, as applicable to such selling shareholders in connection with resales of their respective ordinary shares under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

With certain exceptions, Regulation M restricts certain activities of, and limits the timing of purchases and sales of any of the ordinary shares by, selling shareholders, affiliated purchasers and any broker-dealer or other person who participates in a distribution of the ordinary shares. Under Regulation M, these persons are precluded from bidding for or purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase, any security subject to the distribution until the distribution is complete. Regulation M also prohibits any bids or purchases made in order to stabilize the price of a security in connection with the distribution of that security. All of these limitations may affect the marketability of the securities offered by this prospectus.

We are required to pay all fees and expenses incident to the registration of the ordinary shares, but we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the ordinary shares by or on behalf of the selling shareholders. We have agreed to indemnify the selling shareholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED**

### **General**

The following descriptions are summaries of material terms of our ordinary shares, with a par value of four eurocents ( 0.04) each, our Articles of Association and Dutch law. The full text of our current Articles of Association has been filed with the SEC as an exhibit hereto and is available, in Dutch and English, at our registered office in Rotterdam during regular business hours and will also be available, in Dutch and English, on our website: [www.lyondellbasell.com](http://www.lyondellbasell.com).

### **Ordinary Shares**

Our authorized share capital is fifty-one million euro ( 51,000,000), consisting of one billion (1,000,000,000) Class A ordinary shares and two hundred seventy-five million (275,000,000) Class B ordinary shares, each with a par value of four eurocents ( 0.04). As of October 21, 2010, there were 348,901,309 of our Class A ordinary shares and 216,772,464 of our Class B ordinary shares outstanding, including the restricted shares issued to Mr. Gallogly, but not including any other equity-based awards issued under our equity compensation plan that may result in share issuances, such as stock options and restricted stock units. See *Market Price of and Dividends on Our Common Equity and Related Shareholder Matters* *Equity Compensation Plan Information*.

### ***Voting and Approval Rights***

Generally, each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each ordinary share held on every matter submitted to a vote of shareholders, including election of members of the Management Board and Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board is divided into three classes of approximately equal size. The three classes have initial terms of one, two and three years, respectively, with subsequent terms of three years each. There are no cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, the holders of a majority of voting rights will have the power to elect all members of the Management

Board and the Supervisory Board who are standing for election.

Unless otherwise required by our Articles of Association or Dutch law, matters submitted for a vote at a general meeting of shareholders require the approval of a majority of the votes cast at the general meeting. Pursuant to Dutch law and our Articles of Association, both the Supervisory Board and holders of our ordinary

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shares have the right to approve decisions from the Management Board relating to (i) the transfer of all or substantially all our enterprise by way of a share or asset sale, consolidation or merger or otherwise, (ii) the entering into or termination of a long-lasting commercial relationship that is of essential importance to our business and (iii) the acquisition or disposition of shares or assets with a value of at least one-third of our consolidated asset value.

Our Articles of Association require that in event of a purchase, conversion or exchange of Class B ordinary shares at a value less than \$10.61 per Class B ordinary share, subject to anti-dilution adjustments (the Class B liquidation preference ) in case of a transfer of all or substantially all our enterprise to third parties, whether by acquisition, merger, consolidation, sale of all or substantially all the assets of us and our consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of LyondellBasell Industries N.V., the Management Board must obtain the approval of both the Supervisory Board and holders of 85% of the voting power of the Class B ordinary shares outstanding at the time.

In addition, a resolution for our merger or demerger will require the approval of both the Supervisory Board and holders of 85% of the voting power of the Class B ordinary shares, in the event that in any such transaction each Class B ordinary share would be purchased, converted or exchanged at a value less than the Class B liquidation preference. A resolution to amend the provisions in our Articles of Association relating to the conversion of Class B ordinary shares into Class A ordinary shares, the voting rights of Class B ordinary shares and the Class B liquidation preference requires the prior approval from both the Supervisory Board and all the holders of Class B ordinary shares. Certain resolutions to amend certain provisions of our Articles of Association in a manner disproportionately affecting a class of our ordinary shares will require the approval of two-thirds of the outstanding voting power of such class.

There are no laws currently in effect in The Netherlands or provisions in our Articles of Association limiting the rights of non-resident investors to hold or vote ordinary shares.

## ***Dividends and Distributions***

Pursuant to our Articles of Association, the Management Board, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, may determine to allocate amounts to our reserves up to the amount of our annual profits. Out of our share premium reserve and other reserves available for shareholder distributions under Dutch law, the general meeting of shareholders may declare distributions after a proposal of the Management Board following approval from the Supervisory Board. We cannot pay dividends if the payment would reduce our shareholders' equity below the aggregate par value of our outstanding ordinary shares, plus reserves (if any) required to be maintained by law. The Management Board, following approval from the Supervisory Board, may, subject to certain statutory provisions, distribute one or more interim dividends or other interim distributions before the accounts for any year have been approved and adopted at a general meeting of shareholders, in anticipation of the final dividend or final distribution. Rights to dividends and distributions that have not been collected within five years after the date on which they first became due and payable revert to us.

We do not currently plan to pay a regular dividend on our Class A ordinary shares or our Class B ordinary shares. The payment of dividends or distributions in the future will be subject to the requirements of Dutch law and the discretion of our shareholders (in the case of annual dividends), our Management Board and Supervisory Board. The declaration of any future cash dividends and, if declared, the amount of any such dividends, will depend upon general business conditions, our financial condition, our earnings and cash flow, our capital requirements, financial covenants and other contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends or distributions. There can be no assurance that any dividends or distributions will be declared or paid in the future. Any future cash dividends or distributions will be paid in U.S. dollars.

## ***Shareholder Meetings***



Each shareholder and certain other parties designated under Dutch law will be permitted, either personally or through an attorney authorized in writing, to attend the general meeting of shareholders, to address said meetings and to exercise voting rights, subject to certain provisions of Dutch law and our Articles of Association.

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Our general meetings of shareholders will be held in The Netherlands at least annually, within six months after the close of each financial year (i.e., in the month of June at the latest). Extraordinary general meetings of shareholders may be held as often as the Management Board and/or the Supervisory Board deems necessary, or as otherwise provided for pursuant to Dutch law. One or more shareholders representing in the aggregate at least 10% of the issued share capital can request the Supervisory Board to convene a general meeting of shareholders. In addition, each of the Major Shareholders can require the Supervisory Board to convene a general meeting of shareholders for so long as it hold, together with its affiliates, at least 5% of the issued share capital. In each such case, the Supervisory Board is required to publish a convening notice for such a general meeting of shareholders within four weeks of receipt from such shareholders of (i) a specified agenda for such general meeting of shareholders and, (ii) in the sole discretion of the Supervisory Board, compelling evidence of the number of shares held by such shareholder or shareholders. If such meeting is not held within six weeks of our receipt of such request, the shareholders requesting a meeting may petition a court in The Netherlands for an order directing the holding of such meeting; the court may order the holding of such a meeting if the persons requesting the meeting can demonstrate that they have a sufficient interest in holding a meeting with the agenda requested by them.

One or more shareholders representing solely or jointly at least 1% of the issued share capital or, as long as our shares are admitted to trading on the NYSE, shareholders whose shares represent a value of fifty million euro ( 50,000,000.00) or more, can request the Supervisory Board to place a matter on the agenda, provided that the Supervisory Board has received such request at least sixty days prior to the date of the general meeting of shareholders concerned.

### ***Election and Tenure of Directors***

The members of our Management Board are charged with managing our day-to-day affairs. The members of our Supervisory Board are charged with the supervision of the policy of the Management Board and of our general course of affairs.

The Supervisory Board shall determine the size of the Management Board, *provided* that the Management Board shall consist of at least one member. The Supervisory Board shall determine the size of the Supervisory Board; *provided* that the Supervisory Board shall consist of at least nine members and shall not have more than eleven members unless required in order to comply with (i) our Articles of Association, (ii) the terms of any binding nomination agreement and (iii) applicable law or regulation, including the NYSE listing standards (when applicable).

Following the appointment of our initial Supervisory Board and Management Board, the general meeting of shareholders will appoint the member(s) of the Management Board upon the nomination of the Supervisory Board and, subject to the terms of any binding nomination agreements, the members of the Supervisory Board; *provided* that the Supervisory Board itself shall be entitled to appoint up to one-third of the members of the Supervisory Board in accordance with Dutch law, which appointments shall terminate on the date of the next following general meeting of shareholders.

We entered into a binding nomination agreement with each of the Major Shareholders pursuant to which we agreed that, following appointment of the initial Supervisory Board, (i) if a Major Shareholder, together with its affiliates, owns 18% or more of our outstanding ordinary shares, such shareholder will have the right to nominate three members of the Supervisory Board; (ii) if a Major Shareholder, together with its affiliates, owns at least 12% but less than 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares, such shareholder will have the right to nominate two members of the Supervisory Board; and (iii) if a Major Shareholder, together with its affiliates, owns at least 5% but less than 12% of our outstanding ordinary shares, such shareholder will have the right to nominate one member of the Supervisory Board. The general meeting of shareholders may render such nomination non-binding by means of a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds of the valid votes cast, representing more than half of the issued capital.

The general meeting of shareholders may dismiss, or suspend for a period of up to 3 months, a member of the Management Board or the Supervisory Board by a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds of the votes cast in a meeting where at least half of the issued share capital is represented. If the general meeting of

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shareholders has suspended a member of the Management Board or the Supervisory Board, the general meeting of shareholders shall within three months after the suspension has taken effect resolve either to dismiss such relevant member, or to terminate or continue the suspension, failing which the suspension shall lapse.

The initial nine member Supervisory Board will be divided into three classes, Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 and each class will consist of three members. Class 1 members will serve a one-year initial term and stand for election at the first annual meeting, Class 2 members will serve a two-year initial term and stand for election at the second annual meeting and Class 3 members will serve a three-year initial term and stand for election at the third annual meeting. Thereafter, unless the general meeting of shareholders, on the proposal of the Supervisory Board, determines that a member of the Supervisory Board shall be appointed for a longer period, a member of the Supervisory Board will be appointed for a maximum period of three years. There is no limit to the number of times a member of the Supervisory Board can be reappointed. The term of the initial Management Board will be five years; thereafter, a member will be appointed for a maximum period of four years. There is no limit to the number of times a member of the Management Board can be reappointed.

Subject to our Articles of Association, the Management Board and Supervisory Board may adopt rules and regulations governing the internal proceedings of each such constituency, including rules relating to voting on nominations of directors, board composition and governance.

### ***Liquidation Rights***

In case of our dissolution by virtue of a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, the Management Board will be charged with the liquidation of our affairs, subject to the supervision of the Supervisory Board. From the balance remaining after payment of our creditors, to the extent possible, an amount equal to \$10.61 will be distributed to each holder of Class B ordinary shares with respect to each Class B ordinary share held. The balance remaining after application of the preceding sentence will be distributed to the holders of Class A ordinary shares in proportion to each of their shareholding.

### ***Issuance of Ordinary Shares/Pre-emptive Rights***

Our Articles of Association provide that our Supervisory Board has the authority to issue shares within the limits of up to twenty percent of our authorized share capital from time to time, for a period ending April 30, 2015. The designation of the Supervisory Board as being the body competent to issue shares may, by our Articles of Association or by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, be extended each time for a period not exceeding five years.

Under Dutch law and our Articles of Association, every holder of ordinary shares will have a preemptive right in the proportion that the aggregate amount of his ordinary shares bears to the total amount of shares outstanding. The preemptive right may be restricted or excluded by a resolution of the Supervisory Board for so long as the Supervisory Board is the competent body to issue shares. A holder of ordinary shares will not have a preemptive right to shares which are being issued against contribution other than in cash, to ordinary shares which will be issued to our employees or employees of one of our group companies and to ordinary shares which will be issued as a result of merger or demerger.

### ***Conversion of Class B ordinary shares***

At the earlier of (i) the request of the relevant holder of Class B ordinary shares with respect to the number of Class B ordinary shares specified by such holder (ii) acquisition by us of one or more Class B shares or (iii) upon the first date upon which the closing price per share of the Class B ordinary shares exceeds 200% of \$10.61 for at least forty-five trading days within a period of sixty consecutive trading days (provided however, that the closing price per share of

the Class B ordinary shares must exceed such threshold on both the first and last day of the sixty day period), each such Class B ordinary share will be converted into one Class A ordinary share; *provided however*, that the number of Class A ordinary shares into which Class B ordinary shares are convertible will be adjusted in the event of any stock split, subdivision of shares, combination of shares or stock dividend relating only to the Class A or Class B ordinary shares which does

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not relate also to the other class of ordinary shares in a pro rata manner such that a holder of Class B ordinary shares thereafter converted shall receive the number of Class A ordinary shares which such holder would have received with respect to such conversion had such Class B ordinary shares been converted immediately prior to such action.

### ***Repurchase of Ordinary Shares***

The shareholders may delegate to the Management Board the authority, subject to certain restrictions contained in Dutch law and our Articles of Association, to cause us to acquire, for consideration, our own fully paid ordinary shares. Such authorization may not be granted for more than 18 months. In the authorization, the general meeting of shareholders shall determine how many shares or depository receipts thereof may be acquired, the manner in which they may be acquired and between what limits the price for such ordinary shares shall be.

The authorization will not be required for the acquisition of ordinary shares by us in order to transfer these to our employees in accordance with an employee share plan.

Subject to certain exceptions set forth in our Articles of Association, even with the authorization by the general meeting of the shareholders, the Management Board may only acquire our ordinary shares if it acquires Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares pro rata on the same terms (including price per share).

### ***Capital Reduction***

Upon proposal by the Management Board, following approval from the Supervisory Board, the general meeting of shareholders may reduce our issued share capital by cancellation of ordinary shares held by us, subject to certain statutory provisions. However, if less than one half of the issued share capital is present at the meeting, the general meeting of shareholders may only adopt a resolution for capital reduction with a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast.

### ***Amendment of Our Articles of Association***

Our Articles of Association may be amended, on the proposal of the Management Board (which has been approved by the Supervisory Board), by a majority of the votes cast at a general meeting of shareholders; provided that such proposal is stated in the notice for the general meeting and a complete copy of the proposed amendment is filed at our office so that it may be inspected prior to and during the meeting. In addition, a resolution to amend the provisions of our Articles of Association relating to the conversion of Class B ordinary shares into Class A ordinary shares, the voting rights of Class B ordinary shares and the class B liquidation preference requires the prior approval of all of the holders of Class B ordinary shares. Furthermore, as long as any Class B ordinary shares are issued and outstanding, resolutions to amend certain provisions of our Articles of Association in a manner which would adversely affect one class of ordinary shares in a disproportionate manner requires the approval of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of such adversely affected class.

### ***Description of Certain Provisions of Dutch Law***

Dutch law provides certain obligations on companies that are domiciled in The Netherlands and whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market, as well as on certain shareholders of such company. The NYSE may qualify as a regulated market, in which case certain statutory Dutch law obligations would apply to us and to certain of our shareholders.

### ***Disclosure of Information***

*Yearly and Half-Yearly Information* As a result of the implementation of the EU Directive 2004/109 of 15 December 2004 on the harmonization of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market (the Transparency Directive ), if the NYSE is

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deemed a regulated market, we would be required to make our annual financial report available to the public ultimately four months after the end of each financial year and we should file the annual financial report with the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets, the AFM ) within five days after it has been adopted by our general meeting of shareholders. The annual financial information consists of the audited annual accounts, the annual report, a description of the main risks and uncertainties facing us and a statement by persons within LyondellBasell Industries N.V. designated by the latter as the responsible persons, indicating (i) that the annual accounts give a fair view of the assets and financial position of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and, in the case of consolidated accounts, of the enterprises included in the consolidation and (ii) that the annual report gives a fair view of LyondellBasell Industries N.V.'s condition on the balance sheet date, the development of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and its affiliated companies during the previous financial year and all material risks to which LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is exposed.

We would also need to publish our half-yearly information within two months after the end of the first six months of our financial year. Both the annual and half-yearly financial information must remain publicly available for at least five years.

*Interim Management Statements* In addition, we would need to publish an interim management statement in both the first and second half of our financial year at least ten weeks after the start, and no more than six weeks before the end, of the relevant half-year period or alternatively would need to publish quarterly financial statements. These interim management statements should include (i) an explanation of material events and transactions affecting LyondellBasell Industries N.V., the undertakings controlled by it and the consequences thereof for the financial position of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and the undertakings controlled by LyondellBasell Industries N.V.; and (ii) a general description of the financial position of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and the undertakings controlled by it.

*Changes in the Rights Attached to Our Securities* We would need to make public immediately any changes in the rights attached to our securities (including changes in statutory rights) or to the rights to acquire our securities and send the AFM a copy of such publications.

### ***Mandatory Offer Rules***

Following implementation of the Takeover Directive (2004/25/EC), the applicable Dutch Financial Supervision Act (the FSA ) and the decrees and regulations promulgated thereunder contain provisions regarding the making of a mandatory public offer. These provisions, the basics of which are outlined below, would be applicable to us if the NYSE would be deemed a regulated market.

In such case, any person who, solely or acting in concert with others, directly or indirectly, acquires predominant control over a Dutch public limited liability company whose shares (or depositary receipts) are admitted to trading on a regulated market, will be obligated to make a public offer for all shares (and depositary receipts) issued by that company at an equitable price. Predominant control is defined in the FSA as 30% or more of the voting rights in a company's general meeting of shareholders, generally acquired through 30% of that company's issued and outstanding shares. A person or group of concert parties that had a controlling interest at the time of the listing of our ordinary shares on the NYSE will be exempt from the obligation to make a mandatory public offer. However, the obligation to make a public offer will apply to such shareholder or group of concert parties if its voting rights decrease below 30% and then again increase to 30% or more. The obligation to make a public offer will expire if the voting rights of the relevant person or group of concert parties decrease below the 30% threshold, either by disposal of shares or otherwise, within 30 days after acquiring control and provided that this shareholder or group of shareholders has not exercised any voting rights on our ordinary shares in this period.

### ***Disclosure of Significant Ownership of Ordinary Shares***



If the NYSE is deemed a regulated market, certain of our shareholders may be subject to notification obligations under the FSA. The following description summarizes those obligations. Shareholders are advised to consult with their own legal advisers to determine whether the notification obligations apply to them.

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The most important notification requirements for our investors based on the FSA are as follows:

any person who, directly or indirectly, acquires or disposes of a capital interest or voting rights in LyondellBasell Industries N.V. must forthwith give written notice to the AFM of such capital interest and/or voting rights. This notification obligation will exist if an acquisition or disposal causes the total percentage of the capital interest and/or voting rights held, to reach, exceed or fall below a certain threshold. These thresholds are 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 75% and 95%;

any person whose capital interest or voting rights in LyondellBasell Industries N.V. reaches, exceeds or falls below a threshold due to a change in our outstanding capital or in votes that can be cast on our ordinary shares as notified to the AFM by us, should notify the AFM no later than the fourth trading day after the AFM has published our notification; and

any person whose holding of shares or voting rights in LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is larger than or equal to 5% as of December 31 of any year will be required to notify the AFM of any changes in the composition of this interest annually within four weeks from December 31.

For the purpose of calculating the percentage of capital interest or voting rights, the following interests must be taken into account: (i) shares (or depositary receipts for shares) directly held (or acquired or disposed of) by any person, (ii) shares (or depositary receipts for shares) held (or acquired or disposed of) by such person's subsidiaries or by a third party for such person's account or by a third party with whom such person has concluded an oral or written voting agreement and (iii) shares (or depositary receipts for shares) which such person, or any subsidiary or third party referred to above, may acquire pursuant to any option or other right held by such person (or acquired or disposed of including, but not limited to, on the basis of convertible bonds). Pursuant to the FSA, LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is required to inform the AFM on changes in its share capital.

## **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

### ***Considerations Under Section 7874***

Although we are incorporated in The Netherlands, the IRS may assert that we should be treated as a U.S. corporation (and, therefore, a U.S. tax resident) for U.S. federal income tax purposes under U.S. Tax Code section 7874, which could result in significant U.S. federal income tax liability to us. Alternatively, the IRS may assert that our U.S. subsidiaries are subject to tax on their inversion gain.

If, in connection with the Bankruptcy Cases, the former creditors and shareholders of our U.S. Group received at least 80% of our stock by reason of holding claims against, and interests in, the U.S. Group and if our expanded affiliated group did not have substantial business activities in The Netherlands, U.S. Tax Code section 7874 would treat us as a U.S. corporation. Alternatively, we would be treated as a foreign corporation for U.S. federal income taxes, but U.S. tax would be imposed on our U.S. subsidiaries' inversion gain if, in connection with the Bankruptcy Cases, the former creditors and shareholders of our U.S. Group received at least 60%, but less than 80%, of our stock issued in connection with the Bankruptcy Cases by reason of holding such claims or interests and if our expanded affiliated group did not have substantial business activities in The Netherlands. The 80% and 60% calculations are subject to certain adjustments.

We believe that our stock issued or deemed issued in connection with the Bankruptcy Cases that was attributable to the value of our foreign companies that are not directly or indirectly owned by our U.S. Group exceeds 40% of all our stock issued to creditors and shareholders of our U.S. Group. Therefore, we believe that the former creditors and shareholders of our U.S. Group did not receive at least 60% of our stock by reason of such claims and interests,

making U.S. Tax Code section 7874 inapplicable to us. In addition, we believe that strong arguments can be made that section 7874 should not apply to us because the expanded affiliated group that includes us should be treated as having substantial business activities in The Netherlands. However, no assurance can be given that the IRS would not take a contrary position regarding section 7874's application or that such position, if asserted, would not be sustained. The remainder of the discussion below assumes that section 7874 will not apply to us.

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### ***Taxation of Distributions on Our Ordinary Shares***

We do not currently plan to pay a regular dividend on our Class A ordinary shares or our Class B ordinary shares. In the event we pay a dividend on our ordinary shares, U.S. holders of our ordinary shares will generally be taxed with respect to such dividends.

Subject to complex limitations, Dutch withholding tax (which, together with the income tax treaty between The Netherlands and the United States, is discussed under **Dutch Tax Considerations** below) will be treated for U.S. tax purposes as a foreign tax that may be claimed as a foreign tax credit against the U.S. federal income tax liability of a U.S. holder. We expect that the ability of U.S. holders to claim the foreign tax credit with respect to our dividends may be subject to significant limitations. In lieu of claiming a credit, U.S. holders may claim a deduction of foreign taxes paid in the taxable year.

### ***Dispositions of Our Ordinary Shares***

Subject to the discussion below regarding controlled foreign corporations and the passive foreign investment company rules, U.S. holders of our ordinary shares generally should recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our ordinary shares in the same manner as on the sale, exchange or other disposition of any other shares held as capital assets. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder's holding period for our ordinary shares exceeds one year. Under current law, long-term capital gain of non-corporate shareholders is subject to tax at a maximum rate of 15% (plus the 3.8% Unearned Income Medicare Contribution tax in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, to the extent applicable). However, the 15% rate is scheduled to increase to 20% effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010. There are limitations on the deductibility of capital losses.

### ***Controlled Foreign Corporation Considerations***

Each 10% U.S. shareholder of a foreign corporation, such as us, that is a controlled foreign corporation (CFC) for an uninterrupted period of 30 days or more during a taxable year, and who owns shares in the CFC, directly or indirectly through foreign entities, on the last day of the CFC's taxable year, must include in its gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes its pro rata share of the CFC's subpart F income, and in some cases certain other income, even if such income is not distributed. A foreign corporation is considered a CFC if 10% U.S. shareholders own (directly, indirectly through foreign entities or by attribution by application of the constructive ownership rules of section 958(b) of the U.S. Tax Code (i.e., constructively)) more than 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of voting stock of such foreign corporation, or more than 50% of the total value of all stock of such corporation on any day during the taxable year of such corporation. The calculations of percentage ownership for purposes of determining whether a shareholder is a 10% U.S. shareholder and for purposes of determining a shareholder's pro rata share of any subpart F income and certain other income are not the same. In addition, if we were a CFC at any time, certain gain on the disposition of our ordinary shares by a present or former 10% U.S. shareholder may be subject to treatment as a dividend from us and any 10% U.S. shareholders may be subject to additional reporting requirements.

### ***Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations***

The treatment of U.S. holders of our ordinary shares in some cases could be materially different from that described above if, at any relevant time, we were a passive foreign investment company (a PFIC), unless such holder is a 10% U.S. shareholder and we are a CFC. We believe that we have not been a PFIC in any prior taxable year, and we do not expect to be a PFIC in the current taxable year. In addition, we believe that we will not be a PFIC in future years. However, the tests for determining PFIC status are applied annually, and it is difficult accurately to predict future

income and assets relevant to this determination. Accordingly, we cannot assure U.S. holders that we will not become a PFIC.

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### **Dutch Tax Considerations**

We are a public company with limited liability (naamloze vennootschap) incorporated under Dutch law. In general, and unless a reduced rate applies, we must withhold tax ( dividend tax ) at the rate of 15% on dividend distributions with respect to our ordinary shares. Dividends include, without limitation:

distributions of profits (including paid-in capital not recognized for dividend tax purposes) in cash or in kind, including deemed and constructive dividends;

liquidation distributions and, generally, proceeds realized upon a repurchase of our ordinary shares or upon the transfer of ordinary shares to our direct or indirect subsidiary, in excess of the average paid-in capital recognized for dividend tax purposes;

the par value of ordinary shares issued or any increase in the par value of ordinary shares, except where such increase in the par value of ordinary shares is funded out of our paid-in capital recognized for dividend tax purposes; and

repayments of paid-in capital recognized for dividend tax purposes up to the amount of our profits (zuivere winst) unless our general meeting of shareholders has resolved in advance that we shall make such repayments and the par value of the ordinary shares concerned has been reduced by a corresponding amount through an amendment of our articles of association.

A holder of ordinary shares which is, is deemed to be, or, in case the holder is an individual, has elected to be treated as, resident in The Netherlands for the relevant tax purposes is generally entitled to credit the dividend tax withheld against such holder's tax liability on income and capital gains or, in certain cases, to apply for a full refund of the dividend tax withheld.

A holder of ordinary shares which is not, is not deemed to be, and, in case the holder is an individual, has not elected to be treated as, resident in The Netherlands for the relevant tax purposes may be eligible for a partial or full exemption or refund of the dividend tax under an income tax convention in effect between The Netherlands and the holder's country of residence or under the Dutch rules relating to the implementation of the Parent / Subsidiary Directive as the case may be. Moreover, residents benefitting from the participation exemption with respect to our ordinary shares may be eligible for a full exemption of dividend tax.

Under the double taxation convention in effect between The Netherlands and the U.S. (the Treaty ), dividends paid by us to certain U.S. corporate shareholders holding directly at least 10% of the voting power in our company are generally eligible for a reduction of the 15% withholding tax to 5%, unless the ordinary shares held by such shareholders are attributable to a business or part of a business that is, in whole or in part, carried on through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in The Netherlands. Under certain circumstances and subject to various conditions, the Treaty provides for a full exemption from dividend tax. Dividends received by exempt pension organizations and exempt organizations, as defined in the Treaty, may also be entitled to a full exemption or refund from dividend tax.

A holder of ordinary shares other than an individual will not be eligible for the benefits of the Treaty if such holder of ordinary shares does not satisfy one or more of the tests set forth in the limitation on benefits provisions of Article 26 of the Treaty. Moreover, under the terms of domestic anti-dividend stripping rules, a recipient of dividends distributed on our ordinary shares will not be entitled to an exemption from, reduction, refund, or credit of dividend tax if the recipient is not the beneficial owner of such dividends within the meaning of such rules.

Generally, any payments of interest and principal by us on debt can be made free of withholding or deduction for any taxes imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by The Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

The issuance or transfer of ordinary shares, and payments made with respect to ordinary shares, will not be subject to value added tax in The Netherlands. The subscription, issue, placement, allotment, delivery, transfer or execution of ordinary shares will not be subject to registration tax, capital tax, customs duty, transfer tax, stamp duty, or any other similar tax or duty in The Netherlands.

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Our Class A and Class B ordinary shares were listed on the NYSE on October 14, 2010 under the symbols LYB and LYB.B. Prior to that time, they were quoted in the Pink OTC Markets, Inc. (the Pink Sheets) under the symbols LALLF and LALBF. There was no trading market for our shares prior to April 30, 2010. The high and low prices for our ordinary shares since they were issued are shown in the table below.

	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
Class A ordinary shares		
April 30 - June 30, 2010	\$ 23.25	\$ 16.15
Third Quarter 2010	23.95	14.86
Fourth Quarter (through October 21, 2010)	28.00	23.71
Class B ordinary shares		
April 30 - June 30, 2010	\$ 22.75	\$ 15.80
Third Quarter 2010	23.93	14.90
Fourth Quarter (through October 21, 2010)	27.96	23.74

On October 21, 2010, the closing prices, as reported on the NYSE, of the Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares were \$27.56 and 27.58, respectively.

**Holder**

As of October 21, 2010, there were two record holders of our Class A ordinary shares and two record holders of our Class B ordinary shares, in each case, including Cede & Co. as nominee of the Depository Trust Company.

**Dividends**

We do not currently plan to pay a regular dividend on our Class A ordinary shares or our Class B ordinary shares. The payment of dividends or distributions in the future will be subject to the requirements of Dutch law and the discretion of our shareholders (in the case of annual dividends), our Management Board and Supervisory Board. The declaration of any future cash dividends and, if declared, the amount of any such dividends, will depend upon general business conditions, our financial condition, our earnings and cash flow, our capital requirements, financial covenants and other contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends or distributions.

There can be no assurance that any dividends or distributions will be declared or paid in the future.

**Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Our Equity Compensation Plans**

The number of shares reserved for issuance under the Compensation Plans, as defined below, represents approximately 3.90% of the total number of shares of class A and Class B ordinary shares issued and outstanding. The shares reserved for issuance under the Compensation Plans include the shares covered by the Emergence Grants, as defined below, as well as additional shares to remain available for future awards granted pursuant to the



Compensation Plans.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

As part of the Plan of Reorganization, our 2010 MTI Plan and 2010 LTI Plan (collectively, the Compensation Plans ) automatically became effective as of the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization. The initial awards to employees and directors ( Emergence Grants ) under the Compensation Plans consisted of an aggregate of (i) approximately \$18 million in MTI target awards granted under the 2010 MTI Plan; (ii) stock options and stock appreciation rights in respect of approximately 9 million shares of our Class A

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ordinary shares granted under the 2010 LTI Plan; and (iii) restricted stock or restricted stock units in respect of approximately 4 million shares of our Class A ordinary shares granted under the 2010 LTI Plan. The form and terms of all or a portion of the Emergence Grants, including the methodology for allocations of medium-term and long-term awards under the Compensation Plans, were reviewed and authorized by the Remuneration Committee of the Supervisory Board of LyondellBasell AF and became effective as of the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization without further corporate action.

Awards made under the Compensation Plans more than ninety days after the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization are subject to approval by the Compensation Committee of our Supervisory Board, in accordance with the terms of the Compensation Plans.

The order confirming the Plan of Reorganization provided that the Compensation Plans and Emergence Grants that were made prior to the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization will be binding and effective on the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization.

## **Dutch/U.S. Tax Matters**

See Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations and Dutch Tax Considerations for a discussion of tax matters under U.S. and Dutch law.

## **Dutch/U.S. Export/Import Matters**

There are no regulatory restrictions on foreign direct investment in The Netherlands. There are no restrictions on foreign ownership of land, or on repatriation of capital and profits.

## **INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL**

LyondellBasell AF has agreed to indemnify and hold KPMG harmless against and from any and all legal costs and expenses incurred by KPMG in successful defense of any legal action or proceeding that arises as a result of KPMG's consent to the inclusion of its audit report on LyondellBasell AF's past financial statements included in this registration statement.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

### **Overview**

We are the world's third largest independent chemical company based on revenues and an industry leader in many of our product lines. We are the world's largest producer of polypropylene and polypropylene compounds ( PP compounds ) and a top worldwide producer of propylene oxide ( PO ), polyethylene ( PE ), ethylene and propylene. Additionally, we are a leading provider of technology licenses and a supplier of catalysts for polyolefin production. Our refinery in Houston, Texas (the Houston Refinery ) is among North America's largest full conversion refineries capable of processing significant quantities of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil. We participate in the full petrochemical value chain, from refining to specialized end uses of petrochemical products, and we believe that our vertically integrated facilities, broad product portfolio, manufacturing flexibility, superior technology base and operational excellence allow us to extract value across the full value chain.

### ***We have the size and scale to compete worldwide:***

For the year ended December 31, 2009, our revenues were \$30.8 billion.

As of December 31, 2009, our total assets were \$27.8 billion.

***We are geographically diverse:***

As of December 31, 2009, we manufactured products at 59 sites in 18 countries (including those operated through joint ventures).

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We sell products in more than 100 countries.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, 54% of our revenues was generated from sales in North America, 35% from sales in Europe and 11% from sales in the rest of the world.

We participate in 16 significant manufacturing joint ventures, 11 of which are outside of Western Europe and the U.S., primarily in regions that have cost-advantaged raw materials or high growth rates, including Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

***We have leading positions in our key products:***

As of December 31, 2009, we are the worldwide rated capacity leader in polypropylene, PP compounds, polyolefin licensing, polypropylene catalysts and oxyfuels.

As of December 31, 2009, we ranked second, third, fourth and fourth in worldwide capacity in propylene oxide, PE, ethylene and propylene, respectively.

***Our products are used in a broad range of applications and in products that people use every day, and have been increasingly in demand in developing markets:***

Key end uses for our products include: rigid and flexible packaging, transportation fuels (gasoline and diesel), containers, plastic pipe, detergents, cosmetics, electronics, appliances, automotive parts, paints and coatings, furnishings, construction and building materials and many other industrial and consumer goods applications.

The diverse end-market uses for our products help to reduce volatility of demand for our products, and a majority of our revenues in 2009 was derived from sales of products utilized in consumable products (including fuels).

***Our businesses and asset portfolio provide diversification and flexibility:***

Our business portfolio of refining and oxyfuels, olefins and polyolefins, intermediate and derivative chemicals, and technology provides diversification and flexibility. Despite the current economic conditions generally and in our industry, parts of our businesses have performed in line with historical norms:

In 2009, the oxygenated fuels products within our refining and oxyfuels segment showed margins which were consistent with recent years, due in part to the significant differential between gasoline prices and butane costs, coupled with increasing worldwide biofuels demand.

The continued enhancement of feedstock flexibility in our North American olefin plants allowed us to improve the competitiveness of these assets in the current market conditions where NGLs pricing has been much lower than most crude-oil-based feedstocks, partially offsetting the weak overall profit environment for producers using crude-oil-based feedstocks.

In our olefins and polyolefins segments, our North American PE business has benefitted from strong export demand driven by the Asian economy, competitors' project delays and relatively lower NGLs cost-based ethylene.

The PO business within our intermediates and derivatives segment demonstrated results in 2009 consistent with recent years.

### **Competitive Strengths**

We believe that our key competitive strengths are:

*Leading Positions in Worldwide Segments.* We are the world's third largest independent chemical company based on revenues and an industry leader in many of our product lines. We are the world's largest producer of polypropylene, PP compounds and oxyfuels and a top worldwide producer of PO, PE, ethylene and propylene. Additionally, we are a leading provider of technology licenses and a

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supplier of catalysts for polyolefin production. Our Houston Refinery is among North America's largest full conversion refineries capable of processing significant quantities of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil.

**Worldwide Position by Product**

<b>Products</b>	<b>Worldwide Rated Capacity (Million lbs per year, unless noted)</b>	<b>Worldwide Position</b>
<b>Refining and Oxyfuels</b>		
Oxyfuels (bbl/day)	75,000	#1
<b>Olefins and Polyolefins</b>		
Polypropylene	12,100	#1
Polyethylene	10,800	#3
Ethylene	14,400	#4
Propylene	8,800	#4
PP Compounds	2,300	#1
<b>Intermediates and Derivatives</b>		
Propylene Oxide	2,500	#2
<b>Technology</b>		
Polyolefin Licensing		#1
Polypropylene Catalysts		#1

Sources: CMAI, Chemical Market Resources, DeWitt and LyondellBasell AF's internal data.

Note: Capacities and worldwide capacity position are as of December 31, 2009, except for Technology worldwide capacity position, which is as of December 31, 2008, and include our pro rata share of joint ventures.

*Geographic Diversity.* Our worldwide manufacturing, sales and marketing network enables us to serve the needs of both local and worldwide customers. As of December 31, 2009, we operated (including through our joint venture network) 59 manufacturing sites in 18 countries. For the year ended December 31, 2009, 54% of our revenues was generated from sales in North America, 35% from sales in Europe and 11% from sales in the rest of the world. We market and sell our products in more than 100 countries, providing the opportunity to develop new markets for our products in higher-growth regions. We have worldwide exposure to many different economies as a result of our historical strength in Europe and the United States and our worldwide joint venture network. Our technology licensing platform has enabled us to make a number of investments in high-growth regions to broaden our worldwide reach.

**Worldwide Network**

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	North America	Europe	Rest of World	Total
Manufacturing Facilities(1)	23	19	17	59
Employees(2)	6,120	7,750	990	14,860
Revenues (millions)(3)	16,566	10,931	3,331	30,828

(1) As of December 31, 2009. Includes joint ventures and wholly owned manufacturing facilities.

(2) Approximate as of December 31, 2009.

(3) Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2009 based on delivery location.

*Participation in High-Growth, Low-Cost Markets through Joint Venture Relationships.* We have pursued a strategy of leveraging our leading technology positions and worldwide marketing network to gain access to growing markets and low cost raw materials and feedstocks through the development of joint ventures. We participate in 16 significant manufacturing joint ventures in 11 countries throughout the world, most of which are in regions that have cost-advantaged feedstock or higher growth rates, including Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, which have shown average annual GDP growth rates of 7% (outside of Japan), 5% and 4%, respectively, from 2005 through 2009. On a 100% basis, our joint ventures have 8.1 billion pounds of polypropylene capacity and 2.7 billion pounds of PE capacity. In 2007, 2008 and 2009 we received cash dividends from these joint ventures of \$148 million, \$98 million and \$26 million, respectively, in addition to benefitting from profits relating to licensing revenue, catalyst sales and marketing joint venture products. Since late 2008, we have begun production at two new Saudi Arabian joint ventures; expanded production at two joint ventures in Saudi Arabia and Mexico; started-up a new joint venture in China; and are adding capacity at another joint venture in Thailand. Our equity stakes allow us to participate in higher growth regions of the world without the significant expense of constructing wholly owned facilities.

*Portfolio of Differentiated Products, Which Provides Premium Margins.* We believe that our PP compounds, Catalloy process resins, polybutene-1 ( PB-1 ), PO and intermediate products and our technology business help mitigate our exposure to the olefin and polyolefin cycles. The cycles for PO and its derivatives have historically tended to follow more independent supply and demand patterns than olefins and polyolefins. We also believe our technology and catalyst businesses further reduce the impact of petrochemical cycles on our operating results and provide a foundation for us to realize premium profit margins.

*Significant Achievable Cost Savings in Process.* From June 30, 2008 through the end of 2009, we reduced our workforce by approximately 2,370 employees and approximately 1,650 contractors. Additionally, since the end of 2007, we have significantly rationalized our asset footprint by shutting down underperforming assets with 4 billion pounds of annual capacity of polymers and chemicals. Management expects additional fixed cost savings by reducing staff, rationalizing our worldwide asset base, restructuring our contracts and realizing savings in procurement and logistics. Our senior management continues to focus on streamlining our worldwide fixed cost infrastructure.

*We Operate One of the Largest High-Complexity Refineries in North America.* We believe that our Houston Refinery is among the more flexible of major North American refineries with the ability to process 268,000 barrels per day of a wide array of feedstock grades, including heavy, high-sulfur crude oil. These grades of crude oil are more difficult to refine into gasoline than other high value fuel products, but have historically been less costly to purchase, giving us a cost advantage over many of our competitors. Processing

heavy, high-sulfur crude oil in significant quantities requires a high-complexity refinery, which differentiates our Houston Refinery from the majority of competing facilities in the U.S. We currently are party to a crude supply agreement with PDVSA Petróleo S.A. ( PDVSA Oil ) to buy crude at market-based pricing for the majority of our supply. Our Houston Refinery also benefits from its strategic location near various North American pipeline systems and a major port on the Gulf of Mexico, with its proximity to Venezuela and Mexico, which are among the largest producers of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil.



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*Integrated Portfolio Structure.* We participate in the full petrochemical value chain, from refining to specialized end uses of petrochemical products. We extract value from optimization across the refining and oxyfuels, olefins and polyolefins and intermediates and derivatives businesses. We operate several major integrated olefin and olefin derivative sites, which provide cost efficiencies through shared services and infrastructure, economies of scale and optimization. Additionally, oxygenated fuel products produced from chemical assets offer further integration benefits with the fuels business. We utilize our flexibility by leveraging a portfolio of mixed feedstock crackers across the U.S. to reduce our exposure to volatility in feedstock prices, enabling us to process lower cost feedstocks. On a worldwide basis, we produce in excess of 100% of our ethylene requirements and approximately 50% of our propylene requirements.

**World Scale Diversified & Vertically Integrated Portfolio Structure**

*Superior Technology Platform.* We are a technology-driven company that invests in research and development to maintain our leadership position, which we believe provides us with a significant competitive advantage. We estimate that approximately 43% of polypropylene and 35% of PE worldwide licensed capacity from 2003 through 2009 use our technologies. We believe that we are the global technologies leader in polyolefins. These proprietary technologies provide us with a cost-advantaged, market-preferred position.

**Technology Portfolio**

Polyolefins	Offering of complete polyolefin technology portfolio; proven processes with competitive capital and operating costs
Propylene Oxide	Proprietary technology basis for >30% of worldwide production
Propylene Oxide Derivatives	Environmentally advantaged solvents
Catalysts	Differentiated product portfolio at competitive use cost; ongoing innovation to enhance performance

We are a technological leader in the manufacture of PO, using our proprietary propylene oxide/styrene monomer ( PO/SM ) and propylene oxide/tertiary butyl alcohol ( PO/TBA ) processes. We continue to increase our expertise in the production of butanediol from PO. As of March 1, 2010, approximately 960 of our employees are engaged in research and development activities.

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*Focused, Experienced Management Team.* We are led by James L. Gallogly. Mr. Gallogly was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in May 2009. Mr. Gallogly has over 29 years of operating and leadership experience in chemical, refining and related industries. He formerly worked at ConocoPhillips, most recently serving as executive vice president of exploration & production from October 2008 to May 2009. For the preceding two years, he was executive vice president of refining, marketing and transportation. He was president and chief executive officer of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company from 2000 to 2006 and served as a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Gallogly is supported by a senior management team that has extensive operational and financial experience in the chemical, polymers and refining industries. Our senior management team is focused on managing through this current cyclical trough by implementing extensive fixed cost reduction measures, optimal asset utilization and initiatives to increase operational reliability. For more information on our executive officers, see [Directors and Executive Officers](#) [Executive Officers](#).

### **Our Strategy**

Our principal focus is on reducing our cost structure, improving operations and revenues and realizing the synergies from the December 2007 combination of Lyondell Chemical and Basell. Our efforts are directed by the following key business strategies:

*Operational Excellence.* Operational excellence, which includes a commitment to safety, environmental stewardship, and improved reliability, is key to our future success. We believe optimal operations can be achieved through a systematic application of standards and improved maintenance procedures, which is also expected to result in improved personnel and process safety and environmental performance. We continue to set new, stricter operational excellence targets for each of our facilities based on industry benchmarks.

*Cost Reduction / Revenue Enhancement.* We are pursuing cost reductions across our system with specific goals, based in large part on benchmarks of industry leading performance. We believe that our worldwide manufacturing scale provides the opportunity to minimize costs per unit, a critical operational measure for petrochemical and refining companies. We will continue to focus on upgrading our customer and product mix to realize premium pricing. By leveraging our leading technological platform, worldwide presence, strong customer relationships and reliability and quality, we also intend to increase our sales of value-added, differentiated products.

*Capital Discipline.* Additionally, we remain focused on disciplined capital allocation. We intend to optimize our capital spending to address projects required to enhance reliability and maintain the overall asset portfolio. This includes key maintenance and repair activities ( [turnarounds](#) ) in each segment, necessary regulatory and maintenance spending, as well as a limited number of high return debottlenecking and energy reduction projects.

*Portfolio Management.* We will also carefully manage our portfolio as demonstrated by the recent closure of certain underperforming assets. We continue to evaluate our asset portfolio and may initiate further rationalization, depending on market conditions.

*Performance-Driven Culture.* The benchmarking, goal setting and results measurement previously described as part of the cost reduction and revenue enhancement efforts are central to the new performance driven, accountability culture that we are instilling. We believe we have outstanding people and assets, and with the right performance expectations, can rapidly increase our competitiveness. We have reshaped the management team to initiate a refocused effort around these basic strategic elements.

*Technology-Driven Growth.* Our strong, industry leading technologies provide us with a platform for future growth. We intend to continue to improve our operations in the mature, highly sophisticated markets in Europe and North America, and, as our financial condition improves, we plan to grow in quickly developing markets like Asia and regions with access to low cost feedstocks.

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As of December 31, 2009, we began reporting our results of operations based on five business segments through which our operations are managed. These are our reportable segments:

*Refining and Oxyfuels.* Our Refining and Oxyfuels segment refines heavy, high-sulfur crude oil in the U.S. Gulf Coast, refines light and medium weight crude oil in southern France and produces oxyfuels at several of our olefin and PO units. Our Houston Refinery is among North America's largest full conversion refineries capable of processing significant quantities of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil. Our refinery in Berre, France (the Berre Refinery) processes light to medium weight crude oils, and provides raw material and site integration benefits to our olefin and polyolefin business in Europe. We are also a significant manufacturer of oxygenated fuels at several facilities within the U.S. and Europe. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our Refining and Oxyfuels segment generated \$10,831 million of revenues (excluding inter-segment revenue).

*Olefins and Polyolefins Americas ( O&P Americas ).* Our O&P Americas segment produces and markets polyolefins, ethylene and ethylene co-products. We are the largest polypropylene producer, the largest producer of light olefins (ethylene and propylene) and the third largest producer of PE in North America. In addition, we produce significant quantities of high-value specialty products such as *Catalloy* process resins. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our O&P Americas segment generated \$6,728 million of revenues (excluding inter-segment revenue).

*Olefins and Polyolefins Europe, Asia, International ( O&P EAI ).* Our O&P EAI segment produces and markets olefins (ethylene and ethylene co-products) and polyolefins. We are the largest producer of polypropylene and PE in Europe. We are also the largest worldwide producer of PP compounds, a high-value specialty product (global marketing of which is managed in our O&P EAI segment). We also produce significant quantities of other high-value specialty products such as *Catalloy* process resins and PB-1. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our O&P EAI segment generated \$9,047 million of revenues (excluding inter-segment revenue).

*Intermediates and Derivatives ( I&D ).* Our I&D segment produces and markets PO and its co-products and derivatives, acetyls, ethylene oxide and its derivatives, and flavor and fragrance chemicals. PO co-products include styrene monomer ( SM ) and C4 chemicals (tertiary butyl alcohol ( TBA ), oxyfuels (which is managed in our Refining and Oxyfuels segment), isobutylene and tertiary butyl hydroperoxide ( TBHP )), and PO derivatives include propylene glycol ( PG ), propylene glycol ethers ( PGE ) and butanediol ( BDO ). We believe that our proprietary PO and acetyls production process technologies provide us with a cost advantaged position for these products and their derivatives. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our I&D segment generated \$3,777 million of revenues (excluding inter-segment revenue).

*Technology.* Our Technology segment develops and licenses industry leading polyolefin process technologies and provides associated engineering and other services. Our Technology segment further develops, manufactures and sells polyolefin catalysts. We market our process technologies and our polyolefin catalysts to external customers and also use them for our own manufacturing operations. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our Technology segment generated \$436 million of revenues (excluding inter-segment revenue).

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The following chart sets forth our business segments and key products:

<b>Refining and Oxyfuels</b>	<b>O&amp;P Americas and O&amp;P EAI</b>	<b>I&amp;D</b>	<b>Technology</b>
Gasoline	Polyolefins	Propylene oxide, co-products and derivatives	Polypropylene process technologies
Ultra low sulfur diesel	Polypropylene		
Jet fuel	High density polyethylene (HDPE)	Propylene oxide (PO)	<i>Spheripol</i>
Lube oils	Low density polyethylene (LDPE)	Styrene monomer (SM)	<i>Spherizone</i>
Gasoline blending components	Linear low density polyethylene	Tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA)	<i>Metocene</i>
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE)	Isobutylene	Polyethylene process technologies
Ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE)	Propylene-based compounds, materials and alloys (PP compounds)*	Tertiary butylhydro- peroxide (TBHP)	<i>Lupotech</i>
Alkylate		Propylene glycol (PG)	<i>Spherilene</i>
Vacuum Gas Oil (VGO)		Propylene glycol ethers (PGE)	<i>Hostalen</i>
	<i>Catalloy process resins</i>	Butanediol (BDO)	Polyolefin catalysts <i>Avant</i>
	Polybutene-1 (PB-1)*		Selected chemical technologies
	Ethylene and co-products	Acetyls	
	Ethylene	Vinyl acetate monomer (VAM)	
	Propylene	Acetic acid	
	Butadiene	Methanol	
	Benzene	Ethylene derivatives	
	Toluene	Ethylene oxide (EO)	
	Ethylene derivatives	Ethylene glycol (EG)	
	Ethanol	EO derivatives	
		Flavor and fragrance chemicals	

\* O&P EAI only.

### **Our Corporate and Capital Structure**

LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is a public company with limited liability (*naamloze vennootschap*) incorporated under Dutch law by deed of incorporation dated October 15, 2009. LyondellBasell Industries N.V. was formed to serve as the parent holding company for the remaining subsidiaries of LyondellBasell AF after completion of the Bankruptcy Cases. LyondellBasell AF and 93 of its direct and indirect subsidiaries were Debtors in jointly administered Bankruptcy Cases in the Bankruptcy Court.

Upon the consummation of the Plan of Reorganization, LyondellBasell Industries N.V. became the successor to the combination in December 2007 of Lyondell Chemical and Basell, which created one of the world's largest private petrochemical companies with significant worldwide scale and leading product positions. Prior to the combination of Lyondell Chemical and Basell, Lyondell Chemical was the third-largest independent, publicly-traded chemical company in North America. It was a leading worldwide manufacturer of chemicals and plastics, a refiner of heavy crude oil and producer of fuel products. Since its spin-off from Atlantic Richfield Company ( ARCO ) in 1985, Lyondell Chemical had grown by strategic acquisitions of, among other assets, certain businesses and/or subsidiaries of ARCO, Millennium Chemicals Inc. ( Millennium Chemicals ), and Occidental Chemical Corporation, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, as well as the non-Lyondell Chemical shares of joint ventures such as Equistar Chemicals, LP and Houston Refining LP, formerly known as Lyondell-CITGO Refining LP, which owned the Houston Refinery. Prior to the combination of Lyondell Chemical and Basell, Basell was the largest producer of polypropylene and advanced polyolefin products, a leading supplier of PE and catalysts, and the industry leader in licensing polypropylene processes. Basell was formed in September 2000 when BASF AG ( BASF ) and Shell Chemical Company ( Shell ) combined their respective polypropylene businesses with their then-existing PE joint venture.

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**Refining and Oxyfuels Segment**

**Overview**

Our Refining and Oxyfuels segment refines heavy, high-sulfur crude oil in the U.S. Gulf Coast, refines light and medium weight crude oil in southern France and produces gasoline blending components at several of our olefin and PO units. In 2009, our Refining and Oxyfuels segment generated operating revenues of \$10.8 billion (excluding inter-segment revenue).

The Houston Refinery, which is located on the Houston Ship Channel in Houston, Texas, has a heavy, high-sulfur crude oil processing capacity of approximately 268,000 barrels per day on a calendar day basis (normal operating basis), or approximately 292,000 barrels per day on a stream day basis (maximum achievable over a 24 hour period). The Houston Refinery has a Nelson Complexity Index of 11.4. The Houston Refinery is a full conversion refinery designed to refine heavy (16 to 18 degrees API), high-sulfur crude oil. This crude oil is more viscous and dense than traditional crude oil and contains higher concentrations of sulfur and heavy metals, making it more difficult to refine into gasoline and other high-value fuel products. However, this crude oil has historically been less costly to purchase than light, low-sulfur crude oil. Processing heavy, high-sulfur crude oil in significant quantities requires a refinery with extensive coking, catalytic cracking, hydrotreating and desulfurization capabilities, i.e., a complex refinery. The Houston Refinery's complexity enables it to operate in full conversion mode, producing a slate of products that consists primarily of high-value, refined fuel products. The Houston Refinery's refined fuel products include gasoline (including blendstocks for oxygenate blending), jet fuel and ultra low sulfur diesel. The Houston Refinery's products also include heating oil, lube oils (industrial lubricants, white oils and process oils), carbon black oil, refinery-grade propylene, petrochemical raw materials, sulfur, residual fuel and petroleum coke. Houston Refining LP became a wholly owned consolidated subsidiary on August 16, 2006.

In April 2008, we acquired the Berre Refinery and related businesses in France from Société des Pétroles Shell. The Berre Refinery is designed to run light to medium sulfur crude oil and has a current capacity of approximately 105,000 barrels per day. It produces naphtha, vacuum gas oil, liquefied petroleum gas, gasoline, aviation fuel, diesel, bitumen and heating oil. The Berre Refinery provides raw material and site integration benefits for our operations in France and supports our polyolefin business in Europe. The Berre Refinery also provides us with access to significant logistics assets, including pipeline access, storage terminals and harbor access to the Mediterranean Sea. The Berre Refinery has a Nelson Complexity Index of 6.7.

The Refining and Oxyfuels segment also includes gasoline blending components such as methyl tertiary butyl ether ( MTBE ), ethyl tertiary butyl ether ( ETBE ) and alkylate. MTBE and ETBE are produced as co-products of the PO and olefin production process at four sites located in Texas, France and The Netherlands. In the fourth quarter of 2009, we completed a project to convert one of our MTBE units at Channelview, Texas to ETBE production. We currently have three sites that can produce either MTBE or ETBE with a combined capacity to produce 59,000 barrels per day of MTBE or ETBE; the Company's total capacity for MTBE or ETBE production is 75,000 barrels per day. Alkylate is produced at one facility located in Texas.

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The chart below shows our position and capacities in key Refining and Oxyfuels businesses:

*Sources: EIA; DeWitt; CMAI; LyondellBasell AF's internal data*

Note: Capacities are as of December 31, 2009. Positions are based on our wholly owned capacity and pro rata share of joint venture capacity.

(1) Thousands of barrels per day

(2) MTBE / ETBE split based on actual production at plants where there is swing capacity between the two fuels

The following table outlines:

the primary products of our Refining and Oxyfuels segment;

capacity as of December 31, 2009, unless otherwise noted; and

the primary uses for those products.

See Description of Properties for the locations where we produce the primary products of our Refining and Oxyfuels segment.



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<b>Key Products</b>	<b>Capacity(1)</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
<b>Houston Refinery:</b>		
Gasoline and components	120,000 barrels per day	Automotive fuel
Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel	95,000 barrels per day	Diesel fuel for cars and trucks
Jet Fuel	25,000 barrels per day	Aviation fuel
Lube Oils	4,000 barrels per day	Automotive and industrial engine and lube oils, railroad engine additives and white oils for food-grade applications
<b>Berre Refinery:</b>		
Diesel	42,000 barrels per day	Diesel fuel for cars and trucks
Cracker Feedstock	27,000 barrels per day	Raw material for Olefin unit
Fuel Oil	12,000 barrels per day	Heating fuel
Gasoline	8,000 barrels per day	Automotive fuel
Bitumen	7,000 barrels per day	Asphalt
<b>Gasoline Blending Components:</b>		
MTBE/ ETBE	75,000 barrels per day(2)	MTBE is a high octane gasoline blending component; ETBE is an alternative gasoline blending component based on agriculturally produced ethanol
Alkylate	22,000 barrels per day	Alkylate is a high octane gasoline blending component

(1) Only certain key products for the Houston Refinery and the Berre Refinery are identified. Thus, the sum of the capacities in this table will not equal either facility's total capacity.

(2) Represents total combined MTBE and ETBE capacity.

**Sales & Marketing / Customers**

In 2009, no single Refining and Oxyfuels segment customer accounted for 10% or more of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues.

In the U.S., we market and sell gasoline (including blendstocks for oxygenate blending), jet fuel, heating oil, ultra low sulfur diesel fuel, lube oils, coke and sulfur produced at the Houston Refinery. These products are sold in large commodity markets. The Houston Refinery evaluates and determines its optimal product output mix, based on market prices and conditions. As a result, we are subject to various risks associated with selling commodity products.

Gasoline sales accounted for 11% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009. The Houston Refinery's products primarily are sold in bulk on the U.S. Gulf Coast to other refiners, marketers, distributors and wholesalers at market-related prices. Diesel fuel is produced to meet ultra low sulfur specifications for the on-road transportation market. Most of the Houston Refinery's products are sold under contracts with a term of one year or less or are sold in the spot market. The Houston Refinery's products generally are transported to customers via pipelines and terminals owned and operated by other parties. Products also are transported via rail car, barge, truck and ocean going vessel. In addition to sales of refined products produced by the Houston Refinery, we also sell refined products purchased or

received on exchange from other parties. The exchange arrangements help optimize refinery supply operations and lower transportation costs. To meet market demands, we also from time to time purchase refined products manufactured by others for resale to our customers. However, purchased volumes have not historically had a significant impact on profitability.

In Europe, the Berre Refinery provides a significant portion of the raw materials requirements for our nearby steam cracker. The remaining products are sold into local markets under market-based sales agreements or in the spot market. Key customers of the Berre Refinery include other refiners, marketers and distributors, and its products are primarily transported via pipelines and other infrastructure assets owned by us.

MTBE and ETBE are derivatives of TBA, which is a co-product of the PO produced by our I&D segment. Production levels at the PO/TBA co-product production facilities primarily are determined by the demand for our PO and PO derivatives. Accordingly, the resulting production levels of the TBA derivatives

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(such as MTBE and ETBE) depend primarily on the demand for PO and PO derivatives and secondarily on the relative market demand for MTBE and ETBE, as well as the operational flexibility of our multiple production facilities in meeting this demand. Separately, MTBE and alkylate are also produced as derivatives of the ethylene co-products produced by our O&P Americas segment. When necessary, we purchase MTBE for resale to satisfy customer demand for MTBE above our production levels. Volumes of MTBE purchased for resale can vary significantly from period to period. However, purchased volumes have not historically had a significant impact on profitability.

We sell our MTBE and ETBE production under market-based sales agreements and in the spot market. We blend our alkylate into gasoline and also sell alkylate under short-term contracts and in the spot market. Sales of MTBE and ETBE together, and alkylate each accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009.

Substantially all refiners and blenders have discontinued the use of MTBE in the U.S., partly as a result of U.S. federal governmental initiatives to increase use of bio-ethanol in gasoline as well as some state legislation to reduce or effectively ban the use of MTBE. However, MTBE/ETBE demand for gasoline blending remains strong within the remaining worldwide market. Accordingly, we are marketing MTBE and ETBE produced in the U.S. for use outside of the U.S. Our European-based MTBE/ETBE plants generally have the flexibility to produce either MTBE or ETBE to accommodate market needs. We produce ETBE in Europe to address Europe's demand for bio-based fuels.

Recently Japan opted to use ETBE principally as a means of meeting its carbon dioxide reduction commitments under the Kyoto Protocol. We and a partnership representing Japanese refiners have signed a supply contract, which will source a significant portion of Japan's bio-fuels needs. As a result, we converted our Channelview facility to produce ETBE in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Sales of our MTBE, ETBE and alkylate are made by our marketing and sales personnel, and through distributors and independent agents located in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia Pacific region. We have centralized certain sales and order fulfillment functions in regional customer service centers located in Houston, Texas, Rotterdam, The Netherlands and Hong Kong, China. We also have long-term contracts for distribution and logistics to ensure reliable and efficient supply to our customers. MTBE, ETBE and alkylate are transported by barge, ocean going vessel and tank truck.

## **Raw Materials**

Most of the crude oil used as a raw material for the Houston Refinery is purchased under a crude supply agreement with PDVSA Oil, an affiliate of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., the national oil company of Venezuela. The contract currently provides for the purchase and supply of 215,000 barrels per day of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil through July 31, 2011. The contract incorporates market-based pricing, which is determined using a formula reflecting published market indices. The pricing formula is designed to be consistent with published prices for similar grades of crude oil.

There are risks associated with reliance on PDVSA Oil for supplies of crude oil and with enforcing the provisions of contracts with companies such as PDVSA Oil that are non-U.S. commercial affiliates of a sovereign nation. For example, currently and from time to time in the past, PDVSA Oil has declared itself in a force majeure situation and has reduced deliveries of crude oil purportedly based on announced production cuts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries ( OPEC ). Additionally, it has recently imposed certain credit terms that have effectively shortened the time the Houston Refinery has to pay for crude oil purchased under the contract. Any modification, breach or termination of the crude oil contract, or any interruption in this source of crude oil on its current terms, could adversely affect us. Our crude oil contract with PDVSA Oil is subject to the risk of enforcing contracts against non-U.S. commercial affiliates of a sovereign nation, political, force majeure and other risks.

Most of the crude oil used as a raw material for the Berre Refinery is sourced from North Africa and the Middle East region, Russia and the Caspian Sea region and West Africa.

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We purchase our ethanol requirements for the production of ETBE from regional producers and importers in Europe at market-related prices. Additionally, we have entered into a supply contract with a Brazilian ethanol producer to supply a significant portion of the ethanol used for the manufacture of ETBE at our Channelview facility. For further discussion regarding the raw materials requirements for the production of MTBE, ETBE and alkylate, see Intermediates and Derivatives Raw Materials.

## **Industry Dynamics / Competition**

The markets for fuel products tend to be volatile as well as cyclical as a result of the changing global economy and changing crude oil and refined product prices. Crude oil prices are impacted by worldwide political events, the economics of exploration and production and refined products demand. Prices and demand for fuel products are influenced by seasonal and short-term factors such as weather and driving patterns, as well as by longer term issues such as the economy, energy conservation and alternative fuels. Industry fuel products supply is dependent on short-term industry operating capabilities and on long-term refining capacity.

With a throughput capacity of approximately 268,000 barrels per day (on a calendar day basis), we believe that the Houston Refinery is among North America's largest full conversion refineries capable of processing significant quantities of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil.

In North America, we compete for the purchase of heavy, high-sulfur crude oil based on price and quality. Although most of our crude oil supplies are secured under contract with PDVSA Oil, supply disruptions could impact the availability and pricing for heavy, high-sulfur crudes. We compete in gasoline and distillate markets as a bulk supplier of fungible products satisfying industry and government specifications. Competition is based on price and location. Our refining competitors are major integrated oil companies, refineries owned or controlled by foreign governments and independent domestic refiners. Based on published data, as of January 2009, there were 150 operable crude oil refineries in the U.S., and total U.S. refinery capacity was approximately 17.8 million barrels per day.

During 2009, the Houston Refinery processed an average of approximately 244,000 barrels per day of crude oil, representing approximately 1% of all U.S. crude processing capacity.

The differential in price between a representative barrel of benchmark refined petroleum products, such as gasoline or heating oil, and a barrel of benchmark crude oil is known as the crack spread. The Maya 2-1-1 crack spread, based on two common industry benchmarks, the West Texas Intermediate (WTI), 2-1-1 crack spread and the WTI-Maya differential, represents the differential between one barrel of U.S. Gulf Coast 87 Octane Conventional Gasoline and one barrel of U.S. Gulf Coast No. 2 Heating Oil (high-sulfur diesel), on one hand, and the first month futures price of two barrels of Maya crude oil set by Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), on the other hand. The Berre Refinery refining spreads generally track the 4-1-2-1 Ural reported benchmark spread. This spread is calculated by adding the price of one barrel of gasoline to the price of two barrels of diesel and one barrel of #6 fuel oil and subtracting the price of four barrels of Mediterranean crude oil. The Berre Refinery provides a significant portion of the raw materials for our nearby olefin cracker. While these benchmark refining spreads are generally indicative of the level of profitability at both the Houston Refinery and the Berre Refinery, there are many other factors specific to each refinery that influence operating results.

We believe that we are the largest producer of MTBE/ETBE worldwide. We compete for sales of MTBE and ETBE with independent MTBE producers worldwide and independent ETBE producers mainly in Europe. The most significant MTBE competitor is Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC), and the most significant ETBE competitors are Repsol, Total, Neste and Braskem. MTBE and ETBE face competition from products such as ethanol and other octane components. Legislative and other actions have eliminated substantially all U.S. demand for MTBE. Therefore, we have been selling our U.S.-produced MTBE and ETBE for use outside of the U.S. We compete with other refiners

and olefin manufacturers for sales of alkylate that we do not internally blend into gasoline.

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**Olefins and Polyolefins Segments Generally**

We are the world's largest producer of polypropylene and PP compounds and a top worldwide producer of PE, ethylene and propylene. We manage our olefin and polyolefin business in two reportable segments, O&P Americas and O&P EAI.

*O&P Americas.* Our O&P Americas segment produces and markets olefins (ethylene and ethylene co-products) and polyolefins. We are the largest producer of polypropylene and light olefins (ethylene and propylene) and the third largest producer of PE in North America. In addition, we produce significant quantities of high-value specialty products such as *Catalloy* process resins.

*O&P EAI.* Our O&P EAI segment produces and markets olefins (ethylene and ethylene co-products) and polyolefins. We are the largest producer of polypropylene and PE in Europe and the largest worldwide producer of PP compounds, a high-value specialty product. We also produce significant quantities of other high-value specialty products such as *Catalloy* process resins and PB-1. Our O&P EAI segment manages our worldwide PP compounds business, including our facilities in North and South America, manages our worldwide PB-1 business and manages our *Catalloy* process resins produced in Europe and Asia.

Polyolefins are thermoplastics and comprise approximately two-thirds of worldwide thermoplastics demand. Since their industrial commercialization, thermoplastics have found wide-ranging applications and continue to replace traditional materials such as metal, glass, paper and wood. Our products are used in consumer, automotive and industrial applications ranging from food and beverage packaging to house wares and construction materials. PE is the most widely used thermoplastic, measured on a production capacity basis. We produce high density polyethylene ( HDPE ), low density polyethylene ( LDPE ), linear low density polyethylene ( LLDPE ) and metallocene linear low density polyethylene. Polypropylene is the single largest polyolefin product produced worldwide, and we produce homopolymer, impact copolymer, random copolymer and metallocene polypropylene.

We specialize in several specialty product lines: PP compounds, *Catalloy* process resins and PB-1, focusing on specialty polyolefins and compounds that offer a wide range of performance characteristics superior to traditional polyolefins. Typical properties of such polyolefins include superior impact-stiffness balance, scratch resistance, soft touch and heat scalability. End uses include automotive and industrial products and materials. PP compounds consist of specialty products produced from blends of polyolefins and additives and are sold mainly to the automotive and white goods industries.

We are the only manufacturer of *Catalloy* process resins, which are our proprietary products. The *Catalloy* process resins business focuses on specialty polyolefins that offer a wide range of performance characteristics superior to traditional polyolefins. *Catalloy* process resins compete with a number of other materials, such as other polypropylene resins, flexible PVC, ethylene propylene rubber and acrylonitrile butadiene styrene ( ABS ), polycarbonate, metals and reinforced polyurethanes.

Sales of ethylene accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009. Sales of polypropylene accounted for approximately 13% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009. Sales of PE (HDPE, LDPE and LLDPE, collectively) accounted for 17% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009. *Catalloy* process resin sales accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009.

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The charts below show the combined position and annual capacity of our worldwide olefin and polymer businesses:

*Sources: CMAI; LyondellBasell AF's internal data*

*Note:* Capacities are as of December 31, 2009. Positions are based on wholly owned capacity and pro rata share of joint venture capacity.

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**Table of Contents****Olefins and Polyolefins Americas Segment****Overview**

Our O&P Americas segment produces and markets polyolefins, ethylene and ethylene co-products. We are the largest producer of polypropylene and light olefins (ethylene and propylene) and the third largest producer of PE in North America. In addition, we produce significant quantities of high-value specialty products such as *Catalloy* process resins. In 2009, our O&P Americas segment generated operating revenues of \$6.7 billion (excluding inter-segment revenue).

We currently produce ethylene at five sites in the U.S. The production of ethylene results in co-products such as propylene, butadiene and aromatics, which include benzene and toluene. Ethylene is the most significant petrochemical in terms of worldwide production volume and is the key building block for PE and a large number of other chemicals, plastics and synthetics. Ethylene and its co-products are fundamental to many segments of the economy, including the production of consumer products, packaging, housing and automotive components and other durable and nondurable goods.

We produce polyolefins (PE and polypropylene) at nine sites located in North America and one site located in South America. One of our joint ventures owns the polypropylene facility in Mexico.

Our O&P Americas segment manufactures *Catalloy* process resins at two sites in North America.

The following table outlines:

the primary products of our O&P Americas segment;

annual processing capacity as of December 31, 2009, unless otherwise noted; and

the primary uses for those products.

See Description of Properties for the locations where we produce the primary products of our O&P Americas segment. Annual processing capacity as of December 31, 2009 was calculated by estimating the average number of days in a typical year that a production unit of a plant is expected to operate, after allowing for downtime for regular maintenance, and multiplying that number by an amount equal to the unit's optimal daily output based on the design raw material mix. Because the processing capacity of a production unit is an estimated amount, actual production volumes may be more or less than the capacities set forth below. Capacities shown include 100% of the capacity of joint venture facilities.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
<b>Olefins:</b>		
Ethylene	9.6 billion pounds(1)	Ethylene is used as a raw material to manufacture polyethylene, EO, ethanol, ethylene dichloride, styrene and VAM
Propylene	5.5 billion pounds(1)(2)	Propylene is used to produce polypropylene, acrylonitrile and propylene oxide
Butadiene	1.1 billion pounds(1)	Butadiene is used to manufacture styrene-butadiene rubber and polybutadiene rubber, which are used in the

manufacture of tires, hoses, gaskets and other rubber products. Butadiene is also used in the production of paints, adhesives, nylon clothing, carpets, paper coatings and engineered plastics

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<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
<b>Aromatics:</b>		
Benzene	195 million gallons(1)	Benzene is used to produce styrene, phenol and cyclohexane. These products are used in the production of nylon, plastics, synthetic rubber and polystyrene. Polystyrene is used in insulation, packaging and drink cups
Toluene	40 million gallons(1)	Toluene is used as an octane enhancer in gasoline, as a chemical raw material for benzene and/or paraxylene production and as a core ingredient in toluene diisocyanate, a compound used in urethane production
<b>Polyolefins:</b>		
Polypropylene	4.4 billion pounds(3)	Polypropylene is primarily used to manufacture fibers for carpets, rugs and upholstery; house wares; medical products; automotive interior trim, fascia, running boards, battery cases, and bumpers; toys and sporting goods; fishing tackle boxes; and bottle caps and closures
High density polyethylene (HDPE)	3.3 billion pounds	HDPE is used to manufacture grocery, merchandise and trash bags; food containers for items from frozen desserts to margarine; plastic caps and closures; liners for boxes of cereal and crackers; plastic drink cups and toys; dairy crates; bread trays; pails for items from paint to fresh fruits and vegetables; safety equipment, such as hard hats; house wrap for insulation; bottles for household and industrial chemicals and motor oil; milk, water, and juice bottles; large (rotomolded) tanks for storing liquids such as agricultural and lawn care chemicals; and pipe
Low density polyethylene (LDPE)	1.3 billion pounds	LDPE is used to manufacture food packaging films; plastic bottles for packaging food and personal care items; dry cleaning bags; ice bags; pallet shrink wrap; heavy-duty bags for mulch and potting soil; boil-in-bag bags; coatings on flexible packaging products; and coatings on paper board such as milk cartons. Ethylene vinyl acetate is a specialized form of LDPE used in foamed sheets, bag-in-box bags, vacuum cleaner hoses, medical tubing, clear sheet protectors and flexible binders
Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE)	1.3 billion pounds	LLDPE is used to manufacture garbage and lawn-leaf bags; industrial can liners; house wares; lids for coffee cans and margarine tubs; dishpans, home plastic storage containers, and kitchen trash containers; large (rotomolded) toys like outdoor gym sets; drip irrigation tubing; wire and cable insulating resins and compounds used to insulate copper and fiber optic wiring, and film; shrink wrap for multi-packaging canned food, bag-in-box bags, produce bags, and pallet stretch wrap



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<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
<b>Specialty Polyolefins:</b> <i>Catalloy</i> process resins	600 million pounds	<i>Catalloy</i> process resins are used primarily in modifying polymer properties in film applications and molded products; for specialty films, geomembranes, and roofing materials; in bitumen modification for roofing and asphalt applications; and to manufacture automotive bumpers
<b>Ethylene Derivatives:</b> Ethanol	50 million gallons	Ethanol is used as a fuel and a fuel additive and in the production of solvents as well as household, medicinal and personal care products

- (1) Excludes capacities from our Chocolate Bayou, Texas facility which was permanently shut down in early 2009, including 1.12 billion pounds of ethylene, 700 million pounds of propylene, 150 million pounds of butadiene, 105 million gallons of benzene and 26 million gallons of toluene.
- (2) Includes (1) refinery-grade material from our U.S. refinery and (2) 1 billion pounds per year of capacity from the product flex unit at the Channelview facility, which can convert ethylene and other light petrochemicals into propylene.
- (3) Includes 100% of 1.31 billion pounds of capacity of Indelpro A.A. de C.V. ( Indelpro ). See Joint Venture Relationships. Excludes 800 million pounds of an off-take agreement with ConocoPhillips, which expired on December 31, 2009.

**Sales & Marketing / Customers**

In 2009, no single external O&P Americas segment customer accounted for 10% or more of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues.

We currently produce ethylene at five sites in the U.S. Our ethylene production in the U.S. generally is consumed internally as a raw material in the production of derivatives and polymers, or is shipped by pipeline to customers. In North America, we are a net seller of ethylene.

We currently produce propylene at six sites in the U.S., which includes production from the Houston Refinery's fluid catalytic cracker coproduct stream. We use propylene as a raw material for production of PO and polypropylene. The propylene production within the U.S. that is not consumed internally is generally sold under multi-year contracts. In North America, we are a net seller of propylene.

We currently produce butadiene or aromatics (benzene and toluene) at two sites in the U.S. We generally sell our butadiene under multi-year contracts. We use the benzene as a raw material for production of styrene; in the U.S., we are a net purchaser of benzene. Our Refining and Oxyfuels business uses the toluene to blend into gasoline. Of the toluene production that is not consumed internally, a majority is sold on a spot basis.

We at times purchase ethylene, propylene, benzene and butadiene for resale, when necessary, to satisfy customer demand for these products above production levels. Volumes of ethylene, propylene, benzene and butadiene

purchased for resale can vary significantly from period to period. However, purchased volumes have not historically had a significant impact on profits.

In the U.S., most of the ethylene and propylene production of our Channelview, Corpus Christi and La Porte facilities is shipped via a pipeline system, which has connections to numerous U.S. Gulf Coast consumers. This pipeline system, some of which is owned and some of which is leased, extends from Corpus Christi to Mont Belvieu to Port Arthur, Texas, as well as into the Lake Charles, Louisiana area. In addition, exchange agreements with other ethylene and co-products producers allow access to customers who are not directly connected to this pipeline system. Some ethylene is shipped by rail car from Clinton, Iowa to Morris, Illinois and also to customers. A pipeline owned and operated by an unrelated party is used to transport ethylene from Morris, Illinois to Tuscola, Illinois and is used as a raw material in the production of ethanol.

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Some propylene is shipped by ocean going vessel. Butadiene, benzene, toluene and other products are distributed by pipeline, rail car, truck, barge or ocean going vessel.

We produce polypropylene at three sites in North America and one site in South America. One of the sites in North America (Mexico) is owned by a joint venture. See Joint Venture Relationships. We manufacture PE using a variety of technologies at six sites in the U.S.

With respect to polypropylene and PE, our production is typically sold to an extensive base of established customers. Our polypropylene and PE product volumes are typically sold to customers under annual contracts or under customary terms and conditions without formal contracts. We sell polypropylene into our PP compounds business, which is managed worldwide by our O&P EAI segment. We also have a facility in Ohio that produces performance polymer products, which include enhanced grades of PE. We believe that, over a business cycle, average selling prices and profit margins for specialty polymers tend to be higher than average selling prices and profit margins for higher-volume commodity PEs.

The majority of our polyolefin products sold in North America is sold through our sales organization. We have regional sales offices in various locations throughout the U.S. Polyolefins primarily are distributed in North America by rail car or truck.

We manufacture *Catalloy* process resins at two sites in the U.S. We sell these products into certain specialty applications, including construction, packaging and automotive as well as into our PP compounds business, which is managed in our O&P EAI segment. *Catalloy* process resins are transported generally by tank truck and rail car.

**Joint Venture Relationships**

The following table describes our O&P Americas segment's significant manufacturing joint venture relationships.

Name	Location	Other Parties	LyondellBasell Ownership	Product	2009 Capacity (In Millions of pounds)
Indelpro	Mexico	Alfa	49%	Polypropylene	1,310(1)

(1) Represents the joint venture's total capacity and not our proportional capacity.

Our Indelpro joint venture in Mexico operates a manufacturing facility with an annual polypropylene capacity of 1.31 billion pounds. We own 49% of this joint venture, and the output of the asset is marketed by the joint venture. Indelpro's annual capacity includes 770 million pounds produced from our *Spherizone* process technology. This joint venture provides us with equity distributions and revenues from technology licensing and catalyst sales, as well as geographical diversification.

In addition, we have a limited partnership with Sunoco with respect to our LaPorte, Texas facility. The partnership produces ethylene and propylene. Sunoco's partnership interest entitles it to 500 million pounds of propylene annually. Our partnership interest entitles us to receive all remaining ethylene and propylene production, as well as other products produced.

## Raw Materials

Raw material cost is the largest component of the total cost for the production of ethylene and its co-products. The primary raw materials used are heavy liquids and NGLs. Heavy liquids include crude oil-based naphtha and gas oil, as well as condensate, a very light crude oil resulting from natural gas production (collectively referred to as heavy liquids ). NGLs include ethane, propane and butane. The use of heavy liquid raw materials results in the production of a significant amount of co-products such as propylene, butadiene, benzene and toluene, as well as gasoline blending components, while the use of NGLs results in the production of a smaller amount of co-products, such as propylene.

The flexibility for a plant to consume a wide range of raw materials has historically provided an advantage over plants that are restricted in their raw material processing capability. Facilities using heavy



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liquids historically have generated, on average, approximately four cents of additional variable margin per pound of ethylene produced compared to facilities restricted to using ethane. This margin advantage was based on an average of historical data over a period of years and is subject to fluctuations, which can be significant. The costs of producing ethylene from heavy liquids and NGLs can change, based on the relative values of crude oil and natural gas, as well as the relative values of the products generated through the use of those raw materials. For example, at certain of our U.S. ethylene facilities during 2008 and 2009, ethane had a cost advantage reflecting high crude oil prices as compared to NGLs. We have the capability to process significant quantities of either heavy liquids or NGLs, depending upon the relative economic advantage of the alternative raw materials. We estimate that in the U.S. we can process between 40% and 90% NGLs. Changes in the raw material feedstock will result in variances in production capacities among the products.

As described above, our management believes that our raw material flexibility in the U.S. is normally a key advantage in the production of ethylene and co-products. As a result, heavy liquids requirements for these businesses are sourced worldwide via a mix of contractual and spot arrangements. Spot market purchases are made in order to maintain raw material flexibility and to take advantage of raw material pricing opportunities. NGL requirements for these businesses are purchased via long term and spot contractual arrangements from a variety of sources. A portion of the heavy liquids requirements for these businesses are also obtained from our Refining and Oxyfuels segment. Heavy liquids generally are delivered by ship or barge, and NGLs are generally delivered via pipeline.

In North America, we also purchase large amounts of natural gas to be used for consumption (not as a raw material) in our business via market-based contractual arrangements with a variety of sources.

The principal raw materials used by our polyolefin business are ethylene and propylene. During 2009, our North American ethylene and propylene production exceeded the North American raw material requirements of our O&P Americas segment. However, not all raw material requirements for ethylene and propylene in this region are sourced internally.

In North America, our Mexican joint venture, Indelpro, receives the majority of its chemical grade and refinery grade propylene needs from Pemex, the state owned oil company of Mexico, under a long-term contract. Our U.S. propylene requirements are produced internally and sourced by a few long-term contracts with third-party suppliers. Propylene not produced internally (on-site at the facility) is delivered via pipeline.

Substantially all of the ethylene and propylene used in our North American PE and polypropylene production is produced internally. Our polyolefin facilities generally can receive their olefins directly from our crackers via our pipeline system, pipelines owned by unrelated parties or on-site production. The PE plant at La Porte is connected by pipeline to facilities of unrelated parties and could receive substantially all of the ethylene via exchanges or purchases.

The raw materials for polyolefins and *Catalloy* process resins are, in general, commodity chemicals with numerous bulk suppliers and ready availability at competitive prices.

## **Industry Dynamics / Competition**

With respect to olefins and polyolefins, competition is based on price, product quality, product delivery, reliability of supply, product performance and customer service. Industry consolidation in North America has led to fewer, although larger, competitors. Profitability is affected not only by supply and demand for olefins and polyolefins, but also by raw material costs and price competition among producers, which may intensify due to, among other things, the addition of new capacity. In general, demand is a function of worldwide economic growth, which fluctuates. It is not possible to accurately predict the changes in raw material costs, market conditions, capacity utilization and other factors that will affect industry profitability in the future. After a relatively strong start in 2008, demand in late 2008

fell rapidly as the global economies slid quickly into a deep recession. The relatively depressed conditions continued through 2009 and are expected to continue through 2010. We estimate that olefin operating rates in North America were approximately 81% in 2009, and are forecasted to rise to 91% in 2014, while PE and polypropylene operating rates were approximately 80% and 78%, respectively, in 2009, and are forecasted to rise to 89% and 91%, respectively, in 2014. Capacity

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share figures for us and our competitors, discussed below, are based on completed production facilities and, where appropriate, include our proportionate share of joint venture facilities and certain long-term supply arrangements.

Based on published rated production capacities, we were the second largest producer of ethylene in North America as of December 31, 2009. North American ethylene rated capacity at December 31, 2009 was approximately 74 billion pounds per year, with approximately 79% of that North American capacity located along the Gulf Coast. At December 31, 2009, our ethylene rated capacity in the U.S. was approximately 9.6 billion pounds per year, or approximately 13% of total North American ethylene production capacity. We compete in North America with other large marketers and producers for sales of ethylene and its co-products with Dow, ExxonMobil, International Petroleum Investment Company ( IPIC ), Shell, INEOS, ChevronPhillips, Texas Petrochemicals, Inc. and others.

Based on published data regarding polypropylene capacity, we believe that, including our proportionate share of the joint venture, we are the largest producer of polypropylene in North America as of December 31, 2009, with a proportionate share capacity of 3.3 billion pounds, or approximately 17% of the total North American capacity. Our largest competitors for sales of polypropylene in North America are ExxonMobil, Total, Sunoco, Formosa Plastics Corporation and INEOS.

With respect to PE, we believe that we are the third largest producer of PE in North America as of December 31, 2009, with 5.8 billion pounds per year of capacity, or approximately 13% of North American capacity. Our largest competitors for sales of PE in North America are Dow, ExxonMobil, IPIC, Chevron Phillips, INEOS and Westlake.

## **Olefins and Polyolefins Europe, Asia, International Segment**

### **Overview**

Our O&P EAI segment produces and markets olefins (ethylene and ethylene co-products) and polyolefins. We are the largest producer of polypropylene and PE in Europe and the largest worldwide producer of PP compounds, a high-value specialty product. We also produce significant quantities of other high-value specialty products such as *Catalloy* process resins and PB-1. Our O&P EAI segment manages our worldwide PP compound business, including our facilities in North and South America, manages our worldwide PB-1 business and manages our *Catalloy* process resins produced in Europe and Asia. We have eight joint ventures located principally in regions with access to low cost feedstocks or access to growing markets. In 2009, our O&P EAI segment generated operating revenues of \$9.0 billion (excluding inter-segment revenue).

We currently produce ethylene at three sites in Europe and one joint venture site in the Middle East. The production of ethylene results in co-products such as propylene and butadiene. Ethylene is the most significant petrochemical in terms of worldwide production volume and is the key building block for PE and a large number of other chemicals, plastics and synthetics. Ethylene and its co-products are fundamental to many segments of the economy, including the production of consumer products, packaging, housing and automotive components and other durable and nondurable goods.

We produce polyolefins (polypropylene and PE) at 19 facilities internationally, including ten facilities located in Europe, four facilities located in Asia, three facilities located in the Middle East and two facilities located in Australia. In addition, we own a PE facility in Münchsmünster, Germany that has recently been rebuilt following a fire in 2005. Our joint ventures own one of the facilities in Europe, four of the facilities in Asia and three in the Middle East.

PP compounds consist of specialty products produced from blends of polyolefins and additives and are sold mainly to the automotive and white goods industries. We manufacture PP compounds at 15 facilities worldwide (a number of which are the same facilities as the polyolefin facilities described above), consisting of four facilities in Europe, five

facilities in Asia, three in North America, two in South America and one facility in Australia. In February 2008, we acquired Solvay Engineered Polymers ( SEP ), a leading supplier

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of PP compounds in North America. The acquisition included two PP compounding sites in the U.S., one of which was closed after the acquisition. SEP's primary products include Deflex TPOs, Sequel engineered polyolefins, and Indure engineered polyolefins. The acquisition of SEP complements our existing PP compounds business in North America.

*Catalloy* process resins are produced using a unique technology and three-step process allowing for very specific tailoring of the product properties that results in a superior range of resins compared to conventional polypropylene. We produce *Catalloy* process resins at two sites in the EAI region, including one site in The Netherlands and one site in Italy. The process is proprietary technology that is not licensed to third parties, and as a result, we are the only manufacturer of *Catalloy* process resins.

We produce PB-1 at one facility in Europe. We believe that we are the largest worldwide producer of PB-1, a unique family of highly flexible, strong and durable butene-based polymers. A majority of the current PB-1 we produce is used in pipe applications and for under-floor heating and thermo sanitary systems, where flexibility and creep resistance at high temperature are very important. PB-1 is being developed to target new opportunities in applications such as easy-open packaging (seal-peel film), construction, fibers and fabrics, compounds, adhesives and coatings.

The following table outlines:

the primary products of our O&P EAI segment;

annual processing capacity as of December 31, 2009, unless otherwise noted; and

the primary uses for those products.

See Description of Properties for the locations where we produce the primary products of our O&P EAI segment. Annual processing capacity as of December 31, 2009 was calculated by estimating the average number of days in a typical year that a production unit of a plant is expected to operate, after allowing for downtime for regular maintenance, and multiplying that number by an amount equal to the unit's optimal daily output based on the design raw material mix. Because the processing capacity of a production unit is an estimated amount, actual production volumes may be more or less than the capacities set forth below. Capacities shown include 100% of the capacity of joint venture facilities.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
<b>Olefins</b>		
Ethylene	6.4 billion pounds(1)	Ethylene is used as a raw material to manufacture polyethylene, EO, ethanol, ethylene dichloride, styrene and VAM
Propylene	5.4 billion pounds(1)(2)	Propylene is used to produce polypropylene, acrylonitrile and propylene oxide
Butadiene	550 million pounds(1)	Butadiene is used to manufacture styrene-butadiene rubber and polybutadiene rubber, which are used in the manufacture of tires, hoses, gaskets and other rubber products. Butadiene is also used in the production of paints, adhesives, nylon clothing, carpets, paper coatings and engineered plastics

**Polyolefins:**

Polypropylene

12.8 billion pounds(3)(4)

Polypropylene is primarily used to manufacture fibers for carpets, rugs and upholstery; house wares; medical products; automotive interior trim, fascia, running boards, battery cases, and bumpers; toys and sporting goods; fishing tackle boxes; and bottle caps and closures

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<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
High density polyethylene (HDPE)	4.0 billion pounds(4)(5)	HDPE is used to manufacture grocery, merchandise and trash bags; food containers for items from frozen desserts to margarine; plastic caps and closures; liners for boxes of cereal and crackers; plastic drink cups and toys; dairy crates; bread trays; pails for items from paint to fresh fruits and vegetables; safety equipment, such as hard hats; house wrap for insulation; bottles for household and industrial chemicals and motor oil; milk, water, and juice bottles; large (rotomolded) tanks for storing liquids such as agricultural and lawn care chemicals; and pipe
Low density polyethylene (LDPE)	2.8 billion pounds(4)(6)	LDPE is used to manufacture food packaging films; plastic bottles for packaging food and personal care items; dry cleaning bags; ice bags; pallet shrink wrap; heavy-duty bags for mulch and potting soil; boil-in-bag bags; coatings on flexible packaging products; and coatings on paper board such as milk cartons. Ethylene vinyl acetate is a specialized form of LDPE used in foamed sheets, bag-in-box bags, vacuum cleaner hoses, medical tubing, clear sheet protectors and flexible binders
<b>Specialty Polyolefins:</b>		
PP compounds	2.4 billion pounds(7)	PP compounds are used to manufacture automotive interior and exterior trims, dashboards, bumpers and under-hood applications; base material for products and parts used in appliances; anti-corrosion coatings for steel piping; wire and cable
<i>Catalloy</i> process resins	600 million pounds	<i>Catalloy</i> process resins are used primarily in modifying polymer properties in film applications and molded products; for specialty films, geomembranes, and roofing materials; in bitumen modification for roofing and asphalt applications; and to manufacture automotive bumpers
PB-1 resins	110 million pounds	PB-1 resins are used in flexible pipes, resins for seal-peel film, film modification, hot melt and polyolefin modification applications, consumer packaging and adhesives

(1) Includes 100% of olefin capacity of SEPC (described below) in Saudi Arabia, which includes 2.2 billion pounds of ethylene and 630 million pounds of propylene. The facility, of which we own 25%, began initial production in the third quarter of 2008.

(2) Includes (1) refinery-grade material from our French refinery; (2) 100% of the 1.015 billion pounds of capacity of the propane dehydrogenation ( PDH ) plant owned by SPC, a polymers joint venture of which we own 25%; and (3) 1.015 billion pounds of capacity from Al-Waha joint venture (described below), of which we currently

own 21%.

- (3) Includes: (1) 100% of the 1.59 billion pounds of capacity at SPC; (2) 100% of the 800 million pounds of capacity of SunAllomer Ltd. ( SunAllomer ); (3) 100% of the 880 million pounds of capacity of Basell Orlen Polyolefins Sp. Z.o.o. ( Orlen ); (4) 100% of the 990 million pounds of capacity of HMC Polymers Company Ltd. ( HMC ); (5) 100% of the 1.545 billion pounds of capacity of PolyMirae Co. Ltd. ( PolyMirae ); (6) 100% of the 990 million pounds of capacity at Al Waha, which began operations during late 2009; and (7) 550 million pounds of capacity at our Terni, Italy location, which we announced in the first



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quarter 2010 we are shutting down. See Joint Venture Relationships. Excludes one 240 million pound line located at our Wesseling, Germany site, which was shut down during 2009.

- (4) Includes (1) 100% of 880 million pounds of capacity of LDPE manufacturing complex which commenced operations in the second quarter of 2009 that is owned by SEPC, a joint venture of which we own 25% and (2) 880 million pounds of HDPE capacity from SEPC, which began operations in late 2008. Excludes 410 million pounds of LDPE capacity at a site located in Carrington, UK, which was shut down during 2009.
- (5) Includes 100% of the 705 million pounds of capacity of Orlen. See Joint Venture Relationships. Excludes 705 million pounds of capacity at a site in Münchsmünster, Germany that has recently been rebuilt following a fire in 2005.
- (6) Includes: 100% of the 240 million pounds of capacity of Orlen. Excludes 240 million pounds of capacity at a site located in Fos-sur-Mer, France, which was shut down during 2009. See Joint Venture Relationships.
- (7) Includes 100% of the 165 million pounds of capacity of PolyPacific Pty Ltd. ( PolyPacific Pty ), a joint venture of which we own 50%, and 110 million pounds of capacity of SunAllomer, a joint venture of which we own 50%.

## **Sales & Marketing / Customers**

In 2009, no single external O&P EAI segment customer accounted for 10% or more of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues.

We currently produce ethylene at one site in France, two sites in Germany, and one joint venture site in the Middle East. Our ethylene production in Germany and France is generally consumed internally as a raw material in the production of polymers. In Western Europe, we are essentially balanced in our ethylene supply and demand.

We currently produce propylene at our olefin plants, including one site in France, two sites in Germany and the three joint venture sites in the Middle East (SPC, Saudi Ethylene & PE Company Ltd. ( SEPC ) and the Al-Waha Petrochemicals Ltd. ( Al-Waha ) venture). In addition, we produce propylene at our Berre Refinery. We use propylene as a raw material for production of PO and polypropylene. In Europe, we are a net purchaser of propylene.

We currently produce butadiene at one site in France and one site in Germany. We generally sell our butadiene under multi-year contracts.

We at times purchase ethylene, propylene, benzene and butadiene for resale, when necessary, to satisfy customer demand for these products above production levels. Volumes of ethylene, propylene, benzene and butadiene purchased for resale can vary significantly from period to period. However, purchased volumes have not historically had a significant impact on profits.

European ethylene and propylene production is generally either fully integrated with, or is transported via pipeline to, our PE and polypropylene facilities in Europe.

We produce polypropylene at nine sites in Europe, four sites in Asia, two sites in Australia and two sites in the Middle East. All of the sites in Asia and the Middle East and one of the sites in Europe (Poland) are owned by a joint venture. See Joint Venture Relationships.

We manufacture PE using a variety of technologies at four sites in Europe, including one joint venture facility in Poland, and at one joint venture site in the Middle East. Also, an HDPE facility in Münchsmünster, Germany has

recently been rebuilt following a fire in 2005.

With respect to polypropylene and PE, our production is typically sold to an extensive base of established customers. Our polypropylene and PE product volumes are typically sold to customers under annual contracts or under customary terms and conditions without formal contracts. We believe that, over a business cycle,

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average selling prices and profit margins for specialty polymers tend to be higher than average selling prices and profit margins for higher-volume commodity polypropylenes.

For the O&P EAI segment, we typically have exclusive marketing arrangements with our joint venture partners to sell and market polypropylene and PE outside the country where such a joint venture facility is located.

The majority of our polyolefin products sold in Europe is sold through our sales organization. We have three sales channels for polyolefins (*Alastian*, Direct Sales and Polyolefin Solutions) to distinguish between commodity and specialty business models and allow a focused approach to meet the needs of different buying requirements of our customers. The characteristics of these sales channels are as follows:

*Alastian* has a no-frills offering for a limited range of commoditized products. All terms of sales are standard, and extra services, including technical service and freight, are charged separately. Prices are posted, and all transactions are highly automated.

Direct Sales offers a broad range of commoditized products and standard services via a direct local sales presence for those customers who value a traditional relationship and sales support.

Polyolefin Solutions focuses on high growth and high value application segments in the polyolefin market. Through its two business lines and key account management, it offers a full service range and reliable supply and runs a dedicated innovation project team that draws on the expertise and strength of our research and development organization.

Polyolefins primarily are distributed in Europe by rail car or truck.

We and our joint ventures manufacture PP compounds at five sites in Asia (two of which are owned by joint ventures), four sites in Europe, three sites in North America, two sites in South America and one joint venture site in Australia. We manufacture *Catalloy* process resins at one facility in Italy and one facility in The Netherlands. We also manufacture PB-1 at the facility in The Netherlands.

We sell these high-value specialty polymers into certain specialty applications, including construction and automotive. Advanced polyolefins are transported generally by truck and rail car.

Our marketing and sales force for O&P EAI segment is involved in sales related activities, including direct sales and customer service. Our regional sales offices are located in various locations, including The Netherlands; China; India; and United Arab Emirates. We also operate through a worldwide network of local sales and representative offices in Europe, North America and the rest of the world (primarily in importing countries) and through an extensive network of commercial representatives in over 50 countries. Our joint ventures typically manage their domestic sales and marketing efforts independently, and we typically operate as their agent/distributor for exports.

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The following table describes our O&P EAI segment's significant manufacturing joint venture relationships.

Name	Location	Other Parties	LyondellBasell		2009 Capacity(1) (In Millions of pounds)
			Ownership	Product	
SPC	Al-Jubail Industrial City, Saudi Arabia	Tasnee	25%	Polypropylene	1,590
				Propylene	1,015
SEPC	Al-Jubail Industrial City, Saudi Arabia	Tasnee, Sahara Petrochemical Company	25%	Ethylene	2,200
				Propylene	630
				HDPE	880
				LDPE	880
Al-Waha	Al-Jubail Industrial City, Saudi Arabia	Sahara Petrochemical Company and others	21%(2)	Polypropylene	990
				Propylene	1,015
HMC	Thailand	PTT	29%	Polypropylene	990
Basell Orlen Polyolefins	Poland	Orlen	50%	Polypropylene	880
				HDPE	705
				LDPE	240
Polypacific	Australia, Malaysia	Mirlex Pty.	50%	PP Compounding	165
SunAllomer	Japan	Showa Denko, Nippon Oil	50%	Polypropylene	800
				PP Compounding	110
Polymirae	South Korea	Dailem, SunAllomer	42%(3)	Polypropylene	1,540

(1) Represents the joint venture's total capacity and not our proportional capacity.

(2) Reflects our current ownership percentage. Assuming the joint venture pays dividends over time, we anticipate our ownership will increase to a maximum of 25%.

(3) Reflects our direct (35%) and indirect ownership through SunAllomer.

We have five polypropylene joint ventures, one PE joint venture, one joint venture that produces both polypropylene and PE and one joint venture that only produces PP compounds. Of the eight joint ventures, four are in Asia, three are in the Middle East and one is in Eastern Europe. These joint ventures provide us with additional income streams from cash dividends, licensing revenues, catalyst sales and marketing fees from selling joint venture products, as well as geographical diversification and access to local market skills and expertise. We believe that our technological leadership has enabled us to establish joint ventures in cost advantaged locations and developing regions with higher growth, including the Asia Pacific region and the Middle East. We generally license our polyolefin process technologies and supply catalysts to our joint ventures.

Through our international joint ventures, we intend to leverage our capital and participate in a larger, more diversified mix of projects where the synergies between our worldwide position and the local joint venture party's strengths can result in improved operations and financial returns. Some of our joint ventures source cost advantaged raw materials

from their local shareholders. In the Middle East, our joint venture in Saudi Arabia, SPC, operates a PDH unit and a polypropylene manufacturing facility in Al-Jubail Industrial City with an annual polypropylene capacity of almost 1.6 billion pounds, which includes the 2009 capacity expansion. We own 25% of this joint venture and market approximately 70% of the polypropylene produced annually by the joint venture.

In 2006, we formed two new joint ventures in Saudi Arabia. The first of these, SEPC, is with Tasnee & Sahara Olefins Company ( TSOC ) and has a new integrated PE manufacturing complex operating in Al-Jubail Industrial City in Saudi Arabia. The ethylene cracker began production in the third quarter of 2008. One PE plant is based on our *Hostalen* process and produces HDPE, and the other is based on our *Lupotech T* technology and produces LDPE. The HDPE plant began operating in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the LDPE plant commenced operations in the second quarter of 2009. We own 25% of the joint venture, while the remaining 75% is owned by TSOC (which is owned by National Petrochemical Industrialization Company,

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also known as Tasnee Petrochemicals, our partner in its SPC joint venture, and Sahara Petrochemical Company, our partner in the Al-Waha joint venture).

Our second new joint venture in Saudi Arabia, Al-Waha, began initial production in the third quarter of 2009, operating polypropylene and PDH manufacturing plants in Al-Jubail Industrial City. We own 21% of the joint venture, with 75% owned by Sahara Petrochemical Company and a small percentage by another party. The JV uses our most advanced polypropylene technology, the *Spherizone* process. We initially are the exclusive marketer for polypropylene produced by the joint venture that is sold outside of Saudi Arabia.

HMC, our joint venture in Thailand with Thai state oil company PTT, operates a polypropylene plant with an annual capacity of 990 million pounds, and is constructing a new PDH plant with an annual capacity of 660 million pounds and a new polypropylene plant using our newest proprietary *Spherizone* technology with a capacity of 660 million pounds, both of which are expected to start up in 2010. We own 29% of this joint venture.

In Europe, our Orlen joint venture in Poland operates a polyolefin manufacturing facility with an annual polypropylene capacity of 880 million pounds and an annual PE capacity of 945 million pounds, including 705 million pounds of HDPE and 240 million pounds of LDPE. We own 50% of this joint venture and market all of the product sales outside of Poland.

We have a joint venture, PolyPacific Pty., which operates two PP compounding facilities, one in Australia and one in Malaysia, with annual PP compounding capacities of 110 million pounds and 55 million pounds, respectively. We own 50% of this joint venture, and the joint venture markets all of the PP compounds production.

In Japan, we have a joint venture, SunAllomer, which operates two polypropylene facilities with an annual capacity of 800 million pounds and a PP compounding facility with an annual PP compounding capacity of 110 million pounds. We own 50% of this joint venture and market a portion of the polypropylene.

In South Korea, we have a joint venture, PolyMirae, which operates a polypropylene facility with an annual capacity of 1.54 billion pounds. We own 35% of this joint venture and another 7% via our participation in SunAllomer, which holds 15% of PolyMirae.

## **Raw Materials**

Raw material cost is the largest component of the total cost for the production of ethylene and its co-products. The primary raw materials used in our European olefin facilities are heavy liquids and, for our Saudi joint venture facilities, NGLs. NGLs include ethane, propane and butane. The use of heavy liquid raw materials results in the production of a significant amount of co-products such as propylene, butadiene, and gasoline blending components, while the use of NGLs results in the production of a smaller amount of co-products, such as propylene.

The principal raw materials used by our polyolefin and *Catalloy* process resins businesses are propylene and ethylene. In Western Europe, we have the capacity to produce approximately 50% of the propylene requirements of our European polypropylene business and essentially all of the ethylene requirements of our European PE business. European propylene and ethylene requirements that are not produced internally are purchased pursuant to long-term contracts with third-party suppliers and are delivered via pipeline. Prices under these third-party contracts are market related and are negotiated monthly, and are generally based on published market indicators, normally with discounts.

In our wholly owned operations in Australia, greater than 90% of our propylene normally comes from third-party refinery grade propylene purchased under long-term contracts linked to Saudi or Singapore fuel markers and is processed at our integrated splitters located on each manufacturing site. Some of our international joint ventures

receive propylene from their local shareholders under long-term contracts. The remaining supply for the joint ventures is purchased from local suppliers under long-term contracts and some spot purchases. For the new joint ventures, we aim to achieve integration of monomer and polymer production. For example, our first Saudi polyolefin joint venture, SPC, which commenced production in 2004, operates a

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PDH unit fed with competitively priced propane. The Al-Waha joint venture is based on the same structure, while the SEPC joint venture is based on an integrated complex, including a gas cracker utilizing cost advantaged Saudi Arabian propane and ethane.

The raw materials for polyolefins are, in general, commodity chemicals with numerous bulk suppliers and ready availability at competitive prices.

A significant portion of our raw materials for our PP compounds are polypropylene and other polymers (primarily *Catalloy* process resins). Our PP compounding facilities generally receive their polypropylene and other polymers directly from one of our wholly owned or joint venture facilities via truck or rail car. In addition, there are four sites (two in Europe, one in North America and one in South America) that have both polypropylene and PP compounding operations co-located, thereby minimizing product handling. PB-1 raw materials are sourced solely from external supply.

## **Industry Dynamics / Competition**

After a relatively strong start in 2008, demand in late 2008 fell rapidly as the global economies slid quickly into a deep recession. The relatively depressed conditions continued through 2009 and are expected to continue into 2010. We estimate that ethylene operating rates for Europe were approximately 80% in 2009, and are forecasted to rise to 90% in 2014, while PE and polypropylene operating rates were each approximately 79% in 2009, and are forecasted to rise to 88% and 86%, respectively, in 2014. Capacity share figures for us and our competitors, discussed below, are based on completed production facilities and, where appropriate, include our proportionate share of joint venture facilities and certain long-term supply arrangements.

Our ethylene rated capacity in Western Europe at December 31, 2009 was approximately 4.2 billion pounds per year, or approximately 8% of the 54 billion pounds per year of total Western Europe ethylene production capacity. Based on these published rated production capacities, we are the seventh largest producer of ethylene in Western Europe. In Western Europe, key ethylene competitors include INEOS, Dow, Polimeri Europa, Total S.A. ( Total ), SABIC, Shell, BASF and ExxonMobil.

Based on published data regarding polypropylene capacity, we believe that we are the largest producer of polypropylene in Western Europe as of December 31, 2009, with 5.4 billion pounds per year of capacity, or approximately 24% of the European capacity for polypropylene. Our largest competitors for sales of polypropylene are Polimeri Europa, Total, SABIC, INEOS and Dow.

With respect to PE, we believe that we are the largest producer of PE in Western Europe as of December 31, 2009, with 4.1 billion pounds per year of capacity, or approximately 12% of capacity for PE (HDPE and LDPE only), based on published data regarding PE capacity. Our largest competitors for sales of PE are INEOS, SABIC, Total, Polimeri Europa, Repsol, ExxonMobil and Dow.

We believe we are the largest PP compounds producer in the world with 2.3 billion pounds (which includes our proportionate share of joint ventures) of installed annual capacity as of December 31, 2009. Approximately 54% of our PP compounding capacity is in Europe, 20% is in North America, and 26% is in the rest of the world (including the capacity of our joint ventures). Our competitors for sales of PP compounds are SABIC, Borealis, ExxonMobil, Washington Penn, Mitsui, A. Schulman, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. ( Sumitomo ) and many other independent companies.

Our 110 million pound PB-1 capacity competes with a limited number of smaller polybutene producers, of which Mitsui is the largest. The unique balance of flexibility and toughness of PB-1 in this application makes it fit for the



high end of the piping market. In the specialty area, PB-1 competes with a number of proprietary and sophisticated polymers, plastomers and elastomers, depending on the specific application.

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**Intermediates and Derivatives Segment**

**Overview**

Our I&D segment produces and markets PO and its co-products and derivatives, acetyls, ethylene oxide and its derivatives and fragrance and flavor chemicals. PO co-products include SM and the TBA intermediates TBA (TBA, oxyfuels (which is managed in the Refining and Oxyfuels segment), isobutylene and TBHP), and PO derivatives include PG, PGE and BDO. We believe that our proprietary PO and acetyls production process technologies provide us with a cost advantaged position for these products and their derivatives. In 2009, our I&D segment generated \$3.8 billion of revenues (excluding inter-segment revenue).

Including joint venture facilities, we produce PO, its co-products and derivatives at two sites in Texas, two sites in The Netherlands, one in Japan and one in France. We produce our PO through two distinct technologies based on indirect oxidation processes that yield co-products. One process yields TBA as the co-product; the other process yields SM as the co-product. The two technologies are mutually exclusive, necessitating that a manufacturing facility be dedicated either to PO/TBA or to PO/SM. Isobutylene and TBHP are derivatives of TBA. MTBE and ETBE are other derivatives of TBA and are gasoline blending components reported in our Refining and Oxyfuels segment. PG, PGE and BDO are derivatives of PO. PG collectively refers to mono-propylene glycol ( MPG ), PG meeting U.S. pharmacopeia standards and several grades of dipropylene glycol ( DPG ) and tri-propylene glycol ( TPG ).

We also produce flavor and fragrance chemicals. Facilities in Georgia and Florida manufacture terpene-based fragrance ingredients and flavor ingredients, primarily for the oral care markets. We also supply products for use in a number of other applications, including chemical reaction agents, or initiators, for the rubber industry and solvents and cleaners, such as pine oil, for the hard surface cleaner markets.

The chart below shows our position and capacities in key I&D businesses:

*Sources: CMAI; LyondellBasell AF 's internal data*

*Note:* Capacities are as of December 31, 2009. Positions are based on wholly owned capacity and pro rata share of joint venture capacity.

The following table outlines:

the primary products of our I&D segment;

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annual processing capacity as of December 31, 2009, unless otherwise noted; and

the primary uses for those products.

See Description of Properties for the locations where we produce the primary products of our I&D segment. Annual processing capacity as of December 31, 2009 was calculated by estimating the average number of days in a typical year that a production unit of a plant is expected to operate, after allowing for downtime for regular maintenance, and multiplying that number by an amount equal to the unit's optimal daily output based on the design raw material mix. Because the processing capacity of a production unit is an estimated amount, actual production volumes may be more or less than the capacities set forth below. Except as indicated, capacities shown include 100% of the capacity of joint venture facilities.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
<b>Propylene Oxide (PO)</b>	4.6 billion pounds(1)	PO is a key component of polyols, PG, PGE and BDO
<b>PO Co-Products:</b>		
Styrene Monomer (SM)	5.1 billion pounds(2)	SM is used to produce plastics, such as expandable polystyrene for packaging, foam cups and containers, insulation products and durables and engineering resins
TBA Derivative Isobutylene	1.4 billion pounds(3)	Isobutylene is a derivative of TBA used in the manufacture of synthetic rubber as well as fuel and lubricant additives, such as MTBE and ETBE
<b>PO Derivatives:</b>		
Propylene Glycol (PG)	1.2 billion pounds(4)	PG is used to produce unsaturated polyester resins for bathroom fixtures and boat hulls; lower toxicity antifreeze, coolants and aircraft deicers; and cosmetics and cleaners
Propylene Glycol Ethers (PGE)	545 million pounds(5)	PGE are used as solvents for paints, coatings, cleaners and a variety of electronics applications
Butanediol (BDO)	395 million pounds	BDO is used in the manufacture of engineering resins, films, personal care products, pharmaceuticals, coatings, solvents and adhesives
<b>Acetyls:</b>		
Vinyl Acetate Monomer (VAM)	700 million pounds	VAM is a petrochemical product used to produce a variety of polymers products used in adhesives, water-based paint, textile coatings and paper coatings
Acetic Acid	1.2 billion pounds	Acetic acid is a raw material used to produce VAM, terephthalic acid (used to produce polyester for textiles and plastic bottles), industrial solvents and a variety of other chemicals
Methanol	190 million gallons(6)	Methanol is a raw material used to produce acetic acid, MTBE, formaldehyde and several other products
<b>Ethylene Derivatives:</b>		
Ethylene Oxide (EO)	0.8 billion pounds EO equivalents; 400 million pounds as pure EO(7)	EO is used to produce surfactants, industrial cleaners, cosmetics, emulsifiers, paint, heat transfer fluids and ethylene glycol
Ethylene Glycol (EG)	0.7 billion pounds(7)	

EG is used to produce polyester fibers and film,  
polyethylene terephthalate resin, heat transfer fluids  
and automobile antifreeze

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<b>Product</b>	<b>Annual Capacity</b>	<b>Primary Uses</b>
Other Ethylene Oxide Derivatives	225 million pounds	EO derivatives include ethylene glycol ethers and ethanolamines, and are used to produce paint and coatings, polishes, solvents and chemical intermediates
<b>Other:</b> Flavor and Fragrance Chemicals <sup>(8)</sup>		Flavor and fragrance chemicals include terpene-based fragrance ingredients and flavor ingredients, primarily for the oral care markets, and also include products used in applications such as chemical reaction agents, or initiators, for the rubber industry and solvents and cleaners, such as pine oil, for the hard surface cleaner markets

- (1) Includes (1) 100% of the 385 million pounds of capacity of Nihon Oxirane Co. Ltd. ( Nihon Oxirane ), a joint venture of which we own 40%; (2) 1.5 billion pounds of capacity that represents Bayer Corporation's ( Bayer ) share of PO production from the Channelview PO/SM I plant and the Bayport, Texas PO/TBA plants under the U.S. PO manufacturing joint venture (the U.S. PO Joint Venture ) between Lyondell Chemical and Bayer; and (3) 100% of the 690 million pounds of capacity of the Maasvlakte PO/SM plant, which is owned by the European PO manufacturing joint venture (the European PO Joint Venture ) with Bayer, as to which Bayer has the right to 50% of the production. Our net proportionate interest in PO capacity is approximately 2.5 billion pounds. See Joint Venture Relationships.
- (2) Includes (1) approximately 700 million pounds of SM production from the Channelview PO/SM II plant that is committed to unrelated equity investors under processing agreements; (2) 100% of the 830 million pounds of capacity of Nihon Oxirane; and (3) 100% of the 1.5 billion pounds of capacity of the Maasvlakte PO/SM plant. Our net proportionate interest in SM capacity, which includes the European PO Joint Venture with Bayer, is approximately 3.2 billion pounds. See Joint Venture Relationships.
- (3) Represents total high-purity isobutylene capacity and purified isobutylene capacity.
- (4) PG capacity includes 100% of the approximately 220 million pounds of capacity of Nihon Oxirane. Our net proportionate interest in PG capacity is approximately 1 billion pounds. The capacity stated is MPG capacity. Smaller quantities of DPG and TPG are co-produced with MPG. At our facilities in the U.S. and Europe, these DPG and TPG products are purified and marketed. See Joint Venture Relationships.
- (5) Includes 100% of the 110 million pounds associated with a marketing arrangement with Shiny Chemical Co., Ltd. ( Shiny ).
- (6) Represents 100% of the methanol capacity at the La Porte, Texas facility, which is owned by La Porte Methanol Company, a partnership owned 85% by us and 15% by Linde AG ( Linde ).
- (7) Excludes the Beaumont, Texas facility owned by PD Glycol, a 50/50 partnership between Equistar Chemicals LP and E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company ( DuPont ). The PD Glycol facility has not operated since it was damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008 and will not operate in the future.
- (8)

With respect to flavor and fragrance chemicals, we frequently work closely with customers in developing products to satisfy the specific requirements of those customers, and capacity varies accordingly.

### **Sales & Marketing / Customers**

In 2009, no single I&D segment customer accounted for 10% or more of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues.

Including joint ventures, we produce PO, its co-products, and its derivatives at two sites in The Netherlands, two sites in the U.S., one site in France and one site in Japan. We estimate, based in part on published data, that worldwide demand for PO was approximately 13.3 billion pounds in 2009. More than 75% of that volume was consumed in the manufacture of three families of PO derivative products: polyols,

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glycols and glycol ethers. The remainder was consumed in the manufacture of performance products, including BDO and its derivatives.

We produce and deliver our PO and PO co-products through sales agreements, processing agreements and spot sales as well as product exchanges. We have a number of multi-year processing (or tolling) and sales agreements to mitigate the adverse impact of competitive factors and economic business cycles on demand for our PO. In addition, Bayer's ownership interest in the U.S. PO Joint Venture, which operates four of the U.S. operating units, represents ownership of an in-kind portion of the PO production. Bayer also has the right to 50% of the production of one of the facilities in The Netherlands. See [Joint Venture Relationships](#). Our PO derivatives are sold through market-based sales contracts and spot sales. PO sold in the merchant market accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009.

Production levels at the PO/SM and PO/TBA co-product production facilities are primarily determined by the demand for PO and PO derivatives. The resulting production levels of co-product SM and TBA and its derivatives (isobutylene and TBHP), which are reported in the I&D segment, and MTBE and ETBE, (which are reported in the Refining and Oxyfuels segment) thus depend primarily on the demand for PO and PO derivatives and secondarily on the relative market demand for SM, isobutylene, MTBE and ETBE, as well as the operational flexibility of our multiple production facilities in meeting this demand. See [Description of Business - Refining and Oxyfuels Segment](#) for additional information about the production of MTBE and ETBE.

Based on published data, worldwide demand for SM in 2009 is estimated to have been approximately 52 billion pounds. SM accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009. We sell most of our SM production into the North American and European merchant markets and to Asian and South American export markets through long-term sales contracts and processing agreements. See [Joint Venture Relationships](#).

We purchase SM for resale, when necessary, to satisfy customer demand for this co-product above co-product production levels. Volumes of SM purchases made for resale can vary significantly from period to period. However, purchased volumes have not historically had a significant impact on profits.

Our I&D segment converts most of its TBA, which is produced as a co-product to the PO process, to isobutylene and sells some of the TBA into the market. Over half of the isobutylene from the I&D segment is reacted with methanol or ethanol to produce MTBE and ETBE, which is marketed by the Refining and Oxyfuels segment. The remaining isobutylene is converted and sold as high purity and purity grade isobutylene by the I&D segment. Isobutylene sales accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009.

Sales of our PO, its co-products, and its derivatives are made by us, Nihon Oxirane (a joint venture of which we own 40%) and their affiliates directly, and through distributors and independent agents located in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia Pacific region. We have centralized certain sales and order fulfillment functions in regional customer service centers located in Houston, Texas, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and Hong Kong, China. We also have long-term contracts for distribution and logistics to ensure reliable and efficient supply to our customers. PO, PG and SM are transported by barge, ocean going vessel, pipeline, rail car and tank truck. BDO is primarily transported by tank truck and rail car.

Acetic acid and vinyl acetate monomer ( VAM ) are manufactured at a facility in La Porte, Texas, and are consumed internally, sold worldwide generally under multi-year contracts and sold on a spot basis. Acetic acid and VAM are shipped by barge, ocean going vessel, pipeline, rail car and tank truck. We have bulk storage arrangements in Europe and South America to better serve our customers' requirements in those regions. Sales are made through a direct sales force, agents and distributors. Sales of acetyls, including VAM, collectively accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009.

We estimate based on published data that worldwide demand in 2009 for acetic acid and VAM was 20 billion pounds and 10 billion pounds, respectively.



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Methanol is produced at a La Porte, Texas facility owned by La Porte Methanol Company, our 85% owned joint venture with Linde. Each party to the joint venture receives its respective share of the methanol production. Our acetyls business uses the methanol as a raw material for acetic acid and also sells the methanol under annual contracts and on a spot basis to large U.S. customers. The product is shipped by barge and pipeline.

Ethylene oxide ( EO ) or EO equivalents, and EO s primary derivative, ethylene glycol ( EG ), are produced at a wholly owned facility located in Bayport, Texas. The Bayport facility also produces other derivatives of EO, principally glycol ethers and ethanolamines. A second facility, PD Glycol, was a 50/50 joint venture with DuPont and held an EO/EG asset in Beaumont, Texas. The plant has not operated since it was damaged during Hurricane Ike in September 2008 and will not operate in the future. By order dated August 11, 2009, the Bankruptcy Court approved an agreement between Equistar, PD Glycol and DuPont, which provided, among other things, that (i) certain agreements between Equistar Chemicals LP and PD Glycol are rejected; (ii) Equistar Chemicals LP s general partnership interest in PD Glycol is converted into a limited partnership interest; and (iii) PD Glycol will be dissolved as expeditiously as commercially practicable.

EO and EG typically are sold under multi-year contracts, with market-based pricing. Glycol ethers and ethanolamines are sold primarily into the solvent and distributor markets at market prices. EO is shipped by rail car, and its derivatives are shipped by rail car, truck, isotank or ocean-going vessel. EO and EG sales accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF s total revenues in 2009.

The vast majority of the ethylene derivative products are sold in North America and Asia, primarily through our sales organizations.

**Joint Venture Relationships**

The following table describes our I&D segment s significant manufacturing joint venture relationships.

Name	Location	LyondellBasell		Product	2009 Capacity (1) (In millions of pounds unless noted)
		Other Parties	Ownership		
U.S. PO Joint Venture	Channelview, TX Bayport, TX	Bayer		Propylene Oxide	1,500(3)
European PO Joint Venture	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	Bayer	50%	Propylene Oxide	690
PO/ SM II LP	Channelview, TX	IPIC & BASF		Styrene Monomer	1,480
Nihon Oxirane	Chiba, Japan	Sumitomo	40%	Styrene Monomer	700(3)
				Propylene Oxide	385
				Styrene Monomer	830
				Propylene Glycol	220
Ningbo ZRCC LCC Ltd.(2)	Ningbo, China	ZRCC	27%	Propylene Oxide	600
				Styrene Monomer	1,300
La Porte Methanol	La Porte, TX	Linde	85%	Methanol	190 million gallons

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, represents the joint venture's total capacity and not our proportional capacity.
- (2) Start-up occurred in mid-2010.
- (3) Amount of off-take by other parties in the joint venture.

On March 31, 2000, we contributed our Channelview, Texas, PO/SM I facility and our Bayport, Texas, PO/TBA facilities to the U.S. PO Joint Venture. Bayer's ownership interest in the U.S. PO Joint Venture represented ownership of 1.5 billion pounds of PO production annually as of December 31, 2009. We take, in-kind, the remaining PO production and all co-product (SM and TBA) production from the U.S. PO Joint Venture. As part of the transaction, Lyondell Chemical and Bayer also formed a separate joint venture, the PO Technology Joint Venture, through which Bayer was granted a non-exclusive and non-transferable right to use certain of our proprietary PO technology in the U.S. PO Joint Venture. Under the terms of operating and logistics agreements, we operate the U.S. PO Joint Venture plants and arrange and coordinate the logistics of

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PO delivery from the plants. We do not share marketing or product sales with Bayer under the U.S. PO Joint Venture.

Lyondell Chemical and Bayer also formed a separate 50/50 joint venture, the European PO Joint Venture, for the construction and ownership of the Maasvlakte PO/SM plant near Rotterdam, The Netherlands, which began production in 2003. Each party takes in-kind 50% of the PO and SM production of the European PO Joint Venture.

Lyondell Chemical's PO/SM II plant at the Channelview, Texas complex was created through a joint venture among Lyondell Chemical and unrelated equity investors. Lyondell Chemical retains a majority interest in the PO/SM II plant and is the operator of the plant. A portion of the SM output of the PO/SM II plant is committed to the unrelated equity investors under processing agreements. As of December 31, 2009, Lyondell Chemical had 700 million pounds of SM capacity committed to unrelated equity investors under these processing arrangements.

We have a 40% equity interest in Nihon Oxirane, a joint venture in Japan formed by Lyondell Chemical and Sumitomo. Since 1976, Nihon Oxirane has operated a PO/SM plant in Chiba, Japan. In 2005, Nihon Oxirane began production at its new PG plant in Chiba, Japan, with an annual PG capacity of 220 million pounds. Through the formation of Nihon Oxirane Company Asia ( NOCA ), we also will participate in marketing most of the PO capacity from a new 440 million pound facility constructed in Rabigh, Saudi Arabia by Sumitomo and Saudi Aramco, which began operations at the end of 2009. We have a 40% equity interest in NOCA.

During 2007, Lyondell Chemical announced the formation of a joint venture with Sinopec Zhenhai Refining & Chemical Co., Ltd. ( ZRCC ) for the construction of a world-scale PO/SM facility in Ningbo, China, construction of which was completed in 2010. The new facility has an annual PO production capacity of 600 million pounds and an annual SM production capacity of 1.3 billion pounds. Lyondell Chemical contributed a license right to its proprietary PO/SM technology in exchange for approximately 27% ownership of the venture. We will jointly market all the PO manufactured by the new facility with ZRCC.

We also have a multi-year processing agreement, entered into by Lyondell Chemical and Shiny, whereby we provide the raw materials used to produce the PGE at Shiny's PGE plant in Tainan, Taiwan. Shiny's PGE plant, which is based on our technology, commenced production during 2007.

## **Raw Materials**

The primary raw materials used for the production of PO and its co-products and derivatives are propylene, mixed butane, ethylene and benzene. The market prices of these raw materials historically have been related to the price of crude oil and its principal refinery derivatives, NGLs and natural gas, as well as market conditions for these materials. These materials are received in bulk quantities via pipeline or ocean going vessels.

In the U.S., we obtain a large portion of our propylene, benzene and ethylene raw materials needed for the production of PO and its co-products and derivatives internally from our ethylene and ethylene co-products facilities. Raw materials for the non-U.S. production of PO and its co-products and derivatives primarily are obtained from unrelated parties. We consume a significant portion of our internally-produced PO in the production of PO derivatives.

We consume large volumes of mixed butane for the production of PO and its co-products and derivatives. We have invested in facilities, or entered into processing agreements with unrelated parties, to convert the widely available commodity, normal butane, to isobutane. We also are a large consumer of oxygen for our PO/TBA plants.

The cost of raw materials generally is the largest component of total production cost for PO and its co-products and derivatives. Generally, the raw material requirements for these businesses are purchased at market-based prices from numerous suppliers in the U.S. and Europe with which we have established contractual relationships, as well as in the

spot market. The raw materials for these businesses are, in general,

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commodity chemicals with ready availability at competitive prices. Historically, raw material availability has not been an issue. However, in order to enhance reliability and competitiveness of prices and rates for supplies of raw materials, industrial gas and other utilities, we have long-term agreements and other arrangements for a substantial portion of our production requirements.

The primary raw materials required for the production of acetic acid are carbon monoxide and methanol. We purchase the carbon monoxide from Linde pursuant to a long-term contract under which pricing is based primarily on cost of production. La Porte Methanol Company, our 85%-owned joint venture, supplies all of the methanol requirements for acetyls production. Natural gas is the primary raw material required for the production of methanol.

In addition to ethylene, acetic acid is a primary raw material for the production of VAM. For the production of VAM, we obtain our entire requirements for acetic acid and ethylene from our internal production. In 2009, we used a large percentage of our acetic acid production to produce VAM.

## **Industry Dynamics / Competition**

With respect to PO, its co-products and derivatives, competition is based on a variety of factors, including product quality and price, reliability of supply, technical support, customer service and potential substitute materials. Profitability is affected by the worldwide level of demand along with price competition, which may intensify due to, among other things, new industry capacity. From 2010 to 2014, approximately 1.9 billion pounds of new industry PO capacity, or approximately 10% of 2009 worldwide PO capacity, is expected to be added, with approximately half of these additions in the Middle East and China. During this period, the average annual world demand growth is expected to be approximately 4%. However, demand is a function of worldwide economic growth, which fluctuates. The PO demand growth rate also could be impacted by further development of alternative bio-based PO derivatives. It is not possible to predict accurately the changes in raw material costs, market conditions and other factors that will affect industry profitability in the future. After a relatively strong start in 2008, demand in late 2008 fell rapidly as the global economies slid quickly into a deep recession. The relatively depressed conditions continued through 2009 and are expected to continue into 2010. Worldwide PO operating rates were approximately 70% during 2009, and our current forecast is that it will rise to 92% in 2014. Capacity share figures for us and our competitors, discussed below, are based on completed production facilities and, where appropriate, include the proportionate share of joint venture facilities and certain supply arrangements.

Based on published data regarding PO capacity, we believe that, including our share of Nihon Oxirane and the European PO Joint Venture, we are the second largest producer of PO worldwide, with approximately 13% of the total worldwide capacity for PO. Our major worldwide competitors for sales of PO and its derivatives are Dow and Shell.

Based on published data regarding SM capacity, we believe that we are one of the largest producers of SM worldwide, with approximately 5% of the total worldwide capacity for SM as of December 31, 2009. We compete worldwide for sales of SM with many marketers and producers, among which are BASF, Dow, Shell and Total.

We believe that we are the fourth and fifth largest producer of acetic acid and VAM, respectively, each with approximately 5% of the total worldwide capacity as of December 31, 2009. Our primary competitors include Celanese and BP for acetic acid and Celanese, ZRCC, Dow and DuPont for VAM.

## **Technology Segment**

### **Overview**

Access to appropriate production process technology and catalysts is a key requirement for polyolefin and chemicals producers. Our Technology segment develops and licenses industry leading polyolefin process technologies and provides associated engineering and other services. Our Technology segment further develops, manufactures and sells polyolefin catalysts, providing polyolefin manufacturers with the capability to

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produce polyolefins. We market our process technologies and our polyolefin catalysts to external customers and also use them for our own manufacturing operations. Our ability to offer a complete PE and polypropylene technology portfolio enables polyolefin manufacturers to have a single provider for polyolefin processes technologies and catalyst systems. In 2009, our Technology segment generated operating revenues of \$436 million (excluding inter-segment revenue).

Our process licenses are structured to provide a standard core technology, with individual customer needs met by adding customized modules that provide the required capabilities to produce the defined production grade slate and plant capacity. For licenses involving proven technologies, we typically receive the majority of our license fees in cash at or before the date of customer acceptance. For these licenses, we generally recognize revenue upon delivery of the process design package and the related license. Each license agreement includes long-term confidentiality provisions to protect the technology. In addition to the basic license agreement, a range of services can also be provided including project assistance, training, start-up assistance of the plant and possible supply of resins from our production for pre-marketing by the licensee. We may also offer marketing and sales services. In addition, licensees generally continue to purchase polyolefin catalysts that are consumed in the production process, generally under long-term catalyst supply agreements with us.

The chart below shows our position and installed capacity share in key polyolefin technology businesses:

*Source: LyondellBasell AF's internal estimates*

*Note: Capacities are as of December 31, 2008.*

***Process Technology Licensing***

We are a leading licensor of polyolefin process technologies. Our polypropylene licensing portfolio includes our *Spheripol* and the more recently introduced *Spherizone* process technologies and the *Metocene* technology. Our PE licensing process portfolio focuses on the *Lupotech T* (high pressure tubular process for LDPE production), the *Lupotech A* (autoclave process mainly for ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) copolymers), *Hostalen* (slurry process for multimodal HDPE production), and *Spherilene* (gas phase process for LLDPE to HDPE production) processes, all of which cover a wide range of PE products for the worldwide market. We also license a portfolio of chemical process technologies in the fields of olefin recovery, olefin conversion, aromatics extraction and acetyls.

Since the formation of Basell in 2000 and through December 31, 2009, we have sold licenses representing approximately 25 million tons of polyolefin capacity, which represents more than 40% of worldwide capacity growth. In 2009, we entered into licensing agreements representing more than one million tons of polyolefin capacity. Process licenses accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009.

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Our Technology segment also provides technology services to our licensees. Such services include training and start-up assistance, engineering services for process and product improvements and manufacturing troubleshooting.

### ***Polypropylene Process Technology***

We license several polypropylene process technologies, including *Spheripol*, *Spherizone* and *Metocene*.

Our *Spheripol* technology produces homopolymers and random copolymers in a single stage and impact copolymers in a multi-stage process. We believe that *Spheripol* is the most widely used polypropylene production process in the world.

*Spherizone*, our newest process, commercialized in 2002 and introduced for licensing in 2003, is able to produce higher quality polypropylene and a wider product grade range than existing processes at similar operating cost. The *Spherizone* process introduces a single reactor concept, in which bimodality is created within one single reactor operating at different conditions between the different zones inside the reactor. The final product is a result of an intimate mixing of the different property determining phases at a macro molecular level.

*Metocene* polypropylene technology was introduced for licensing in 2006. This technology is used in the production of polypropylene based on single-site catalyst systems. *Metocene* technology can be adapted to virtually any polypropylene process, and its versatility expands the end use product range of conventional polypropylene. In 2009, Polymirae became the first licensee to commence commercial production of *Metocene*.

### ***Polyethylene Processes Technology***

The different families of PE (HDPE, LDPE and LLDPE) require specialized process technologies for production, which are available through our broad PE process licensing portfolio. The portfolio includes *Lupotech*, *Spherilene* and *Hostalen* process technologies.

*Lupotech T* is a leading high pressure, tubular reactor process for the production of LDPE. This high pressure technology does not use a catalyst system typical for low pressure processes, but rather peroxide-initiators to polymerize ethylene and optionally vinyl acetate (VAM) for EVA-copolymers. By adjusting the temperature profile along the reactor and adding different peroxide mixtures, process conditions are modified to produce the desired products. The process produces the entire melt flow ratio and density range of LDPEs with low investment costs and low utilities and raw material demand.

*Lupotech A* is a high pressure autoclave process using peroxide mixture for polymerization and is mainly utilized for specialty LDPE and for the production of EVA copolymers with high VAM content.

*Spherilene* is an advanced swing gas phase process for the production of LLDPE, MDPE and monomodal and bimodal HDPE. This process represents a highly flexible technology platform for production of grades from low-cost commodity to the most sophisticated high performance PE. The process provides easier and lower cost product grade change and reduces environmental impact.

*Hostalen* is a leading low-pressure slurry cascade process for the production of high-end multimodal HDPE. This is desirable because a different product structure can be produced in each stage of the polymerization process, yielding products that are tailored for sophisticated end use applications in three main application fields: pipe, blow molding and film.

### ***Chemical Process Technologies***



We also offer for licensing several chemical process technologies, including *Vacido*, *Glacido*, *Isomplus* and *Superflex*.

*Vacido* is a fixed-bed tubular process for the production of high-quality VAM, from acetic acid and ethylene. It utilizes a proprietary heterogeneous catalyst system.

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*Glacido* is a process technology for manufacturing of acetic acid by carbonylation of methanol. It utilizes a Rhodium-based homogeneous catalyst system.

*Isomplus* is a skeletal isomerisation process to convert linear olefins into branched ones. A zeolite-based catalyst provides conversion of normal butenes and pentenes to isobutylene and isoamylene, respectively.

*Superflex* technology is a process for the production of propylene from less refined feedstock such as coker or fluid catalytic cracking unit light gasoline as well as mixed C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> streams. The process is based on a fluidized catalytic reactor.

We also offer process technology for recovery of butadiene, C<sub>5</sub>chemicals and aromatics.

### ***Polyolefin Catalysts***

Under the *Avant* brand, we are a leading manufacturer and supplier of polyolefin catalysts. Polyolefin catalysts accounted for less than 10% of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues in 2009. As a large polyolefin producer, approximately 30% of catalyst sales are inter-divisional. Polyolefin catalysts are packaged and shipped via road, sea or air to our customers.

We produce catalysts at two facilities in Germany, one facility in Italy and one facility in the U.S. Our polyolefin catalysts, which are consumed during the polyolefin production process and define the processing and mechanical properties of polyolefins, provide enhanced performance for our process technologies and are being developed to enhance performance when used in third-party process technologies. We also supply catalysts for producing sophisticated PEs.

One of our core competencies is our strength in the manufacturing and use of proprietary catalyst supports. Supports are a key ingredient in the production of high efficiency polyolefin catalysts that enhance process performance.

Our customers continually purchase polyolefin catalysts because they are consumed during the polyolefin production process. New licensees generally elect to enter into long-term catalyst supply agreements with us, as customers look primarily for top performance over an extended period of time and compatibility with the acquired technology. Our advanced catalysts provide enhanced performance for our process technologies and may also enhance performance when used in third-party processes.

### **Sales & Marketing**

In 2009, no single Technology segment customer accounted for 10% or more of LyondellBasell AF's total revenues. We market our process technologies and catalysts to external customers and also use them for our own polyolefin manufacturing operations. Our ability to offer both PE and polypropylene technologies enables polyolefin manufacturers to have a single provider for polyolefin processes technologies and catalyst systems. We have a marketing and sales force dedicated to the Technology segment, including catalyst sales and customer technical support for licensees.

### **Industry Dynamics / Competition**

We believe that competition in the polyolefin process licensing industry is based on the quality and efficiency of the process technology, product performance and product application, complemented by customer service and technical support. We are the leading licensor of polypropylene process technologies, and we believe we are the only licensor offering the full range of process technologies for production of all polypropylene and PE product families. Since the

formation of Basell in 2000 through December 31, 2009, we have sold licenses representing approximately 25 million tons of capacity based on its six process technologies to polyolefin manufacturers. We estimate that approximately 43% of polypropylene and 35% of PE worldwide licensed capacity from 2003 through 2009 use our technologies. As of December 31, 2009, we estimate that over 200 polyolefin production lines use our licensed process technologies. Our major competitors in polypropylene technologies licensing are Dow Chemical, INEOS, Novolen Technology Holdings and Mitsui

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Chemicals. Our major competitors in PE technologies licensing are ChevronPhillips, INEOS, Mitsui Chemicals and Univation Technologies.

We are one of the world's largest manufacturers and suppliers of polypropylene catalysts. We also supply catalysts for producing sophisticated PEs. Our major competitors in the worldwide catalyst business are Dow Chemical, BASF, Mitsui Chemicals, Toho Catalyst and WR Grace.

## **Research and Development**

We develop and commercialize state-of-the-art chemicals and polyolefin process technologies, catalysts and products worldwide.

Our research and development activities are designed to improve our existing products and discover and commercialize new materials, catalysts and processes. These activities focus on product and application development, process development, catalyst development and fundamental polyolefin focused research.

We have four research and development facilities, each with a specific focus. Our facility in Frankfurt, Germany focuses on PE and metallocene catalysts. Our facility in Ferrara, Italy focuses on polypropylene, PB-1, PP compounds and Ziegler-Natta catalysts. Our facility in Cincinnati, Ohio focuses on polyolefin product and application development in North America. Our center in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania develops chemical catalysts and technologies.

Our financial performance and market position depend in substantial part on our ability to improve our existing products and discover and commercialize new materials, catalysts and processes. Our research and development activities are designed to deliver innovative and commercially relevant technologies at a competitive cost to our business segments. Our research and development is organized by core competence communities that manage and provide resources for projects, intellectual property and catalyst manufacturing. These include:

*Catalyst systems:* catalyst research to enhance our polyolefin polymer properties, catalyst and process performance, including Ziegler Natta, chromium and metallocene catalyst.

*Manufacturing platforms:* research to advance process development and pilot plant integration to industrialize technology with increased polymer properties.

*Product and application development:* working directly with customers to provide new products with enhanced properties.

*Processing testing and characterization:* research to increase knowledge on polymers from production to processability.

*Process design and support:* research to reduce production and investment costs while improving processability.

*Chemicals and fuels technologies:* research to develop and improve catalysts for existing chemical processes and improve process unit operations.

We have core research and development projects that focus on initiatives in line with our strategic direction. These projects are closely aligned with our businesses and customers with a goal of commercialization of identified opportunities. Core projects currently include research and development in areas such as:

Polypropylene product development with emphasis on the newly implemented *Spherizone* process technology.

Next generation products from existing and in-development processes, using advanced catalyst technologies including metallocenes.

Enhanced catalyst and process opportunities to extend gas phase PE technology.

Enhanced catalysts and process opportunities for selected chemical technologies.

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As of March 1, 2010, approximately 960 of our employees are directly engaged in research and development activities.

In addition to our research and development activities, we provide technical support to our customers. Our technical support centers are located in Bayreuth, Germany; Geelong, Australia; Lansing, Michigan; and Tarragona, Spain.

In 2009, 2008 and 2007, our research and development expenditures were \$145 million, \$194 million and \$135 million, respectively. A portion of these expenses are related to technical support and customer service and are allocated primarily to the segments.

## **Intellectual Property**

We maintain an extensive patent portfolio and continue to file new patent applications in the U.S. and other countries. As of December 31, 2009, we owned approximately 6,800 patents and patent applications worldwide. Our patents and trade secrets cover our processes, products and catalysts and are significant to our competitive position, particularly with regard to propylene oxide, intermediate chemicals, petrochemicals, flavor and fragrance chemicals, polymers and our process technologies such as *Spheripol*, *Spherizone*, *Hostalen*, *Spherilene*, *Lupotech*, *Glacido*, *Vacido*, *Isomplus* and *Avant* catalyst. We own globally registered and unregistered trademarks including the LyondellBasell, Lyondell, Equistar and Houston Refining trade names. While we believe that our intellectual property provides competitive advantages, we do not regard our businesses as being materially dependent upon any single patent, trade secret or trademark. Some of our heritage production capacity operates under licenses from third parties.

We rely on patent, copyright and trade secret laws of the U.S. and other countries to protect our investment in research and development, manufacturing and marketing. Our employees working on these technologies are required to enter into agreements, or are covered by other arrangements such as collective bargaining agreements, providing for confidentiality and the assignment of rights to inventions made by them while employed by us.

## **Environmental Capital Expenditures**

We (together with the industries in which we operate) are subject to extensive national, state, local and foreign environmental laws, regulations, directives, rules and ordinances concerning, and are required to have permits and licenses regulating, emissions to the air, discharges onto land or waters and the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment, disposal and remediation of hazardous substances and waste materials. In some cases, compliance with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations can only be achieved by capital expenditures. Regulatory-related capital expenditures at our facilities were \$250 million, \$202 million and \$239 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and we estimate such expenditures to be approximately \$233 million in 2010 and \$229 million in 2011.

Our actual capital expenditures in 2009 include increased spending on projects related to air emission reductions, low sulfur fuels and wastewater management, principally at the U.S. Gulf Coast plants. Under the U.S. Clean Air Act Amendments ( Clean Air Act ), an eight-county gulf coast region in Texas was designated a severe non-attainment area for ozone by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( EPA ). Emission reduction controls were installed at the Houston Refinery and each facility in the region to comply with the November 2007 deadline. Also under the Clean Air Act, the EPA adopted new standards for gasoline that required refiners to produce a low sulfur gasoline by 2006 and ultra low sulfur diesel by the end of 2009. The Houston Refinery met the 2006 low sulfur gasoline compliance target and complied with a requirement to produce 80% of on-road diesel fuel as ultra low sulfur diesel by June 2006.

Stricter environmental, safety and health laws, regulations and enforcement policies could result in increased environmental capital expenditures by us above current estimates. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to our Business Our operations and assets are subject to extensive environmental, health and safety and other laws and regulations, which could result in material costs or liabilities. For additional information regarding environmentally related capital expenditures, see Management s Discussion and Analysis of

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**Employee Relations**

As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately 14,860 full-time and part-time employees. Of these, approximately 6,120 (41%) were located in North America, approximately 7,750 (52%) were located in Europe and approximately 990 (7%) were in other locations.

As of December 31, 2009, approximately 930 of our employees located in North America were represented by labor unions. Approximately 50% of our unionized North American employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between Houston Refining LP and the United Steelworkers Union, which became effective on January 20, 2010 and expires on January 31, 2012.

The vast majority of our employees in Europe and South America are subject to staff council or works council coverage or collective bargaining agreements.

In addition to our own employees, we use the services of contractors in the routine conduct of our businesses. We believe our relations with our employees are good.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES**

Our principal manufacturing facilities as of December 31, 2009 are set forth below, and are identified by the principal segment or segments using the facility. The facilities are wholly owned, except as otherwise noted below.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Segment</b>	<b>Principal Products</b>
<b>Americas</b>		
Bayport (Pasadena), Texas*	I&D	Ethylene Oxide (EO), EG and other EO derivatives
Bayport (Pasadena), Texas(1)*	I&D	Propylene Oxide (PO), Propylene Glycol (PG), Propylene Glycol Ethers (PGE), Tertiary-Butyl-Alcohol (TBA) and Isobutylene
Bayport (Pasadena), Texas*	O&P Americas	Polypropylene and <i>Catalloy</i> process resins
Brunswick, Georgia	I&D	Flavor and fragrance chemicals
Channelview, Texas(2)*	O&P Americas	Ethylene, Propylene, Butadiene, Benzene and Toluene
Channelview, Texas(1)(3)*	Refining and Oxyfuels	Alkylate and MTBE
	I&D	PO, BDO, SM and Isobutylene
Chocolate Bayou, Texas*	Refining and Oxyfuels	ETBE
	O&P Americas	Polyethylene (HDPE)
Clinton, Iowa*	O&P Americas	Ethylene and Propylene
Corpus Christi, Texas*	O&P Americas	Polyethylene (LDPE and HDPE)
		Ethylene, Propylene, Butadiene and Benzene
Edison, New Jersey	Technology	Polyolefin catalysts



Ensenada, Argentina	O&P Americas	Polypropylene
Ensenada, Argentina	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Fairport Harbor, Ohio	O&P Americas	Performance polymers
Houston, Texas*	Refining and Oxyfuels	Gasoline, Diesel, Jet Fuel and Lube Oils

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Segment</b>	<b>Principal Products</b>
Jackson, Tennessee	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Jacksonville, Florida*	I&D	Flavor and fragrance chemicals
La Porte, Texas(4)*	O&P Americas	Ethylene and Propylene Polyethylene (LDPE and LLDPE)
La Porte, Texas(4)(5)*	I&D	VAM, acetic acid and methanol
Lake Charles, Louisiana*	O&P Americas	Polypropylene and <i>Catalloy</i> process resins
Mansfield, Texas	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Matagorda, Texas*	O&P Americas	Polyethylene (HDPE)
Morris, Illinois*	O&P Americas	Ethylene and Propylene Polyethylene (LDPE and LLDPE)
Newark, New Jersey	O&P Americas	Denatured Alcohol
Pindamonhangaba, Brazil	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Tampico, Mexico(6)	O&P Americas	Polypropylene
Tampico, Mexico(6)	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Tuscola, Illinois*	O&P Americas	Ethanol and Polyethylene (powders)
Victoria, Texas*	O&P Americas	Polyethylene (HDPE)
<b>Europe</b>		
Aubette, France	O&P EAI	Ethylene, Propylene and Butadiene Polypropylene and Polyethylene (LDPE)
Bayreuth, Germany	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Berre l Etang, France	Refining and Oxyfuels	Naphtha, vacuum gas oil (VGO), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, bitumen and heating oil
Botlek, Rotterdam, The Netherlands	I&D Refining and Oxyfuels	PO, PG, PGE, TBA, Isobutylene and BDO MTBE and ETBE
Brindisi, Italy	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Carrington, U.K	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Ferrara, Italy	O&P EAI	Polypropylene and <i>Catalloy</i> process resins
Fos-sur-Mer, France	Technology I&D Refining and Oxyfuels	Polyolefin catalysts PO, PG and TBA MTBE and ETBE
Frankfurt, Germany	O&P EAI Technology	Polyethylene (HDPE) Polyolefin catalysts
Knapsack, Germany	O&P EAI	Polypropylene and PP compounds
Ludwigshafen, Germany	Technology	Polyolefin catalysts
Maasvlakte (near Rotterdam), The Netherlands(7)	I&D	PO and SM
Milton Keynes, U.K	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Moerdijk, The Netherlands	O&P EAI	<i>Catalloy</i> process resins and PB-1
Münchsmünster, Germany (8)	O&P EAI	Ethylene, Propylene Polyethylene (HDPE)



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<b>Location</b>	<b>Segment</b>	<b>Principal Products</b>
Plock, Poland(9)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene and Polyethylene (HDPE and LDPE)
Tarragona, Spain(10)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene and PP compounds
Terni, Italy(11)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Wesseling, Germany(12)*	O&P EAI	Ethylene, Propylene and Butadiene Polypropylene and Polyethylene (HDPE and LDPE)
<b>Asia Pacific</b>		
Chiba, Japan(13)	I&D	PO, PG and SM
Clyde, Australia	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Geelong, Australia	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Guangzhou, China(14)	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Kawasaki, Japan(15)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Map Ta Phut, Thailand(16)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
Ningbo, China(17)	I&D	PO and SM
Oita, Japan(15)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene and PP compounds
Port Klang, Malaysia(18)	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Rayong, Thailand(19)	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Suzhou, China	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Victoria, Australia(18)	O&P EAI	PP compounds
Yeochan, Korea(20)	O&P EAI	Polypropylene
<b>Middle East</b>		
Jubail, Saudi Arabia(21)	O&P EAI	Propylene and Polypropylene
Jubail, Saudi Arabia(22)	O&P EAI	Propylene and Polypropylene
Jubail, Saudi Arabia(23)	O&P EAI	Ethylene and Polyethylene (LDPE and HDPE)

\* The facility, or portions of the facility, as applicable, owned by us are mortgaged as collateral for indebtedness.

The facility is located on leased land.

- (1) The Bayport PO/TBA plants and the Channelview PO/SM I plant are held by the U.S. PO Joint Venture between Bayer and Lyondell Chemical. These plants are located on land leased by the U.S. PO Joint Venture.
- (2) The Channelview facility has two ethylene processing units. Equistar Chemicals LP also operates a styrene maleic anhydride unit and a polybutadiene unit, which are owned by an unrelated party and are located within the Channelview facility on property leased from Equistar Chemicals, LP.
- (3) Unrelated equity investors hold a minority interest in the PO/SM II plant at the Channelview facility.
- (4) The La Porte facilities are on contiguous property.
- (5) The La Porte I&D facility is owned by La Porte Methanol Company, a partnership owned 15% by an unrelated party.

- (6) The Tampico polypropylene facility is owned by Indelpro, a joint venture owned 51% by an unrelated party. The Tampico PP compounding plant is wholly owned by us.
- (7) The Maasvlakte plant is owned by the European PO Joint Venture and is located on land leased by the European PO Joint Venture.
- (8) The Münchsmünster facility was recently rebuilt following a fire in 2005.
- (9) The Plock facility is owned by Basell Orlen Polyolefins and is located on land owned by PKN/Orlen.

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- (10) The Tarragona polypropylene facility is located on leased land; the compounds facility is located on co-owned land.
- (11) In February 2010, we announced our intentions to cease production at the Terni, Italy site.
- (12) There are two steam crackers at the Wesseling, Germany site.
- (13) The PO/SM plant and the PG plant located in Chiba, Japan are owned by Nihon Oxirane, a joint venture owned 60% by an unrelated party.
- (14) The Guangzhou facility commenced production in 2008.
- (15) The Kawasaki and Oita plants are owned by SunAllomer, a joint venture owned 50% by an unrelated party.
- (16) The Map Ta Phut plant is owned by HMC, a joint venture owned 71% by unrelated parties.
- (17) The Ningbo facility is owned by a joint venture with ZRCC. The facility commenced production in 2010. We have contributed a license right to our proprietary PO/SM technology in exchange for approximately 28% of the PO profitability from the facility.
- (18) The Port Klang and Victoria plants are owned by PolyPacific Pty., a joint venture owned 50% by an unrelated party.
- (19) The Rayong plant is owned by Basell Asia Pacific Thailand, which is owned 95% by us and 5% by our joint venture HMC.
- (20) The Yeochan plant is owned by PolyMirae, a joint venture owned 57% by Daelim Industrial Co., Ltd, 14.8% by Sunallomer and the remainder by us.
- (21) The Jubail and polypropylene and PDH manufacturing plant is owned by SPC, a joint venture owned 50% by an unrelated party.
- (22) The Jubail *Spherizone* polypropylene and PDH manufacturing plant is owned by Al-Waha, a joint venture owned 79% by unrelated parties. The plant commenced initial production in the third quarter of 2009.
- (23) The Jubail integrated PE manufacturing complex is owned by SEPC, a joint venture 75% owned by unrelated parties.

## **Other Locations and Properties**

Our corporate seat is located in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. We have administrative offices in Rotterdam, The Netherlands and Houston, Texas. We maintain research facilities in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania; Lansing, Michigan; Cincinnati, Ohio; Ferrara, Italy and Frankfurt, Germany. Our Asia Pacific headquarters are located in Hong Kong. We also have technical support centers in Bayreuth, Germany; Geelong, Australia; Lansing, Michigan and Tarragona, Spain. We have various sales facilities worldwide.

Depending on location and market needs, our production facilities can receive primary raw materials by pipeline, rail car, truck, barge or ocean going vessel and can deliver finished products by pipeline, rail car, truck, barge, isotank,

ocean going vessel or in drums. We charter ocean going vessels, own and charter barges, and lease isotanks and own and lease rail cars for the dedicated movement of products between plants, products to customers or terminals, or raw materials to plants, as necessary. We also have barge docking facilities and related terminal equipment for loading and unloading raw materials and products. We use an extensive pipeline system in Texas and Louisiana, some of which we own and some of which we lease, that connects to our manufacturing and storage facilities. We lease liquid and bulk storage and warehouse facilities at terminals in the Americas, Europe and the Asia Pacific region. We own storage capacity for NGLs, ethylene, propylene and other hydrocarbons within a salt dome in Mont Belvieu, Texas, and operate additional ethylene and propylene storage facilities with related brine facilities on leased property in Markham, Texas.

### **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

As a large, multi-national company, we, our subsidiaries and our joint ventures are named defendants in lawsuits or other contested legal proceedings, some of which are not covered by insurance, in the ordinary course of our business. Many of these suits or proceedings raise complex factual and legal issues and are

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subject to uncertainties. The plaintiffs in some actions make no specific claim for relief. Although final determination of legal liability and the resulting financial impact with respect to any such litigation cannot be ascertained with any degree of certainty, we do not believe that any ultimate uninsured liability resulting from these legal proceedings will individually, or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our business or financial position. However, the adverse resolution in any reporting period of one or more of these suits could have a material impact on our results of operations for that period, which may be mitigated by contribution or indemnification obligations of co-defendants or others, or by any insurance coverage that may be available.

LyondellBasell AF previously was involved in various legal proceedings that were settled through the Bankruptcy Cases or the potential liabilities for such proceedings were assumed by other entities pursuant to the Bankruptcy Cases.

On April 12, 2005, BASF filed a lawsuit against Lyondell Chemical in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County, asserting various claims relating to alleged breaches of a propylene oxide toll manufacturing contract and seeking damages in excess of \$100 million. Lyondell Chemical denied breaching the contract and argued that at most it owed BASF nothing more than a refund of \$22.5 million, which it has paid. On August 13, 2007, a jury returned a verdict in favor of BASF in the amount of approximately \$170 million (inclusive of the \$22.5 million refund). On October 3, 2007, the judge in the state court case determined that prejudgment interest on the verdict amounted to \$36 million and issued a final judgment. Lyondell Chemical appealed the judgment and has posted an appeal bond, which is collateralized by a \$200 million letter of credit.

On April 21, 2010, oral arguments in the appeal were held before the Appellate Division. We do not expect the resolution of this matter to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, liquidity, or results of operations, although it is possible that any such resolution could have a material adverse effect on our results of operation for any period in which a resolution occurs.

## **Environmental Matters**

From time to time we and our joint ventures receive notices or inquiries from federal, state or local governmental entities regarding alleged violations of environmental laws and regulations pertaining to, among other things, the disposal, emission and storage of chemical and petroleum substances, including hazardous wastes. Any such alleged violations may become the subject of enforcement actions, settlement negotiations or other legal proceedings and may (individually or in the aggregate) involve monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more (exclusive of interest and costs).

As part of the government settlement in the chapter 11 proceedings, the U.S., on behalf of EPA, was allowed a general unsecured claim of \$499,000 against Millennium Specialty Chemicals Inc. and \$480,000 against Houston Refining LP. These allowed claims settled the penalty amounts for alleged noncompliance based upon pre-petition activities. In the case of the Houston refinery, the allegations arise from a 2007 EPA Clean Air Act inspection. In the case of Millennium Specialty Chemicals, EPA conducted an inspection in 2008 at the Colonels Island, Georgia facility and questions were raised concerning handling of contaminated wastewater. Final resolution regarding these issues and any post-petition penalties is still subject to further negotiations with the government.

## **Bankruptcy Cases and Reorganization**

*Bankruptcy Filing* On January 6, 2009, certain of LyondellBasell AF's indirect U.S. subsidiaries, including Lyondell Chemical, and its German indirect subsidiary, Germany Holdings, voluntarily filed for protection under Chapter 11 in the Bankruptcy Court. In April and May of 2009, LyondellBasell AF and certain other subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 in the Bankruptcy Court. The Debtors filed their Bankruptcy Cases in response to a sudden loss of liquidity in the last quarter of 2008.



The Debtors operated their businesses and managed their properties as debtors in possession during the Bankruptcy Cases. In general, this means that the Debtors operated in the ordinary course without Bankruptcy

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Court intervention. Bankruptcy Court approval was required, however, where the Debtors sought authorization to engage in certain transactions out of the ordinary course of business.

On April 23, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Plan of Reorganization. The Plan of Reorganization specifies the proposed treatment of each class of claims and interests upon confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization. The Plan of Reorganization will discharge prepetition liabilities against the Debtors to the extent set forth in the Plan of Reorganization and otherwise under applicable law and, upon the consummation of the Plan of Reorganization, permit the Debtors to make distributions to their creditors in accordance with the terms of the Plan of Reorganization.

We emerged from the Bankruptcy Cases on April 30, 2010.

*Effect of Plan of Reorganization* As of the Emergence Date, all assets of the Debtors vested in the reorganized Debtors free and clear of all claims, liens, encumbrances, charges, and other interests, except as provided in the Plan of Reorganization or the confirmation order entered on April 23, 2010 (the Confirmation Order). Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan of Reorganization or in the Confirmation Order, upon the Emergence Date, each holder of a claim or equity interest is deemed to have forever waived, released, and discharged the Debtors and the reorganized Debtors, to the fullest extent permitted by law, of and from any and all claims, equity interests, rights, and liabilities that arose prior to the confirmation date. As of the Emergence Date, all such persons are forever precluded and enjoined from prosecuting or asserting against the Debtors or reorganized Debtors or their respective properties or interests in property any such discharged claim against or equity interest in any Debtor or reorganized Debtor.

*Tax Impact of Reorganization* The Debtors realized substantial cancellation of debt, or COD, income for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the implementation of the Plan of Reorganization. Because the Debtors were debtors in a bankruptcy case at the time they realized the COD income, they will not be required to include that COD income in their taxable income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Instead, following the close of their 2010 tax year, the Debtors will be required to reduce or eliminate certain of their U.S. federal income tax attributes, including net operating losses, tax credits and tax basis in certain assets. As a result, we expect that the Debtors' tax basis in their assets will be significantly reduced, and we do not expect the Debtors to retain any net operating loss carryforwards to their tax year beginning January 1, 2011.

The implementation of our Plan of Reorganization also triggered an ownership change with respect to the stock of the Debtors for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result of this ownership change, certain of the Debtors' pre-Emergence Date tax attributes that are not eliminated by attribute reduction will be subject to certain limitations as to their future use under Sections 382 and 383 of the U.S. Tax Code.

As a result of these reductions and limitations of our U.S. federal income tax attributes, we expect our cash tax liabilities for our tax years following 2010 to be significantly higher than our cash tax liabilities for 2009 and 2010.

**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Our unaudited pro forma condensed combined income statements are presented for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and the year ended December 31, 2009. As used herein, Predecessor refers to LyondellBasell AF, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, and Successor refers to LyondellBasell N.V., together with its consolidated subsidiaries. We prepared the following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information by applying adjustments to our historical unaudited consolidated income statement of the Successor for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and to the predecessor's historical audited income statement for the year ended December 31, 2009. The unaudited pro forma financial information gives effect to our emergence from the Bankruptcy Cases as if we had emerged from bankruptcy on January 1, 2010 or 2009. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information should be read in conjunction with Selected Financial Data, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition

and Results of Operations, our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and the Predecessor's audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2009, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is presented for informational purposes only. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is not necessarily indicative of what our results of operations would have been if we had actually emerged from bankruptcy on January 1, 2010 or 2009 and is not necessarily indicative of our future results of operations.

We adopted the last-in, first-out ( LIFO ) method of accounting for inventory upon implementation of fresh-start accounting. Prior to the emergence from bankruptcy, the Predecessor used both the first-in, first-out ( FIFO ) and LIFO methods of accounting to determine inventory cost. We have not included a pro forma adjustment to inventory for the predecessor periods as determining the impact of the adoption of the LIFO method of accounting is not practicable. The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information adjusts historical information for the effects of our reorganization and adoption of fresh start accounting, which reflects our exit financing and the revaluation of our assets and liabilities to fair value.

**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED INCOME STATEMENT**

Millions of dollars	Successor	Predecessor	Pro Forma Adjustments	Successor Pro Forma Combined for the Six Months Ended
	May 1 through June 30, 2010	January 1 through April 30, 2010		June 30, 2010
<b>Sales and other operating revenues</b>	\$ 6,772	\$ 13,467	\$	\$ 20,239
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>				
Cost of sales	6,198	12,414	(322) (a)	18,290
Other operating costs and expenses	152	363	(15) (b)	500
	6,350	12,777	(337)	18,790
Operating income	422	690	337	1,449
Interest expense	(132)	(713)	472 (c)	(373)
Interest income	12	5		17
Other income (expense), net	54	(265)		(211)
Income (loss) before equity investments, reorganization items and income tax	356	(283)	809	882
Income from equity investments	27	84	(14) (d)	97
Reorganization items	(8)	8,010	(8,010) (e)	(8)
Income before income taxes	375	7,811	(7,215)	971
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	28	(693)	814 (f)	149
<b>Net income</b>	347	8,504	(8,029)	822
Less: net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(5)	60		55

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Net income attributable to the Company	\$	342	\$	8,564	\$	(8,029)	\$	877
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**Earnings per share:**

**Net income :**

Basic	\$	0.61
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Diluted	\$	0.58
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**Pro forma earnings per share:**

**Net income:**

Basic	\$	15.19	\$	1.56
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Diluted	\$	15.14	\$	1.53
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See Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>Predecessor For the Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>	<b>Pro Forma Adjustments</b>	<b>Successor Pro Forma Combined For the Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>
<b>Sales and other operating revenues</b>	\$ 30,828	\$	\$ 30,828
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>			
Cost of sales	29,516	(1,046) (a)	28,470
Other operating costs and expenses	995	25 (b)	1,020
	30,511	(1,021)	29,490
Operating income	317	1,021	1,338
Interest expense	(1,795)	1,038 (c)	(757)
Interest income	18		18
Other income, net	325		325
Income (loss) before equity investments, reorganization items and income tax	(1,135)	2,059	924
Loss from equity investments	(181)	185 (d)	4
Reorganization items	(2,961)	2,961 (e)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	(4,277)	5,205	928
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(1,411)	1,822 (f)	411
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>(2,866)</b>	<b>3,383</b>	<b>517</b>
Less: net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests	1		1
Net income (loss) attributable to the Company	\$ (2,865)	\$ 3,383	\$ 518
<b>Pro forma earnings per share:</b>			
<b>Net income (loss):</b>			
Basic	\$ (5.08)		\$ 0.92
Diluted	\$ (5.08)		\$ 0.92

See Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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**CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(a) To reduce cost of sales:

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>Successor Four Months Ended April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>
<b>Property, plant and equipment:</b>		
Manufacturing facilities and equipment new fresh-start basis	\$ 6,999	\$ 6,999
Estimated remaining useful life (years)	, 11.5	, 11.5
Pro forma annual depreciation expense		608
Pro forma four months depreciation expense	203	
Less: Actual depreciation expense	518	1,572
Pro forma reduction to depreciation expense	\$ (315)	\$ (964)
<b>Intangible Assets:</b>		
Various contracts subject to amortization	\$ 565	\$ 565
Emission allowances and others	731	731
Estimated remaining useful life (years, approximate)	1,296 , 11	1,296 , 11
Pro forma annual depreciation expense		120
Pro forma four months amortization expense	40	
Less: Actual amortization expense	47	202
Pro forma reduction to amortization expense	\$ (7)	\$ (82)
Pro forma depreciation expense adjustment	\$ (315)	\$ (964)
Pro forma amortization expense adjustment	(7)	(82)
Total	\$ (322)	\$ (1,046)

(b) Certain stock options and restricted stock were awarded and issued based on our emergence from bankruptcy. The \$25 million adjustment to increase selling, general and administrative expense in 2009 reflects the expense

as if these stock options and restricted stock had been granted on January 1, 2009.

We made a \$15 million adjustment to decrease SG&A expense for the four months ended April 30, 2010. The adjustment, which is related to stock options and restricted stock awarded and issued on May 14, 2009 contingent on our emergence from bankruptcy, reverses the amount of expense related to the service period already incurred that was recorded upon emergence from bankruptcy.



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- (c) To reflect interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs on new debt, and the elimination of interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs on old debt.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>Successor Four Months Ended April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>
<i>New Debt:</i>		
New Senior Credit Facility:		
Senior Term Loan Facility due 2016, USD tranche	\$ (9)	\$ (28)
Senior Notes due 2017, USD tranche	(60)	(180)
Senior Notes due 2017, Euro tranche	(13)	(40)
New Third Lien Notes	(119)	(356)
Amortization of deferred financing costs on new debt	(11)	(35)
New Receivables Securitization Program, 2.2%	(13)	(50)
	(225)	(689)
<i>Pre-Emergence Debt:</i>		
Guaranteed Notes, due 2027, 8.10%	(8)	(24)
Other	(8)	(44)
	(16)	(68)
<i>Eliminated Debt:</i>		
Interest expense on old, settled debt	406	1,288
Amortization of deferred financing costs on old debt	307	507
	713	1,795
Reduction of interest expense	\$ 472	\$ 1,038

A 0.125% increase or decrease in the effective interest rate would increase or decrease the pro forma interest expense approximately \$1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and the year ended December 31, 2009.

- (d) To reflect amortization of \$14 million and \$43 million, respectively, for the four months ended April 30, 2010 and the year ended December 31, 2009, for the difference between the carrying value of our investment in joint ventures and our share of the underlying equity in the joint ventures net assets. In addition, a charge of \$228 million for impairment of the carrying value of the Predecessor's investments in certain joint ventures was reversed because our basis in the investments using fresh-start accounting would not have resulted in an impairment.

- (e) To eliminate reorganization items of \$8,010 million and \$2,961 million, respectively, incurred in the four months ended April 30, 2010 and the year ended December 31, 2009.
- (f) To record income tax expense on the pro forma adjustments at the theoretical income tax at the U.S. statutory rate of 35%, adjusted for nontaxable income related to the gain on discharge of debt and other reorganization related items.

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The following selected financial data of LyondellBasell AF should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes for the year ended December 31, 2009 included elsewhere in this prospectus and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations below. The selected financial data of LyondellBasell N.V. as of and for the two months ended June 30, 2010 and the Predecessor as of and for the four months ended April 30, 2010 and the six months ended June 30, 2009 were derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of LyondellBasell N.V. and LyondellBasell AF included elsewhere in this prospectus. Those financial statements were prepared from the books and records of LyondellBasell AF for periods prior to April 30, 2010 and of LyondellBasell N.V. after that date. As discussed elsewhere in this prospectus, as a result of LyondellBasell AF's emergence from bankruptcy on April 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. became the successor parent holding company of the subsidiaries of LyondellBasell AF and the reporting entity. Financial information is reported for LyondellBasell N.V, the successor, on a basis different from financial information of the predecessor, LyondellBasell AF, as a result of the application of fresh-start accounting. In the opinion of management, the unaudited consolidated financial statements include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information contained in those statements. The application of fresh-start accounting results in the Successor period not being comparable to the Predecessor period. Additionally, the historical results presented are not necessarily indicative of financial results to be achieved in future periods, and the results for any periods within the year are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

(In millions of dollars)	2009	Predecessor			Successor	Predecessor	
		Year Ended December 31, 2008	2007(a)	2006	May 1- June 30, 2010	January 1- April 30, 2010	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
<b>Results of Operations Data:</b>							
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 30,828	\$ 50,706	\$ 17,120	\$ 13,175	\$ 6,772	\$ 13,467	\$ 13,399
Interest expense	(1,795)	(2,476)	(353)	(332)	(132)	(713)	(934)
Income (loss) from equity investments(b)	(181)	38	162	130	27	84	2
Income (loss) from continuing operations(c)	(2,866)	(7,336)	661	396	347	8,504	(1,370)
Basic earnings per share					0.61		
Diluted earnings per share					0.58		
Unaudited pro forma basic earnings (loss) per share	(5.08)	(12.98)	1.17	0.70		15.19	(2.42)
Unaudited pro forma diluted earnings (loss) per share	(5.08)	(12.98)	1.17	0.70		15.14	(2.42)

**Balance Sheet Data:**

Total assets	27,761	28,651	39,728	9,549	24,289	27,958	28,175
Short-term debt	6,182	774	2,415	779	557	6,842	5,995
Long-term debt(d)	802	23,195	22,000	3,364	6,753	789	9,509
Cash and cash equivalents	558	858	560	830	3,753	817	746
Accounts receivable	3,287	2,585	4,165	2,041	3,533	3,771	3,273
Inventories	3,277	3,314	5,178	1,339	4,372	3,552	2,755
Working capital	4,436	3,237	5,019	1,900	5,379	4,972	3,764
Liabilities subject to compromise	22,494					21,945	12,019

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(In millions of dollars)	2009	Predecessor			Successor	Predecessor	
		Year Ended December 31, 2008	2007(a)	2006	May 1- June 30, 2010	January 1- April 30, 2010	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
<b>Cash Flow Data:</b>							
Cash provided by (used in):							
Operating activities	(787)	1,090	1,180	1,034	1,104	(936)	(862)
Investing activities	(611)	(1,884)	(11,899)	(535)	(109)	(213)	(262)
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	(779)	(1,000)	(411)	(263)	(113)	(226)	(370)
Financing activities	1,101	1,083	10,416	(190)	133	3,315	1,020

- (a) Results of operations and cash flow data reflect the acquisition of Lyondell Chemical from December 21, 2007. Balance sheet data include Lyondell Chemical balances as of December 31, 2007. Results of operations and cash flow data for the year ended December 31, 2006 do not reflect Lyondell Chemical, and balance sheet data as of December 31, 2006 does not reflect Lyondell Chemical.
- (b) Loss from equity investments for the year ended December 31, 2009 includes pre-tax charges of \$228 million for impairment of the carrying value of our investments in certain joint ventures.
- (c) Loss from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 included after-tax charges of \$1,925 million related to reorganization items and \$11 million for impairments of goodwill and other assets and \$228 million for the impairment of the carrying value of our investments in certain joint ventures, partially offset by \$78 million of involuntary conversion gains related to insurance proceeds for damages sustained in 2005 at a polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany. Loss from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 included after-tax charges of \$4,982 million related to the impairment of goodwill, \$816 million to adjust the value of inventory to market value and \$146 million, primarily for impairment of the carrying value of the Berre Refinery, all of which were partially offset by \$51 million of involuntary conversion gains related to insurance proceeds for damages sustained at the Münchsmünster polymers plant. Income from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2007 included after-tax benefits of \$130 million from the \$200 million break-up fee related to a proposed merger with the Huntsman group, partially offset by after tax-charges of \$95 million related to the in-process research and development acquired in the acquisition of Lyondell Chemical, and \$13 million related to asset impairments of the carrying value of a plant in Canada and capitalized engineering costs for a new polymers plant in Germany. Income from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2006 included after-tax asset impairment charges of \$27 million primarily for goodwill related to a 2005 acquisition of an ethylene business in France. After-tax amounts included herein have been tax effected using the U.S. statutory rate of 35%. Income from continuing operations for the two months ended June 30, 2010 and the four months ended April 30, 2010, respectively, included an after-tax charge of \$5 million and after-tax income of \$8,537 million related to reorganization items. Loss from continuing operations for the six months ended June 30, 2009 also included an after-tax charge related to reorganization items of \$697 million.
- (d) Includes current maturities of long-term debt.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the information contained in the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the related notes thereto and the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of numerous factors.*

In reviewing the following discussion and analysis, in addition to the discussion under Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings, below, certain points concerning the historical and future results of operations of LyondellBasell AF and LyondellBasell N.V. should be considered:

LyondellBasell AF acquired Lyondell Chemical on December 20, 2007. Operating results prior to such date in 2007 do not include the results of Lyondell Chemical. Some significant changes in operating results are due to the effects of the acquisition of Lyondell Chemical, rather than changes in the business performance of LyondellBasell AF's predecessor, Basell. As a result, the financial information for 2008 is generally not comparable to 2007. Moreover, on January 6, 2009, April 24, 2009 and May 8, 2009, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11. The effects of operating the businesses of the Debtors as debtors-in-possession under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court likely affected operations in ways that would make 2009 more difficult to compare with 2008.

As a result of its restructuring, LyondellBasell AF reassessed segment reporting based on its management structure. Based on this analysis, LyondellBasell AF concluded that management is focused, and therefore reports results of operations of, the Refining and Oxyfuels segment; the O&P Americas segment; the O&P EAI segment; the I&D segment; and the Technology segment. See Segment Analysis below for a description of our reportable segments.

In addition to comparisons of operating results with the same period in the prior year, certain trailing quarter comparisons of first quarter 2010 operating results to second quarter 2010 operating results have been included. The businesses in which we operate are highly cyclical and experience some seasonality. We believe trailing quarter comparisons may offer important insight into current business direction.

After tax amounts referred to in the discussion herein are tax effected using the U.S. statutory rate of 35%.

**Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings**

On January 6, 2009, certain of LyondellBasell AF's U.S. subsidiaries and one of its European holding companies, Basell Germany Holdings GmbH (Germany Holdings), filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 in the Bankruptcy Court. In addition, voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 were filed by LyondellBasell AF and its general partner, LyondellBasell AF GP S.à r.l. on April 24, 2009 and by thirteen additional U.S. subsidiaries on May 8, 2009. All 94 of these Bankruptcy Cases were jointly administered under the caption *In re Lyondell Chemical Company, et al.*, and the Debtors operated their businesses and managed their properties as debtors in possession under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

On April 23, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court confirmed LyondellBasell AF's Plan of Reorganization and the Debtors emerged from chapter 11 protection on April 30, 2010 (the Emergence Date). As a result of our emergence from chapter 11 proceedings, certain prepetition liabilities against the Debtors were discharged to the extent set forth in the Plan of Reorganization and otherwise applicable law and the Debtors made distributions to their creditors in accordance with the terms of the Plan of Reorganization.



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*Plan of Reorganization* LyondellBasell N.V. became the successor parent holding company for the subsidiaries of LyondellBasell AF after completion of the Bankruptcy Cases. LyondellBasell AF, which was the predecessor parent holding company, is no longer part of the consolidated LyondellBasell group subsequent to the Emergence Date.

Under the Plan of Reorganization, the organizational structure of the Company in North America was simplified by the removal of 90 legal entities. The ultimate ownership of 49 of these entities (identified as Schedule III Debtors in the Plan of Reorganization) were transferred to a new owner, the Millennium Custodial Trust, a trust established for the benefit of certain creditors, and these entities are no longer part of LyondellBasell N.V. In addition, certain real properties owned by the Debtors, including the Schedule III Debtors, were transferred to the Environmental Custodial Trust, which now owns and is responsible for these properties. Any associated liabilities of the entities transferred to and owned by the Millennium Custodial Trust are the responsibility of those entities and claims regarding those entities will be resolved solely using their assets and the assets of the trust. In total, \$250 million of cash was used to fund the two trusts, including approximately \$80 million for the Millennium Custodial Trust and approximately \$170 million for the Environmental Custodial Trust and to make certain direct payments to the Environmental Protection Agency and certain state environmental agencies.

Pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization, administrative and priority claims, as well as the new money debtor-in-possession ( DIP ) financing were repaid in full. The lenders of the DIP loans representing a dollar-for-dollar roll-up, or conversion, of previously outstanding senior secured loans ( Roll-up Notes ) received new notes in the same principal amount as the DIP Roll-up Notes. Holders of senior secured claims received Class A shares of LyondellBasell N.V. in exchange for their claims. Pursuant to the Amended Lender Litigation Settlement approved by the Bankruptcy Court on March 11, 2010, allowed general unsecured claims received a combination of cash and Class A shares of LyondellBasell N.V.

See Liquidity and Capital Resources below for a discussion of the emergence financing.

*Tax Impact of Reorganization* Under the Plan of Reorganization, the Company's pre-petition debt securities, revolving credit facility and other obligations were extinguished. Absent an exception, a debtor recognizes cancellation of indebtedness income ( CODI ) upon discharge of its outstanding indebtedness for an amount of consideration that is less than its adjusted issue price. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ( IRC ), provides that a debtor in a bankruptcy case may exclude CODI from income but must reduce certain of its tax attributes by the amount of any CODI realized as a result of the consummation of a plan of reorganization. The amount of CODI realized by a taxpayer is the adjusted issue price of any indebtedness discharged less the sum of (i) the amount of cash paid, (ii) the issue price of any new indebtedness issued and (iii) the fair market value of any other consideration, including equity, issued. As a result of the market value of the Company's equity upon emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, the estimated amount of CODI exceeded the estimated amount of its tax attributes by approximately \$6,800 million. These estimates are subject to revision, as the actual reduction in tax attributes does not occur until the first day of the subsequent tax year; or January 1, 2011.

As a result of attribute reduction, the Company does not expect to retain any U.S. net operating loss carryforwards, alternative minimum tax credits or capital loss carryforwards. In addition, we expect that most, if not all, of our tax basis in depreciable assets will be eliminated. Accordingly, it is expected that our liability for U.S. income taxes in future periods will reflect these adjustments and our estimated cash tax liabilities for the years following 2010 will be significantly higher than in 2009 or 2010.

IRC Sections 382 and 383 provide an annual limitation with respect to the ability of a corporation to utilize its tax attributes, as well as certain built-in-losses, against future U.S. taxable income in the event of a change in ownership. The Company's emergence from bankruptcy is considered a change in ownership for purposes of IRC Section 382. The limitation under the IRC is based on the value of the corporation as of the emergence date. The Company does

not expect that the application of these limitations will have a material affect upon its U.S. federal income tax liabilities after 2010. Germany has similar provisions that preclude the use of certain tax attributes generated prior to a change of control. As of the Emergence Date, the Company had tax benefits associated with excess interest expense carryforwards in the amount of \$16 million that were

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eliminated as a result of the emergence. The reversal of tax benefits associated with the loss of these carryforwards is reflected in the Predecessor period.

The Company's current and future provisions for income taxes is significantly impacted by the initial recognition of, and changes in, valuation allowances in certain countries and are dependent upon future earnings and earnings sustainability in those jurisdictions. Consequently, the Company's effective tax rate of 7.5% in the Successor period may not be indicative of its future effective tax rate.

*Financial Information* Following the completion of the Bankruptcy Cases, LyondellBasell AF's equity interests in its indirect subsidiaries terminated and LyondellBasell N.V., the successor holding company, now owns and operates, directly and indirectly, substantially the same business owned and operated by LyondellBasell AF prior to emergence from bankruptcy. For accounting purposes, the operations of LyondellBasell AF, the Predecessor Company, are deemed to have ceased on April 30, 2010 and LyondellBasell N.V., the Successor Company, is deemed to have begun operations on that date. Effective May 1, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. adopted fresh-start accounting. References in the following discussions to the Company for periods prior to April 30, 2010, the Emergence Date, are to the Predecessor Company and, for periods after the Emergence Date, to the Successor Company.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements present separately the period prior to April 30, 2010 and the period after the Debtors' emergence from bankruptcy to recognize the application of fresh-start accounting. Management believes that combining the Successor and Predecessor periods for the second quarter and first six months of 2010, which is a non-GAAP presentation, provides a more meaningful comparison of the 2010 and 2009 results of operations and cash flows when considered with the effects of fresh-start accounting described below. The effects of fresh-start accounting are specifically addressed throughout the discussion of the Company's operating results. References in the following discussion to the second quarter and first six months of 2010 are to the combined Successor and Predecessor periods unless otherwise described as Successor or Predecessor.

The primary impacts of the Company's reorganization pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization and the adoption of fresh-start accounting on the Company's results of operations is as follows:

*Inventory* LyondellBasell N.V. adopted the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method of accounting for inventory upon implementation of fresh-start accounting. Prior to the emergence from bankruptcy, LyondellBasell AF used both the first-in, first-out (FIFO) and LIFO methods of accounting to determine inventory cost. The LIFO method was used for certain U.S. inventories to maintain consistency with LyondellBasell AF's U.S. federal income tax treatment of those inventories. Operating results on these bases are discussed in Results of Operations, which is supplemented by a discussion of segment operating results under Segment Analysis. For purposes of evaluating segment results, management reviewed operating results for LyondellBasell AF determined using current cost, which approximates results using the LIFO method of accounting for inventory. Operating results for LyondellBasell N.V. are reviewed using the LIFO method of accounting for inventory. While determining the impact of the adoption of LIFO on predecessor periods is not practicable, the Company believes that the current cost method used by the Predecessor for segment reporting is similar to LIFO and the current cost method would have resulted in a decrease of cost of sales of \$18 million and \$199 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009.

In addition, on April 30, 2010, pursuant to Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 852, *Reorganizations*, the Company recorded its inventory, which is primarily crude-oil derived, at fair value. The increase in inventory of \$1,297 million was primarily in the U.S. and was largely driven by the price of crude oil. The per barrel benchmark price of WTI crude oil at April 30, 2010 had increased to \$86.15. By June 30, 2010, the per barrel benchmark price of WTI crude oil had declined to \$75.63, contributing to the \$333 million lower of cost or market adjustment primarily to the Company's raw materials and finished goods inventory and associated increase in cost of sales for the period from May 1 through June 30, 2010.

*Depreciation and amortization expense* Depreciation and amortization expense is lower in the Successor period as a result of the Company's revaluation of assets for fresh-start accounting. For additional information on the revaluation of assets, see Note 4 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of

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LyondellBasell N.V. for the quarter ended June 30, 2010. Depreciation and amortization as reported for all periods presented is as follows:

Millions of dollars	Predecessor			Predecessor		
	Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010	April 1 through April 30, 2010	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009	Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010	January 1 through April 30, 2010	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
<b>Cost of sales:</b>						
Depreciation	\$ 93	\$ 116	\$ 380	\$ 93	\$ 464	\$ 721
Amortization	33	18	91	33	75	160
<b>Research and development expenses:</b>						
Depreciation	2	3	3	2	8	9
<b>Selling, general and administrative expenses:</b>						
Depreciation	1	4	5	1	18	5
	\$ 129	\$ 141	\$ 479	\$ 129	\$ 565	\$ 895

*Interest expense* Lower interest expense in the Successor period was driven by the discharge of approximately \$9 billion of debt, upon which interest was accruing during bankruptcy, in the Company's reorganization on April 30, 2010 pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization.

Millions of dollars	Predecessor			Predecessor		
	Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010	April 1 through April 30, 2010	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009	Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010	January 1 through April 30, 2010	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
Interest expense	\$ 132	\$ 302	\$ 501	\$ 132	\$ 713	\$ 934

**Overview of Results of Operations*****Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009***

Global market conditions in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 continued to improve from the weak conditions experienced in late 2009. Industry operating rates and average sales prices generally improved during the course of the second quarter and first six months of 2010, and compared favorably to the 2009 periods. Demand improved in the durable goods sector of the global economy, including the automotive markets.

Improvement in the global economy experienced in the first quarter 2010 continued through the second quarter 2010. As a result, demand and operating rates were higher in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, compared to the same periods in 2009, which were characterized by weaker demand and generally lower operating rates. In addition, certain of LyondellBasell N.V.'s business segments benefited from planned and unplanned competitor

operating disruptions.

Excluding the impacts of fresh-start accounting discussed above in Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings, operating results in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 generally reflected higher product margins and higher sales volumes, compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009. Reliable operations and the effect of industry supply disruptions resulted in significantly higher margins and higher sales volumes in the O&P-Americas business segment. The Refining and Oxyfuels business segment results were higher in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 primarily due to higher refining margins. Higher operating results in the O&P EAI and the I&D business segments were a reflection of improvement in the durable goods markets, while lower licensing revenue in the Technology business translated into lower results for the 2010 period.

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***Year ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008***

Although global market conditions improved in 2009 compared to late 2008, market conditions for the full year 2009 were significantly weaker than in the prior year. Demand was particularly weak in durable goods market sectors, including housing and automotive markets. Similarly, while industry operating rates and sales volumes improved during the course of 2009 compared to the levels experienced in late 2008, for the full year 2009 they were below the levels experienced for the full year 2008, despite the significant decline in business activity late in 2008.

Refining margins were significantly lower in 2009 compared to 2008 as a result of weak demand for distillates, such as diesel and heating oil. Heavy crude oil refining margins were also negatively affected by a contraction in the differential between the price of light and heavy crude oil. After peaking at a record-setting level in mid-2008, prices for crude oil and NGLs on average were significantly lower in 2009. In 2009, chemical product margins also generally declined because of the weaker pricing environment and lower average sales prices. An exception was the U.S. PE market, which experienced strong export demand and higher product margins during the latter half of 2009.

LyondellBasell AF's underlying operating results in 2009, compared to 2008, primarily reflected the negative effects of significantly lower product margins and sales volumes. These were partly offset by the benefits of lower fixed costs, strong margins for LyondellBasell AF's propylene oxide and advanced polyolefin products and higher U.S. PE margins. A substantial portion of the lower product margins was due to refining operations, while the lower sales volumes were concentrated in the base chemicals and polymers products and reflected the weakness in demand. The lower fixed costs resulted from LyondellBasell AF's aggressive cost reduction program.

Net income in 2009 also reflected charges related to LyondellBasell AF's planned reorganization under Chapter 11, including professional fees, write-offs of plant asset values, contract rejection claims, employee severance costs and other costs associated with the Chapter 11 proceedings and plant closures. For a detailed description of reorganization charges, see Results of Operations below.

Net income in 2008 included charges for asset impairments, reflecting declines in the value of inventory, goodwill and other intangible assets, as markets weakened and product sales prices and margins declined significantly at the end of 2008.

***Year ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007***

Compared to 2007, the 2008 business environment for refiners and manufacturers of chemicals and polymers was marked by significant volatility in crude oil and raw material prices and, in the latter part of the year, a rapid deterioration in the global economy. During 2007, benchmark crude oil prices steadily rose to then-record levels in December 2007. During 2008, these benchmark crude oil prices continued to increase through June 2008, rising nearly 50%. Benchmark heavy crude refining margins benefited from strong demand for diesel fuel and the cost differential between light crude oil and heavy crude oil, while margins for fuels products, such as MTBE and ETBE, benefited from high gasoline prices. However, the significant escalation of crude oil and raw material prices put downward pressure on chemical and polymer product margins and upward pressure on working capital requirements.

The second half of 2008 was pivotal, marked by a number of significant events, including a fourth quarter contraction of the U.S. and Western European economies of 6.3% and 5.9%, respectively; a 70% decrease in crude oil prices; two U.S. Gulf Coast hurricanes; an extended maintenance turnaround at the Houston Refinery that was prolonged by a crane incident; and a crisis in the global financial markets. Demand in markets for LyondellBasell AF's products was significantly lower in the fourth quarter 2008 as customers reduced inventories. At the same time, the rapid decline in crude oil and raw material prices negatively impacted inventory carrying values.

LyondellBasell AF had an operating loss in 2008 compared to a profit in 2007, despite the acquisition of Lyondell Chemical and the addition of fuels products to its product portfolio. The 2008 operating loss was primarily due to asset impairment losses, reflecting declines in the value of inventory, goodwill and other



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intangible assets as well as the significant decline in market conditions that led to substantial erosion of product profit margins, lower sales volumes and plant operating rates.

LyondellBasell AF's operating loss in 2008 was also adversely affected by lost production at its Houston Refinery attributable to a major planned maintenance turnaround; a fluid catalytic cracker ( FCC ) unit upgrade and catalyst changes; unplanned maintenance on the Houston Refinery's FCC unit; an incident involving a contractor company's crane at the Houston Refinery in July 2008, which in turn led to a re-scoping and time extension of the major maintenance turnaround; and finally, an approximately two- to three-week period in September 2008 when substantially all of LyondellBasell AF's U.S. Gulf Coast operations were temporarily off-line as a result of Hurricane Ike.

References to industry benchmark prices or costs, including the weighted average cost of ethylene production, are generally to industry prices and costs reported by Chemical Marketing Associates, Incorporated ( CMAI ), except that references to industry benchmarks for refining and oxyfuels market margins are to industry prices reported by Platts, a reporting service of The McGraw-Hill Companies and crude oil and natural gas benchmark price references are to Bloomberg.

**Results of Operations*****Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009***

The results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 discussed below are presented in the table below. References to the three months ended June 30, 2010 in the discussion are to the combined Successor and Predecessor results unless otherwise noted.

	Successor		Predecessor
	May 1 through June 30, 2010	April 1 through April 30, 2010	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009
<b>Millions of dollars</b>			
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 6,772	\$ 3,712	\$ 7,499
Cost of sales	6,198	3,284	7,158
Selling, general and administrative expenses	129	91	227
Research and development expenses	23	14	25
Operating income	422	323	89
Interest expense	(132)	(302)	(501)
Interest income	12	3	3
Other income (expense), net	54	(65)	71
Income from equity investments	27	29	22
Reorganization items	(8)	7,803	(124)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	28	(705)	(87)
Net income (loss)	\$ 347	\$ 8,496	\$ (353)



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Results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 discussed below are presented in the table below. References to the six months ended June 30, 2010 in the discussion are to the combined Successor and Predecessor results unless otherwise noted.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>Predecessor January 1 through April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2009</b>
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 6,772	\$ 13,467	\$ 13,399
Cost of sales	6,198	12,414	12,950
Selling, general and administrative expenses	129	308	434
Research and development expenses	23	55	67
Operating income (loss)	422	690	(52)
Interest expense	(132)	(713)	(934)
Interest income	12	5	11
Other income (expense), net	54	(265)	156
Income from equity investments	27	84	2
Reorganization items	(8)	8,010	(1,072)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	28	(693)	(519)
Net income (loss)	\$ 347	\$ 8,504	\$ (1,370)

**Revenues** Revenues were \$10,484 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to revenues of \$7,499 million in the second quarter 2009 and \$20,239 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to \$13,399 in the first six months of 2009. The \$2,985 million and \$6,840 million increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009 were primarily due to higher demand and reflected the effect of higher average product sales prices and higher sales volumes in all but the refining and oxyfuels segment.

**Cost of Sales** Cost of sales were \$9,482 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to \$7,158 million in the second quarter 2009 and \$18,612 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to \$12,950 million in the first six months of 2009.

The Successor period includes a \$333 million non-cash charge to adjust the value of inventory, primarily raw materials and finished goods, at June 30, 2010 to market value, which was lower than the April 30, 2010 value applied during fresh-start accounting, as discussed in *Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings* above. A decrease in depreciation and amortization expense in the Successor period of \$144 million as a result of the Company's revaluation of assets to fair value in fresh-start accounting contributed to lower depreciation and amortization expense in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 of \$211 million and \$216 million, respectively, compared to the prior year periods.

The Predecessor period included a charge of \$23 million for plant closure and other costs related to a polypropylene plant in Terni, Italy (see Note 7 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell N.V. for the period ended June 30, 2010.). Remaining increases in cost of sales for the second quarter and first six months of 2010 were primarily due to higher raw material and utility costs. The higher raw material costs reflect the effects of higher

crude oil and natural gas liquids-based raw material prices.

*R&D Expense* Research and development expenses were \$37 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to \$25 million in the second quarter 2009 and \$78 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to \$67 million in the first six months of 2009. The 2009 periods include the effect of a \$12 million government subsidy.

*Operating Income (Loss)* Operating income was \$745 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to \$89 million in the second quarter 2009 and operating income was \$1,112 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to an operating loss of \$52 million in the first six months of 2009. The increases of

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\$656 million and \$1,164 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, respectively, reflect higher product margins and improved global market conditions in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same 2009 periods when demand was very weak. Results for the second quarter and first six months of 2010 also benefited from lower depreciation and amortization expense recognized during the Successor period as a result of the write-down of assets in fresh-start accounting. The increases in results in both 2010 periods were partially offset by the \$333 million charge to adjust inventory in the Successor Period described above in cost of sales, as well as the negative effect of lost production and higher costs stemming from the unplanned outage related to the crude unit fire at the Houston refinery during the Successor period. In the first six months of 2010, the Predecessor period included a charge of \$23 million for the Terni, Italy plant described above. Operating results for each of the business segments are reviewed further in the *Segment Analysis* section below.

*Interest Expense* Interest expense was \$434 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to \$501 million in the second quarter 2009 and \$845 million compared to \$934 million in the first six months of 2010 and 2009, respectively. The lower interest expense reflected in the Successor period is primarily due to the discharge of approximately \$9 billion of debt in accordance with the Plan of Reorganization upon our emergence from bankruptcy, upon which interest was accruing during the bankruptcy, partially offset by interest expense on the debt incurred as part of the emergence from bankruptcy. This net decrease was partially offset by higher interest expense in the Predecessor periods included in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, primarily related to the DIP financing and a charge of \$153 million related to a terminated interest rate swap. Contractual interest expense for the Predecessor periods included in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 was \$236 million and \$914 million, respectively, compared to \$693 million and \$1,303 million for the second quarter and first six months of 2009, respectively.

*Other Income (Expense), net* Other expense, net of \$11 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to other income of \$71 million in the second quarter 2009. Other expense, net of \$211 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to other income of \$156 million in the first six months of 2009. Other expense, net, in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 included foreign exchange losses of \$14 million and \$218 million, respectively. In the second quarter and first six months of 2009, other income, net, included foreign exchange gains of \$74 million and \$89 million, respectively. Other income, net, in the first six months of 2009 also included involuntary conversion gains of \$72 million. These gains represented partial settlement of outstanding insurance claims related to damages sustained in 2005 at the polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany.

*Reorganization Items* Income from reorganization items was \$7,795 million and \$8,002 million, respectively, in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, and reorganization items expense was \$124 million and \$1,072 million, respectively, in the second quarter and in the first six months of 2009. Income from reorganization items included gains totaling \$13,617 million related to settlement of liabilities subject to compromise, deconsolidation of entities upon emergence, adjustments related to rejected contracts, and a reduction of environmental remediation liabilities. These gains were partially offset by a charge of \$5,656 million related to the changes in net assets resulting from the application of fresh-start accounting and by several one-time emergence costs, including the success and other fees earned by certain professionals upon our emergence from bankruptcy, damages related to the rejection of executory contracts and plant closure costs. Reorganization items expense in the second quarter and first six months of 2009 included charges for asset write-offs associated with a lease rejection, contract termination charges and costs related primarily to the shutdown of our olefins plant at Chocolate Bayou, Texas and the long-term idling of the ethylene glycol facility in Beaumont, Texas; severance charges; professional fees; and a charge for the write off of deferred debt issuance costs related to the Senior Notes due 2015.

*Income Tax* The Company recorded a tax provision of \$28 million, representing an effective tax rate of 7.5% on pre-tax income of \$375 million in the Successor period. In the four months ended April 30, 2010, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$693 million, representing an effective tax rate of (8.9)% on pre-tax income of

\$7,811 million. In the first six months of 2009 we recorded a tax benefit of \$519 million, representing an effective tax rate of 27.5% on a pre-tax loss of \$1,889 million. The provision for the Successor period differs from the U.S. statutory rate of 35% primarily due to the fact that in several countries the

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Company generated either income or losses where no tax expense or benefit was recorded due to valuation allowances on the Company's deferred tax assets in those countries. The tax provision for the Predecessor period included in the first six months of 2010 differs from the statutory rate primarily because a significant portion of the pre-tax gain from the discharge of pre-petition liabilities will not result in future tax liabilities, which was somewhat offset by restructuring charges for which no tax benefit was provided. The tax benefit recorded for the first six months of 2009 was lower than the statutory rate primarily due to restructuring costs for which no tax benefit was provided.

*Net Income (Loss)* Combined net income for the Company, which includes the impact of the Company's reorganization and adoption of fresh-start accounting discussed above in Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings, was \$8,843 million in the second quarter 2010, while LyondellBasell A.F. had a loss of \$353 million in the second quarter 2009. The following table summarizes the major components contributing to net income (loss):

	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>April 1 through April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2009</b>
<b>Millions of dollars</b>			
Operating income	\$ 422	\$ 323	\$ 89
Interest expense, net	(120)	(299)	(498)
Other income (expense), net	54	(65)	71
Income from equity investments	27	29	22
Reorganization items	(8)	7,803	(124)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	28	(705)	(87)
Net income (loss)	\$ 347	\$ 8,496	\$ (353)

Combined net income (loss) for the Company, which includes the impacts of the Company's reorganization and adoption of fresh-start accounting discussed above in Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings, was \$8,851 million in the first six months of 2010, while LyondellBasell A.F. had a net loss of \$1,370 million in the first six months of 2009.

	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>January 1 through April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2009</b>
<b>Millions of dollars</b>			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 422	\$ 690	\$ (52)
Interest expense, net	(120)	(708)	(923)
Other income (expense), net	54	(265)	156
Income from equity investments	27	84	2
Reorganization items	(8)	8,010	(1,072)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	28	(693)	(519)
Net income (loss)	\$ 347	\$ 8,504	\$ (1,370)

***Year Ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008 and Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus December 31, 2007***

*Revenues* LyondellBasell AF had revenues of \$30,828 million in 2009 compared to revenues of \$50,706 million in 2008 and \$17,120 million in 2007. The \$19,878 million decrease in 2009 compared to 2008 reflected the effect of significantly lower sales prices and sales volumes due to lower crude oil and natural gas prices and weaker demand. LyondellBasell AF's revenues increased by \$33,801 million, or 67%, in 2008 and \$990 million, or 6%, in 2007 solely as a result of LyondellBasell AF's acquisition of Lyondell



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Chemical in 2007 and the Berre Refinery in 2008. The remaining \$775 million, or 5%, increase in 2008 revenues reflected higher average sales prices partially offset by the effect of lower sales volumes.

*Cost of Sales* LyondellBasell AF's cost of sales were \$29,372 million in 2009 compared to \$48,780 million in 2008 and \$15,196 million in 2007. The \$19,408 million decrease in 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily due to lower market prices for crude oil, crude oil-based and NGLs raw materials; lower fixed and variable costs; and lower sales volumes and operating rates, reflecting the weak demand. The increases in 2008 and 2007 reflected the acquisitions of Lyondell Chemical and the Berre Refinery, which added \$34,313 million and \$1,045 million, respectively, to cost of sales. The remaining increase of \$316 million, or 2%, in 2008 primarily reflected higher raw material and energy costs compared to 2007.

*SG&A Expenses* Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$850 million in 2009 compared to \$1,197 million in 2008 and \$740 million in 2007. The \$347 million decrease in 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily the result of LyondellBasell AF's 2009 cost reduction program and a favorable effect from changes in currency exchange rates. Currency exchange rates had a favorable effect on costs of non-U.S. operations as the U.S. dollar strengthened versus the euro in 2009 compared to 2008. LyondellBasell AF's SG&A expenses in 2008 included \$564 million of expenses related solely to the Lyondell Chemical and the Berre Refinery acquisitions. Excluding SG&A costs of the acquired companies, SG&A decreased by \$107 million in 2008 compared to 2007, primarily due to the favorable currency translation effects of a stronger U.S. dollar in 2008.

*In-process Research and Development* LyondellBasell AF recognized a \$95 million charge for in-process research and development (IPR&D) related to the December 20, 2007 acquisition of Lyondell Chemical. For a discussion of IPR&D, see Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*Operating Income* LyondellBasell AF had operating income of \$317 million in 2009 compared to an operating loss of \$5,928 million in 2008 and operating income of \$934 million in 2007. Results in 2009 compared to 2008 reflected the benefits of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program, offset by the unfavorable effects of lower product margins, sales volumes, and currency exchange rates on non-U.S. operating income. Results in 2008 were impacted by charges of \$4,982 million and \$225 million, respectively, for impairment of goodwill related to the December 20, 2007 acquisition of Lyondell Chemical and the carrying value of the Berre Refinery; and a charge of \$1,256 million to adjust LyondellBasell AF's inventory to market value. The remainder of the decrease in operating income in 2008 was primarily due to lower product margins and the effect of lower sales volumes across all business segments compared to 2007. The declines in product margins and sales volumes in 2008 were attributable to the negative effects of Hurricane Ike and the refinery turnaround as well as to the higher cost of raw materials.

*Interest Expense* Interest expense was \$1,795 million in 2009 compared to \$2,476 million in 2008 and \$353 million in 2007. The decrease in interest expense in 2009 was primarily due to various debt instruments becoming subject to compromise as a result of the Chapter 11 filing. LyondellBasell AF's contractual interest expense was \$2,720 million for 2009, \$2,476 million for 2008 and \$353 million for 2007. The increase in interest expense in 2008 was primarily due to an increase in debt used to fund the acquisition of Lyondell Chemical in December 2007, including the \$7,506 million of debt retained by Lyondell Chemical. Interest expense in 2008 also included a \$55 million non-cash charge related to the termination of an interest rate swap.

*Other Income, net* LyondellBasell AF had other income, net, of \$325 million in 2009 compared to \$113 million in 2008 and \$127 million in 2007. In 2009 and 2008, LyondellBasell AF recognized involuntary conversion gains of \$120 million and \$79 million, respectively, representing partial insurance settlements of outstanding insurance claims related to damages sustained in 2005 at the polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany, and foreign exchange gains of \$113 million and \$20 million, respectively, as a result of changes in currency exchange rates. Other income, net, in

2009 also included benefits totaling \$72 million resulting from indemnifications received from previous plant owner for employee benefit and environmental remediation costs related to plant closures and a \$15 million gain related to settlement of a U.K. pension claim. Other income, net, in 2007 included the benefit from a \$200 million break-up fee related to the proposed merger with Huntsman, partially offset by a \$57 million charge related to a 2005 exit fee from a U.K. pension plan.

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*Reorganization Items* LyondellBasell AF had reorganization items totaling \$2,961 million in 2009, including charges for the write-off of assets associated with a lease rejection; damage claims related to certain executory contracts; the net write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs, premiums and discounts; environmental liabilities; professional fees associated with the Chapter 11 proceedings; shutdown costs related primarily to the shutdown of its olefins plant at Chocolate Bayou, Texas and its EG facility in Beaumont, Texas; as well as employee severance and other costs. For additional information on reorganization items, see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*Income Tax* LyondellBasell AF's effective income tax rate for 2009 was 33%, resulting in a tax benefit of \$1,411 million on a pretax loss of \$4,277 million. The 2009 estimated annual effective income tax rate was lower than the statutory 35% rate primarily due to the effects of non-deductible costs partially related to the voluntary filings of petitions for relief under Chapter 11, and the provision of valuation allowances in jurisdictions where future tax benefits are not expected to be recognized. The negative rate impact was partially offset by the recognition of tax benefits related to a favorable tax ruling in The Netherlands. During 2008, LyondellBasell AF had a tax benefit of \$848 million on a pretax loss of \$8,184 million. The effective income tax rate of 10.4% in 2008 primarily reflected the effect of goodwill impairment charges, which are not deductible for tax purposes, and the provision of valuation allowances in jurisdictions where future tax benefits are not expected to be realized. The effective income tax rate of 29.7% in 2007 primarily reflected the effect of decreases in statutory and other tax rates in Germany and Italy partly offset by the effect of the purchased IPR&D charge, which was not deductible for tax purposes.

*Income (loss) from Continuing Operations* LyondellBasell AF had a loss of \$2,866 million in 2009 compared to a loss of \$7,336 million in 2008 and income of \$661 million in 2007. The following table summarizes the major components contributing to the income (loss) from continuing operations:

Millions of dollars	For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Operating income (loss)	\$ 317	\$ (5,928)	\$ 934
Income (loss) from equity investments	(181)	38	162
Interest expense, net	(1,777)	(2,407)	(283)
Other income, net	325	113	127
Reorganization items	(2,961)		
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(1,411)	(848)	279
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (2,866)	\$ (7,336)	\$ 661

In 2009, the loss from equity investments for the O&P EAI segment included charges of \$228 million for impairment of the carrying value of LyondellBasell AF's equity investments in certain joint ventures. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009 for more information on equity investments in joint ventures.

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The table below summarizes some of the items of special note with regards to LyondellBasell AF's income (loss) from continuing operations for the periods shown:

Millions of dollars	For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Pretax charges (benefits):			
Impairments	\$ 245	\$ 5,207	\$ 20
Reorganization items	2,961		
Inventory valuation adjustment to market value	127	1,256	
Huntsman breakage fee			(200)
Management fees			100
Purchased IPR&D			95
Benefit from employee pension and post-retirement plan amendments			(48)
Merger and acquisition costs			46
Interest rate swap termination - Structured Financing Transaction		55	
Hurricane costs	5	55	
Gains related to insurance settlements	(120)	(79)	
Provisions for uncollectible accounts receivable	18	47	(14)
Total pretax income effect	3,236	6,541	(1)
Tax effect of above items	(1,133)	(546)	34
Decrease in non-U.S. statutory tax rates			(117)
Total	\$ 2,103	\$ 5,995	\$ (84)

Impairments in 2009 include an adjustment related to prior periods which increased LyondellBasell AF's income from operations and net income for the three-month period ended December 31, 2009, by \$65 million. The adjustment related to an overstatement of goodwill impairment in 2008.

*Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations, Net of Tax* - LyondellBasell AF had income from discontinued operations of \$1 million and \$15 million, respectively, in 2009 and 2008 related to the sale of a toluene di-isocyanate business in September 2008.

**Fourth Quarter 2009 versus Third Quarter 2009**

LyondellBasell AF had a loss from continuing operations of \$852 million in the fourth quarter 2009 compared to \$649 million in the third quarter 2009 as lower underlying operating results were more than offset by the effects of lower reorganization and impairment charges. Underlying operating results were lower in the fourth quarter 2009 due to lower margins on chemical products and the effect of lower oxyfuels sales volumes and margins. The fourth quarter 2009 included after tax charges of \$644 million and \$11 million related to reorganization items and impairments, respectively, compared to \$603 million and \$140 million, respectively, in the third quarter 2009. The fourth quarter 2009 impairment charges primarily related to emissions allowances, while the third quarter 2009 impairment charges related to the carrying value of certain equity investments as a result of weak current and projected market conditions.



**Table of Contents****Segment Analysis**

The following tables reflect selected financial information for our reportable segments for the periods indicated. Operating income (loss) is reported on a current cost basis for segment reporting.

(Millions) Millions of dollars	For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>Sales and other operating revenues:</b>			
Refining and Oxyfuels segment	\$ 12,078	\$ 18,362	\$ 478
O&P Americas segment	8,614	16,412	2,817
O&P EAI segment	9,401	13,489	13,145
I&D segment	3,778	6,218	429
Technology segment	543	583	497
Other, including intersegment eliminations	(3,586)	(4,358)	(246)
Total	\$ 30,828	\$ 50,706	\$ 17,120
<b>Operating income (loss)(a):</b>			
Refining and Oxyfuels segment	\$ (357)	\$ (2,378)	\$ 21
O&P Americas segment	169	(1,355)	61
O&P EAI segment	(2)	220	934
I&D segment	250	(1,915)	(42)
Technology segment	210	202	152
Other, including intersegment eliminations	18	(134)	(248)
Current cost adjustment	29	(568)	56
Total	\$ 317	\$ (5,928)	\$ 934
<b>Income (loss) from equity investments:</b>			
O&P Americas segment	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 12
O&P EAI segment	(172)	34	150
I&D segment	(16)	(2)	
Total	\$ (181)	\$ 38	\$ 162

(a) Certain data for the twelve months ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 were revised. See Note 29 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009.

LyondellBasell N.V.'s operations comprise substantially the same businesses owned and operated by LyondellBasell AF prior to the Company's emergence from bankruptcy. However, for accounting purposes, the operations of LyondellBasell AF are deemed to have ceased on April 30, 2010 and LyondellBasell N.V. is deemed to have begun operations on that date. The results of operations for the Successor are not comparable to the Predecessor due to adjustments made under fresh-start accounting as described in Emergence from Chapter 11 Proceedings. The impact of these items is addressed in the discussion of each segment's results below.

Operating income (loss) for segment reporting is on a LIFO basis for the Successor and on a current cost basis for the Predecessor.

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Millions of dollars	Predecessor			Predecessor		
	Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010	April 1 through April 30, 2010	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009	Successor May 1 through June 30, 2010	January 1 through April 30, 2010	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
<b>Sales and other operating revenues:</b>						
Refining and Oxyfuels segment	\$ 2,403	\$ 1,333	\$ 3,167	\$ 2,403	\$ 4,748	\$ 5,432
O&P Americas segment	2,004	1,163	2,037	2,004	4,183	3,615
O&P EAI segment	2,140	1,066	2,170	2,140	4,105	3,889
I&D segment	940	504	810	940	1,820	1,571
Technology segment	75	35	150	75	145	266
Other, including intersegment eliminations	(790)	(389)	(835)	(790)	(1,534)	(1,374)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,772</b>	<b>\$ 3,712</b>	<b>\$ 7,499</b>	<b>\$ 6,772</b>	<b>\$ 13,467</b>	<b>\$ 13,399</b>
<b>Operating income (loss):</b>						
Refining and Oxyfuels segment	\$ 14	\$ 29	\$ (80)	\$ 14	\$ (99)	\$ (124)
O&P Americas segment	149	175	69	149	320	(32)
O&P EAI segment	114	44	2	114	115	(72)
I&D segment	109	34	41	109	157	119
Technology segment	23	8	67	23	39	117
Other, including intersegment eliminations	13	18	(28)	13	(41)	(37)
Current cost adjustment		15	18		199	(23)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 422</b>	<b>\$ 323</b>	<b>\$ 89</b>	<b>\$ 422</b>	<b>\$ 690</b>	<b>\$ (52)</b>
<b>Income (loss) from equity investments:</b>						
O&P Americas segment	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$
O&P EAI segment	25	28	25	25	80	14
I&D segment	(1)		(5)	(1)	(1)	(12)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27</b>	<b>\$ 29</b>	<b>\$ 22</b>	<b>\$ 27</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>

**Refining and Oxyfuels Segment**

*Overview* The Refining and Oxyfuels segment produces refined petroleum products, including gasoline, ultra low sulfur diesel, jet fuel, aromatics, lubricants and oxygenated fuels, or oxyfuels, such as MTBE, ETBE and alkylate. Our full-conversion Houston Refinery processes heavy, high sulfur Venezuelan crude oil supplied under a contract with PDVSA Oil. Under the crude oil contract the refinery purchases 230,000 barrels per day of heavy, high sulfur crude oil, which constitutes approximately 86% of its rated crude oil refining capacity of 268,000 barrels per day. In early 2009, the Houston Refinery exercised an option to reduce the contractual volume to 215,000 barrels per day through



July 31, 2011. The pricing under the crude oil contract is market-based. The Houston Refinery generally purchases the balance of its crude oil requirements on the spot market.

On April 1, 2008, LyondellBasell AF completed the purchase of the Berre Refinery. The Berre Refinery provides raw materials for one of LyondellBasell AF's European sites that operates a world-scale steam cracker and polypropylene and PE plants, as well as a butadiene extraction unit at Berre l'Étang and a PE plant at nearby Fos sur Mer. The Berre Refinery's products include naphtha, liquefied petroleum gas, gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, heating oil and bitumen.

**Table of Contents****Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009**

In the second quarter and first six months of 2010, benchmark heavy crude refining margins averaged higher compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009, primarily due to an increase in the differential between the cost of heavy and light crude oil.

Refining and Oxyfuels segment operating results in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same 2009 periods primarily reflected higher benchmark refining margins and lower crude processing volumes for the Houston refinery. Crude processing volumes for the Berre refinery were also lower in the first six months of 2010 due to maintenance outages in the first quarter 2010. Houston refinery volumes were lower in the second quarter 2010 primarily due to a crude unit fire in May 2010 and were lower in the first six months of 2010 as a result of the crude unit fire and sulfur recovery constraints. Oxyfuels results in both 2010 periods were lower compared to a strong second quarter and first six months of 2009, primarily due to lower margins.

Operating results for the Successor period included in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 also reflected the impacts of fresh-start accounting, including a non-cash charge to adjust inventory to market value and the benefit of lower depreciation and amortization expense related to the write-down of segment assets (see Results of Operations Cost of Sales ).

The following table sets forth the Refining and Oxyfuels segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating loss and sales volumes for certain gasoline blending components for the applicable three and six month periods:

	Predecessor			Predecessor		
	Successor	Predecessor	Three	Successor	Predecessor	Six
	May 1	April 1	Months	May 1	January 1	Months
	through	through	Ended	through	through	Ended
	June 30,	April 30,	June 30,	June 30,	April 30,	June 30,
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2010	2009
<b>Millions of dollars</b>						
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 2,403	\$ 1,333	\$ 3,167	\$ 2,403	\$ 4,748	\$ 5,432
Operating income (loss)	14	29	(80)	14	(99)	(124)
<b>Sales Volumes, in millions</b>						
Gasoline blending components						
MTBE/ETBE (gallons)	159	77	220	159	266	425
<b>Crude processing rates (thousands of barrels per day):</b>						
Houston Refining	152	264	231	152	263	250
Berre Refinery	106	83	93	106	75	90
<b>Market margins \$ per barrel</b>						
WTI 2-1-1	10.98	9.41	7.39	10.98	7.50	8.52
WTI Maya	8.80	11.01	4.58	8.80	9.46	4.52
Total	19.78	20.42	11.97	19.78	16.96	13.04
Urals 4-1-2-1	7.53	6.93	5.69	7.53	6.17	6.32

**Market margins    cents per gallon**

ETBE	NWE	64.17	87.10	101.24	64.17	58.46	73.72
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*Revenues*    Revenues for the second quarter 2010 increased by \$569 million, or 18%, compared to the second quarter 2009, while revenues increased by \$1,719 million, or 32%, in the first six months of 2010 compared to the first six months of 2009. The increases were primarily due to higher average sales prices at the Houston refinery, partly offset by the effect of lower sales volumes for refining and oxyfuels products. Crude processing rates for the Houston refinery were lower by 18% and 10%, respectively, in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, compared to the respective 2009 periods, primarily due to the crude unit

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fire in May 2010. The Berre refinery's crude processing rates were 6% higher in the second quarter 2010 and 4% lower in the first six months 2010 compared to the same 2009 periods.

*Operating Income (Loss)* Operating results for the second quarter 2010 increased \$123 million compared to the second quarter 2009. For the first six months of 2010, operating results increased by \$39 million compared to the first six months of 2009. Operating results for the Successor period were negatively impacted by a \$132 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory at June 30, 2010 to market value, which was lower than the April 30, 2010 value applied during fresh-start accounting. A decrease in depreciation and amortization expense of \$81 million in the Successor period as a result of the Company's revaluation of its assets in fresh-start accounting contributed to lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$88 million and \$90 million, respectively, in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009. Operating results in both 2010 periods were negatively affected by the crude unit fire, resulting in lost production and \$14 million of cash costs. Operating results in the second quarter and first six months of 2009 included benefits of \$2 million and \$50 million, respectively, from the settlement of hedging activity at the Houston refinery related to distillates. Apart from the effects of the crude unit fire and the 2009 settlement of distillate hedges, increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 primarily were primarily due to higher refinery product margins, partially offset by lower product margins for oxyfuels.

**Second Quarter 2010 versus First Quarter 2010**

The Refining and Oxyfuels segment had operating income of \$43 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to an operating loss of \$128 million in the first quarter 2010. Operating results for the Successor period includes the \$132 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory to market value and \$81 million of lower depreciation and amortization expense. The Successor period also includes the negative effects of lost production and \$14 million of cash costs related to the Houston refinery crude unit fire. Underlying operating results increased primarily due to higher crude refining and oxyfuels margins. The effect of 28% lower crude processing rates in the second quarter 2010 resulting from the crude unit fire at the Houston refinery was mitigated by the purchase of intermediate streams, discounted cargos and favorable timing of transactions, all of which enabled downstream processing units to run closer to full capacity during the outage. Compared to first quarter 2010 crude processing rates, the second quarter rate at the Berre refinery increased by 36% as maintenance activities in the first quarter 2010 were completed.

***Year Ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008***

Benchmark refining margins for 2009 were lower compared to 2008, generally reflecting the weaker global economy and consequent weaker demand for gasoline and distillate products, such as diesel and heating oil. The weaker demand resulted in lower prices for light crude oil, while OPEC-mandated production cuts resulted in lower supplies of heavy crude oil and lower price discounts relative to light crude oil. Both factors compressed the price differential between light and heavy crude oil. Benchmark margins for oxyfuels in 2009 were comparable to 2008.

Refining and Oxyfuels segment operating results in 2009 primarily reflected the effects of significantly lower U.S. refining margins compared to the same period in 2008. The operating results of the Berre Refinery, which was acquired on April 1, 2008, reflected the weak distillate markets in 2009. Operating results in 2009 benefited from higher margins for gasoline blending components and lower utility and fixed costs, but were negatively affected by outages of some of the Houston Refinery's sulfur recovery units during the second quarter 2009 and of a crude unit during the fourth quarter 2009. As a result of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program, fixed costs were significantly lower in 2009 compared to 2008.

In 2008, as further discussed below, operating results were negatively impacted by lost production at the Houston Refinery due to the effects of a hurricane and a scheduled maintenance turnaround of one of the Houston Refinery's crude trains and coker units during the third quarter 2008 that was delayed by an incident involving a contractor's

crane and an unplanned second quarter 2008 outage of a FCC unit.

**Table of Contents****Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007**

During 2008, the Refining and Oxyfuels segment comprises the refining and fuels businesses of Lyondell Chemical, acquired on December 20, 2007, and, beginning on April 1, 2008, the Berre Refinery.

Benchmark heavy crude refining margins in 2008 benefited from strong demand for diesel fuel and the cost differential between light crude oil and heavy crude oil, while margins for oxyfuels products, MTBE and ETBE, benefited from high gasoline prices.

During 2008, the Refining and Oxyfuels segment benefited from strong margins for heavy crude at the Houston Refinery and for the segment's oxyfuels products. The operating results for the Berre Refinery were break-even. Operating results were negatively affected by planned and unplanned outages at the Houston Refinery.

A maintenance turnaround at the Houston Refinery in 2008 was scheduled for one of the refinery's crude trains and coker units. As a result of an incident in July 2008, involving a contractor company's crane, and Hurricane Ike later in the third quarter 2008, the coker unit was not restarted until early December 2008. In addition, operating results in the 2008 period were negatively impacted by the unplanned outage of a fluid catalytic cracker unit and other operating units at the Houston Refinery, all of which resulted in lost production and additional maintenance costs.

The following table sets forth the Refining and Oxyfuels segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income and sales volumes for certain gasoline blending components for the applicable periods. The 2007 period reflects the acquired Lyondell Chemical refining and oxyfuels business beginning December 21, 2007.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 12,078	\$ 18,362	\$ 478
Operating income (loss)	(357)	(2,378)	21
<b>Sales volumes, in millions</b>			
Gasoline blending components MTBE/ETBE (gallons)	831	1,018	39
<b>Crude processing rates</b> (thousands of barrels per day):			
Houston Refining	244	222	279
Berre Refinery(1)	86	102	

(1) Berre Refinery purchased April 1, 2008

The following table shows market refining margins for the U.S. and Europe and ETBE margins in Northwest Europe ( NWE ). In the U.S., WTI, is a light crude oil, while Maya is a heavy crude oil. In Europe, Urals 4-1-2-1 is a measure of West European refining margins.

**For the Twelve Months Ended  
December 31,**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Market margins \$ per barrel</b>			
WTI 2-1-1	6.98	12.37	13.37
WTI Maya	5.18	15.71	12.41
Total	12.16	28.08	25.78
Urals 4-1-2-1	5.57	10.98	8.67
<b>Market margins cents per gallon</b>			
ETBE NWE	68.86	68.61	53.33

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**Revenues** The Refining and Oxyfuels segment had revenues of \$12,078 million in 2009 compared to revenues of \$18,362 million in 2008 and \$478 million in 2007. The decrease in revenues in 2009 from 2008 was primarily due to lower sales prices, partially offset by higher sales volumes at the Houston Refinery. The decrease in 2009 also was mitigated by the effect of a full year of operation of the Berre Refinery, which was acquired April 1, 2008. The 2007 period reflects the revenues of the acquired Lyondell Chemical refining and oxyfuels business beginning December 21, 2007.

**Operating Income** The Refining and Oxyfuels segment had an operating loss of \$357 million in 2009 compared to an operating loss of \$2,378 million in 2008 and operating income of \$21 million in 2007. Operating results in 2009 were negatively affected by lower crude refining margins, partially offset by lower utility costs due to lower natural gas prices and lower fixed costs. The latter reflected LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program. The lower refining margins were primarily attributable to U.S. refining markets, although margins were lower for both the Houston and Berre refineries.

In 2008, operating results were negatively impacted by scheduled maintenance turnarounds of crude and coker units and the related July 2008 crane incident at the Houston Refinery, as well as by operating disruptions related to Hurricane Ike by an estimated \$205 million. In addition to the turnaround and hurricane effects, operating results were negatively affected by an estimated \$220 million as a result of lost production due to unplanned maintenance at the Houston Refinery's FCC and other operating units. Operating results were also negatively impacted by impairment charges against goodwill of \$2,305 million and other assets of \$218 million and inventory valuation adjustments of \$442 million.

The 2007 period reflected the operating results of the acquired Lyondell Chemical refining and oxyfuels business from December 21, 2007.

**Olefins and Polyolefins Americas Segment**

**Overview** The O&P Americas segment manufactures and markets olefins, including ethylene and its co-products, primarily propylene, butadiene and aromatics, which include benzene and toluene, as well as ethanol; and polyolefins, which include PE, comprising HDPE, LDPE and LLDPE, and polypropylene and *Catalloy* process resins. The manufacturing and marketing is generally in the Americas, which includes the U.S., Canada, Mexico and South America.

**Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009**

Market demand in the U.S. for ethylene was higher during the second quarter and first six months of 2010 resulting in higher industry operating rates compared to rates experienced during the second quarter and first six months of 2009. Ethylene margins were higher as benchmark sales prices increased significantly more than the benchmark weighted average cost of ethylene production. These margins were strengthened further by higher prices for co-products propylene and butadiene. Ethylene prices and margins peaked in March 2010 but remained at high levels compared to the first six months of 2009. Demand for polyolefins in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 was comparable to the second quarter and first six months of 2009 as export declines were offset by improved domestic demand.

The O&P Americas segment operating results in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 primarily reflected strong demand and higher margins for ethylene, fueled by unplanned operating issues at competitor facilities. Higher monomer prices negatively affected margins for polyolefins in the first quarter 2010 periods but margins began to improve in the second quarter 2010 as monomer prices peaked and utility prices declined. Polypropylene results, which were relatively unchanged in the second quarter 2010, increased modestly in the first six months of 2010



compared to the same periods in 2009. Operating results for the Successor period included in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 also reflected the impacts of the Company's reorganization and fresh-start accounting, including a non-cash charge to adjust inventory to market value and the benefit of lower depreciation and amortization expense related to the write-down of segment assets (see Results of Operations - Cost of Sales ).

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*Ethylene Raw Materials* Benchmark crude oil and natural gas prices generally have been indicators of the level and direction of movement of raw material and energy costs for ethylene and its co-products in the O&P Americas segment. Ethylene and its co-products are produced from two major raw material groups:

crude oil-based liquids ( liquids or heavy liquids ), including naphthas, condensates, and gas oils, the prices of which are generally related to crude oil prices; and

NGLs, principally ethane and propane, the prices of which are generally affected by natural gas prices.

Although the prices of these raw materials are generally related to crude oil and natural gas prices, during specific periods the relationships among these materials and benchmarks may vary significantly.

In the U.S., LyondellBasell N.V. has the ability to shift its ratio of raw materials used in the production of ethylene and its co-products to take advantage of the relative costs of heavy liquids and NGLs. During the second quarter and first six months of 2010, production economics for the industry continued to favor NGLs. During the second quarter 2010, approximately 65% of the Company's U.S. ethylene production was from NGLs, predominantly ethane.

The following table shows the average U.S. benchmark prices for crude oil and natural gas for the applicable three- and six-month periods, as well as benchmark U.S. sales prices for ethylene and propylene, which LyondellBasell N.V. produces and sells or consumes internally. The benchmark weighted average cost of ethylene production, which is reduced by co-product revenues, is based on CMAI's estimated ratio of heavy liquid raw materials and NGLs used in U.S. ethylene production and is subject to revision:

	<b>Average Benchmark Price and Percent Change Versus Prior Year Period Average</b>					
	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>			<b>For the Six Months Ended</b>		
	<b>June 30,</b>			<b>June 30,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>
Crude oil dollars per barrel	78.05	59.79	31%	78.46	51.68	52%
Natural gas dollars per million BTUs	4.04	3.44	17%	4.70	3.83	23%
Weighted average cost of ethylene production cents per pound	26.75	24.63	9%	30.57	24.23	26%
United States cents per pound						
Polyethylene (high density)	84.00	65.00	29%	83.67	62.33	34%
Ethylene	45.58	31.50	45%	48.96	31.50	55%
Polypropylene	89.83	58.50	54%	88.83	55.00	62%
Propylene polymer grade	63.33	32.00	98%	62.42	28.42	120%

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The following table sets forth the O&P Americas segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income and selected product sales volumes:

	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>			<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Six</b>	
	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Months</b>	
	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>April 30,</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>April 30,</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	
<b>Millions of dollars</b>							
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 2,004	\$ 1,163	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,004	\$ 4,183	\$ 3,615	
Operating income	149	175	69	149	320	(32)	
Income from equity investments	3	1	2	3	5		
<b>Production Volumes, in millions of pounds</b>							
Ethylene	1,249	749	2,094	1,249	2,768	4,082	
Propylene	513	264	731	513	1,019	1,407	
<b>Sales Volumes, in millions of pounds</b>							
Polypropylene	449	221	656	449	836	1,197	
Polyethylene	850	415	1,342	850	1,754	2,578	

**Revenues** Revenues for the second quarter 2010 increased by \$1,130 million, or 55%, compared to revenues in the second quarter 2009. For the first six months of 2010, revenues increased by \$2,572 million, or 71%, compared to revenues in the first six months of 2009. The increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 were primarily due to the effect of significantly higher average sales prices for most products and for the first six months of 2010, higher sales volumes for ethylene and polypropylene. In the second quarter 2010, higher ethylene sales volumes were substantially offset by a 3% decrease in polyolefins sales volumes due to a scheduled maintenance turnaround at our Morris, Illinois polyolefin plant. The increases in average sales prices and ethylene sales volumes in the 2010 periods were driven by increased demand due to general economic recovery and a decrease in supply resulting from operating issues at competitor plants.

**Operating Income (Loss)** Operating income in the second quarter 2010 increased by \$255 million compared to the second quarter 2009 and increased by \$501 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to the first six months of 2009. Operating results for the Successor period were negatively impacted by a \$171 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory at June 30, 2010 to market value, which was lower than the April 30, 2010 value applied during fresh-start accounting. A decrease in depreciation and amortization expense in the Successor period of \$27 million as a result of the Company's revaluation of its assets in fresh-start accounting contributed to lower depreciation and amortization expense in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 of \$46 million and \$48 million, respectively, compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009.

The remaining increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 were primarily due to higher product margins, particularly for ethylene. Ethylene margins in the 2010 periods improved significantly compared to 2009 as higher average sales prices more than offset higher raw material costs. The higher results for ethylene in the first six months of 2010 were minimally offset by lower polyolefin results as higher ethylene prices during the first six months of 2010, negatively impacted polyethylene margins compared to the same period in 2009. Results for polypropylene, including *Catalloy*, also improved in the second quarter 2010 and first six months of 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily due to lower utility costs.

**Second Quarter 2010 versus First Quarter 2010**

Operating income of \$324 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to operating income of \$145 million in the first quarter 2010. Operating results for the Successor period included the \$171 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory that had declined in value after the emergence date and a benefit from lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$27 million. The adjustment to inventory and change in depreciation and amortization expense are both a result of fresh-start accounting adjustments made to the

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inventory and fixed asset balances, respectively, of the O&P-Americas segment. The increase in the results of the segment's underlying operations is primarily due to higher product margins, particularly polyethylene and ethylene. The higher product margins reflected higher average sales prices coupled with lower raw material costs. Polyethylene sales volumes were lower in the second quarter 2010 due in part to a scheduled maintenance turnaround at our Morris, Illinois facility.

***Year Ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008***

While improving during the course of 2009 after a collapse of the market in the second half of 2008, ethylene market demand in the U.S. remained weak, resulting in lower industry operating rates in 2009 compared to rates in the 90% to 95% range during 2008. Ethylene margins contracted as benchmark sales prices decreased more than the benchmark weighted average cost of ethylene production. Polyolefins markets were weaker in 2009 compared to 2008 with the notable exception of U.S. PE markets, which benefited from strong export demand during 2009.

The O&P Americas segment operating results for 2009 primarily reflect the strong PE export markets in 2009, lower olefins product margins and lower fixed costs. As a result of weak ethylene demand during late 2008 and the first half of 2009, LyondellBasell AF idled and subsequently shut down the Chocolate Bayou olefins plant, near Alvin, Texas. LyondellBasell AF also idled and subsequently restarted the La Porte, Texas olefins plant in January 2009. Polyolefins product results for 2009 reflected strong PE export markets in 2009, which benefited PE product margins and sales volumes. However, other polyolefins product markets were weaker and resulted in net lower sales volumes compared to 2008. As a result of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program, fixed costs were significantly lower in 2009 compared to 2008.

In the third quarter 2008, operating results were negatively impacted by lost production at certain U.S. Gulf Coast plants due to the effects of a hurricane.

***Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007***

In 2008, the O&P Americas segment included the olefins and polyolefins businesses of Lyondell Chemical, which were acquired on December 20, 2007.

During 2008, U.S. ethylene producers using crude oil-based raw materials experienced pressure on product margins as increases in average benchmark ethylene and co-product sales prices failed to keep pace with increases in average raw material costs. Benchmark prices of crude oil-based liquid raw materials averaged higher in 2008, despite the significant decline in crude oil prices in the latter part of 2008 from the record levels reached in mid-2008. Polyolefins markets experienced weakened demand during 2008 compared to 2007. The slowdown of the global economy, the crises in financial markets and the third quarter 2008 U.S. Gulf Coast hurricanes had the most significant negative effects on demand.

The O&P Americas segment's underlying operating results declined in 2008 compared to 2007, despite the acquisition of the Lyondell Chemical business, due to the significant volatility in raw material costs. Higher raw material costs and declines in polyolefin sales prices during 2008 compared to 2007 put pressure on polyolefin product margins. Furthermore, the rapid decline in crude oil prices, particularly in the fourth quarter 2008, resulted in adjustments of the inventory values to reflect their lower market value. Operating results were also negatively affected by Hurricane Ike, which resulted in lost production and additional costs in 2008.

***Ethylene Raw Materials***

During 2009, production economics favored NGLs. As a result, LyondellBasell AF increased its use of NGLs and minimized liquids consumption at its U.S. plants. This included the above-noted permanent shutdown of LyondellBasell AF's liquids-based Chocolate Bayou facility. During 2009, approximately 70% of LyondellBasell AF's U.S. ethylene production was produced from NGLs.

The following table shows the average U.S. benchmark prices for crude oil and natural gas for the applicable periods, as well as benchmark U.S. sales prices for ethylene and propylene, and certain PE and

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polypropylene products. The benchmark weighted average cost of ethylene production, which is reduced by co-product revenues, is based on CMAI's estimated ratio of heavy liquid raw materials and NGLs used in U.S. ethylene production and is subject to revision.

**Average Benchmark Price and Percent Change Versus Prior Year Period  
Average**

	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Change</b>	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change</b>
Crude oil dollars per barrel	61.58	99.51	(38.1)%	99.51	72.23	37.8%
Natural gas dollars per million BTUs	3.78	8.86	(57.3)%	8.86	6.81	30.1%
Weighted average cost of ethylene production cents per pound	26.21	45.39	(42.0)%	45.39	37.93	19.0%
United States cents per pound						
Polyethylene (high density)	66.50	86.42	(23.1)%	86.42	73.25	18.0%
Ethylene	33.94	58.50	(42.0)%	58.50	48.75	20.0%
Polypropylene	64.42	87.63	(26.5)%	87.63	77.08	13.7%
Propylene polymer grade	37.92	59.96	(36.8)%	59.96	50.41	18.9%

As indicated in the table above, 2009 average natural gas and crude oil prices decreased significantly compared to 2008. NGLs have been the favored raw material in ethylene production in the U.S. during much of 2009 as NGL prices have been lower relative to crude oil, and prices for heavy liquid ethylene co-products such as propylene have generally not been high enough to economically justify heavy liquid cracking.

The following table sets forth the O&P Americas segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income, income from equity investments and selected product sales volumes. The 2007 period includes the acquired Lyondell Chemical olefins and polyolefins business from December 21, 2007.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 8,614	\$ 16,412	\$ 2,817
Operating income (loss)	169	(1,355)	61
Income from equity investments	7	6	12
<b>Production volumes, in millions of pounds</b>			
Ethylene	8,129	7,990	9,012
Propylene	2,913	3,975	5,049
<b>Sales volumes, in millions of pounds</b>			
Polypropylene	2,509	2,928	3,300
Polyethylene	5,593	5,256	377

*Revenues* Revenues were \$8,614 million in 2009 compared to \$16,412 million in 2008 and \$2,817 million in 2007. The decrease in 2009 revenues reflects the effect of lower product sales prices and net lower sale volumes. The net lower sales volumes in 2009 were a result of lower sales volumes for polypropylene and ethylene and co-products,

partly offset by higher sales volumes for PE, which benefited from the strong U.S. export markets. The 2007 period includes the revenues of the acquired Lyondell Chemical olefins and polyolefins business from December 21, 2007.

*Operating Income* The O&P Americas segment had operating income of \$169 million in 2009 compared to an operating loss of \$1,355 million in 2008 and operating income of \$61 million in 2007. The underlying operations of the O&P Americas segment in 2009 reflected the benefit of lower fixed costs, resulting from LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program, partially offset by net lower product margins and the effect of net lower sales volumes. Operating results for 2008 were negatively affected by the estimated \$120 million impact of lost production due to Hurricane Ike, and related costs of \$39 million, including a



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\$7 million pretax charge for impairment of the carrying value of assets; inventory valuation adjustments of \$619 million; and goodwill impairment charges of \$624 million.

The 2007 period includes the operating results for the acquired Lyondell Chemical olefins and polyolefins business from December 21, 2007.

**Olefins and Polyolefins Europe, Asia, International Segment**

*Overview* The O&P EAI segment manufactures and markets olefins, including ethylene and propylene, primarily for its internal consumption and butadiene; and polyolefins, which include PE, comprising HDPE and LDPE and polypropylene, as well as PP compounds, *Catalloy* process resins and PB-1 polymers. The manufacturing and marketing is generally in Europe, Asia and other regions outside of the Americas with the exception of PP compounds and PB-1, which are manufactured and marketed globally by the O&P EAI segment.

***Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009***

Ethylene market demand in Europe was generally higher in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 as planned and unplanned competitor outages resulted in tight supply and higher operating rates in the second quarter of 2010. Global polyolefin markets also improved in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the 2009 periods. The improvement in polypropylene and LDPE reflected tight supply conditions amid planned and unplanned outages throughout the 2010 periods.

The O&P-EAI segment operating results for the second quarter and first six months of 2010 reflected the effects of higher product margins for olefins and polyolefins, and higher sales volumes for PP Compounds and polypropylene compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009. The higher sales volumes for PP Compounds were a result of higher demand, primarily from the automotive industry. Operating results for the Successor period included in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 also reflected the impacts of fresh-start accounting, including the benefit of lower depreciation and amortization expense related to the write-down of segment assets and a non-cash charge to adjust inventory to market value (see Results of Operations Cost of Sales ).

*Ethylene Raw Materials* In Europe, heavy liquids are the primary raw materials for LyondellBasell N.V.'s ethylene production.

The following table shows the average West Europe benchmark prices for Brent crude oil, a heavy liquid raw material, for the applicable periods, as well as benchmark West Europe prices for ethylene and propylene, which LyondellBasell N.V. produces and consumes internally or purchases from unrelated suppliers, and certain polyethylene and polypropylene products:

	<b>Average Benchmark Price and Percent Change Versus Prior Year Period Average</b>					
	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>			<b>For the Six Months Ended</b>		
	<b>June 30,</b>			<b>June 30,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>
Brent crude oil – dollars per barrel	79.41	66.47	19%	78.61	61.42	28%
Weighted average cost of ethylene production – 0.01 per pound	27.29	23.28	17%	27.98	22.67	23%

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Western Europe	0.01 per pound						
Polyethylene (high density)		53.83	39.92	35%	52.62	38.71	36%
Ethylene		43.70	31.22	40%	42.64	29.11	46%
Polypropylene (homopolymer)		60.33	35.83	68%	55.83	35.08	59%
Propylene		45.06	23.92	88%	42.00	22.41	87%
Average exchange rate	\$ US per	1.2614	1.3615	(7)%	1.3147	1.3330	(1)%

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The following table sets forth the O&P EAI segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income, income from equity investments and selected product sales volumes.

	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>			<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Six</b>	
	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Months</b>	
	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>April 30,</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>April 30,</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	
<b>Millions of dollars</b>							
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,066	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,140	\$ 4,105	\$ 3,889	
Operating income (loss)	114	44	2	114	115	(72)	
Income from equity investments	25	28	25	25	80	14	
<b>Production Volumes, in millions of pounds</b>							
Ethylene	595	247	926	595	1,108	1,711	
Propylene	388	152	567	388	661	1,034	
<b>Sales Volumes, in millions of pounds</b>							
Polypropylene	1,183	580	1,749	1,183	2,170	3,340	
Polyethylene	811	419	1,234	811	1,783	2,351	

**Revenues** Revenues for the second quarter 2010 increased by \$1,036 million, or 48%, compared to revenues in the second quarter 2009, while revenues in the first six months of 2010 increased by \$2,356 million, or 61% compared to revenues in the first six months of 2009. The increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 were primarily due to the effect of higher average sales prices across most products, particularly ethylene, butadiene and polyethylene, as well as the effect of higher sales volumes. Higher sales volumes for PP Compounds, particularly in Europe, in both 2010 periods were partially offset by lower ethylene sales volumes, compared to the same periods in 2009.

**Operating Income (Loss)** The O&P EAI segment had operating income of \$158 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to \$2 million in the second quarter 2009 and operating income of \$229 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to an operating loss of \$72 million in the first six months of 2009. Operating results for the Successor period were negatively impacted by a \$5 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory at June 30, 2010 to market value, which was lower than the April 30, 2010 value applied during fresh-start accounting. A decrease in depreciation and amortization expense of \$24 million in the Successor period associated with the Company's revaluation of its assets in fresh-start accounting contributed to lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$40 million and \$28 million, respectively, in the second quarter and first six months of 2010, compared to the same periods in 2009. The remaining increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009 primarily reflect higher product margins for ethylene, polyethylene and PP compounds and higher sales volumes, partially offset by higher fixed costs. Fixed costs in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 increased due to unfavorable currency effects.

**Second Quarter 2010 versus First Quarter 2010**

The O&P EAI segment had operating income of \$158 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to operating income of \$71 million in the first quarter 2010. Operating results for the Successor period included a \$5 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory that had declined in value after the emergence date and a benefit from \$24 million of lower depreciation and amortization expense as a result of the fresh-start accounting adjustments related to the

valuation of the O&P EAI segment fixed assets. The increase in the results of the segment's underlying operations primarily reflects higher product margins and the effect of higher PP Compounds sales volumes, partially offset by higher fixed costs. Product margins in the second quarter were higher across most products, particularly ethylene and polypropylene.

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Although ethylene market demand in Europe improved during the course of 2009, demand remained weak, resulting in lower industry operating rates in the range of 75% to 80%, compared to rates in the 85% to 90% range in 2008 prior to the fourth quarter downturn. Ethylene margins contracted as benchmark sales prices decreased more than the benchmark weighted average cost of ethylene production. Global polyolefin markets were considerably weaker in 2009 compared to 2008. The general weakness in global polyolefin markets resulted in lower sales volumes, due to weaker demand, and lower product margins, as selling prices decreased significantly.

The O&P EAI segment operating results for 2009 reflected the negative effects of significantly lower product margins compared to 2008 for olefins products, while polyolefin product results for 2009 reflected generally weaker global polyolefin markets, resulting in lower sales volumes across all polyolefins product lines and net lower product margins compared to 2008. As a result of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program, fixed costs were significantly lower in 2009, partly offsetting the negative effects of the weak markets.

***Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007***

During 2008 compared to 2007, European producers using crude oil-based raw materials experienced lower profitability as increases in average benchmark product sales prices failed to keep pace with increases in average raw material costs. Despite the significant decline in crude oil prices in the latter part of 2008 from the record levels reached in mid-2008, benchmark prices of crude oil-based liquid raw materials averaged higher in 2008 compared to 2007. Additionally, the polyolefins markets experienced weakened demand during 2008 compared to 2007 due primarily to the slowdown of the global economy and the crises in financial markets.

The O&P EAI segment's underlying operating results declined in 2008 compared to 2007 due to the significant volatility in raw material costs and the decline in polyolefin demand. Higher raw material costs and declines in average polyolefin sales prices during 2008, particularly in the fourth quarter of 2008, put pressure on polyolefin product margins, which were only partially offset by higher olefins margins. The rapid decline in crude oil prices, particularly in the fourth quarter 2008, resulted in adjustments of the inventory values to reflect their lower market value.

***Ethylene Raw Materials***

The following table shows the average West Europe benchmark prices for Brent crude oil for the applicable periods, as well as benchmark West Europe prices for ethylene and propylene, and certain PE and polypropylene products. During 2009, contract benchmark prices for ethylene and propylene were set on a monthly basis, compared to prior years when they were set on a quarterly basis.

	<b>Average Benchmark Price and Percent Change Versus Prior Year Period Average</b>					
	<b>For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009</b>			<b>For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change</b>
Brent crude oil – dollars per barrel	68.30	101.83	(32.9)%	101.83	71.56	42.3%
Weighted average cost of ethylene production – 0.01 per pound	18.74	31.01	(39.6)%	31.01	27.47	12.9%

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Western Europe	0.01 per pound						
Polyethylene (high density)		42.90	58.51	(26.7)%	58.51	57.30	2.1%
Ethylene		33.41	50.00	(33.2)%	50.00	40.99	22.0%
Polypropylene (homopolymer)		39.92	54.15	(26.3)%	54.15	55.28	(2.0)%
Propylene		27.66	43.55	(36.5)%	43.55	38.96	11.8%
Average exchange rate	to \$US	1.3972	1.4739	(5.2)%	1.4739	1.3808	6.7%

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The following table sets forth the O&P EAI segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income, income from equity investments and selected product sales volumes.

Millions of dollars	For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 9,401	\$ 13,489	\$ 13,145
Operating income	(2)	220	934
Income (loss) from equity investments	(172)	34	150
<b>Production Volumes, in millions of pounds</b>			
Ethylene	3,503	3,615	3,953
Propylene	2,149	2,135	2,477
<b>Sales volumes, in millions of pounds</b>			
Polypropylene	6,858	7,023	8,131
Polyethylene	4,943	4,821	4,669

*Revenues* Revenues were \$9,401 million in 2009 compared to \$13,489 million in 2008 and \$13,145 million in 2007. The decrease in 2009 revenues compared to 2008 reflects the effect of lower product sales prices, net lower sale volumes and the unfavorable effects of changes in currency exchange rates as the U.S. dollar averaged higher in relation to the euro in 2009 compared to 2008. Lower 2009 polypropylene and ethylene co-product sales volumes were partly offset by higher sales volumes for PE and ethylene products. In 2008, product prices were essentially flat or slightly higher across the segment compared to 2007, although the positive impact to revenues was partly offset by the effect of significantly lower polypropylene volumes compared to 2007.

*Operating Income* The O&P EAI segment had an operating loss of \$2 million in 2009 compared to income of \$220 million in 2008 and \$934 million in 2007. In 2009, the underlying operations of the O&P EAI segment reflected significantly lower net product margins and lower sales volumes, primarily in Europe, which were partly offset by the benefit of lower fixed costs compared to 2008. The lower fixed costs were primarily a result of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program. In 2008, operating income primarily reflected the negative effect of higher raw material costs on olefin and polyolefin margins as well as the effect of lower sales volumes compared to 2007.

*Income (loss) from equity investments* The O&P EAI segment recognized a \$172 million loss in 2009 and income of \$34 million and \$150 million in 2008 and 2007, respectively, from its equity investments. The 2009 loss was primarily due to recognition of a \$228 million after-tax impairment of the carrying value of LyondellBasell AF's investment in certain joint ventures as a result of weak then current and projected market conditions. This loss was based on estimates of fair values developed in connection with LyondellBasell AF's estimation of its reorganization enterprise value. The decrease in 2008 compared to 2007 reflected the weaker global markets for polyolefins.

**Intermediates and Derivatives Segment**

*Overview* The I&D segment manufactures and markets PO; PO co-products, including styrene and the TBA intermediates tertiary butyl alcohol, isobutylene and tertiary butyl hydroperoxide; and PO derivatives, including PG, PGE and BDO; ethylene derivatives, including EG, EO and other EO derivatives; acetyls, including VAM, acetic acid and methanol; and flavors and fragrances.

**Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009**

I&D operating results for the second quarter and first six months of 2010 primarily reflected higher sales volumes for most products and improved results for TBA intermediates, compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009. The higher sales volumes were primarily due to demand in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 that remained high for PO and PO derivatives, ethylene derivatives and other intermediate chemical products. The propylene oxide business benefited from planned and unplanned



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competitor downtime as the market for durable goods end-uses strengthened. Operating results for the Successor period included in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 also reflected the impacts of fresh-start accounting, including a non-cash charge to adjust inventory to market value that was offset by the benefit of lower depreciation and amortization expense related to the write-down of segment assets (see Results of Operations Cost of Sales ).

Demand for durable goods in the relevant 2009 periods was negatively impacted by inventory corrections and reductions in production in response to market uncertainty during that time. Product margins, which were particularly strong in the 2009 period, were lower in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 due to higher raw materials costs, but have increased through the second quarter as the price of raw materials declined.

In mid-May 2009, LyondellBasell AF restarted one of two PO facilities idled in late 2008 due to lower PO demand. The facility is located in Europe and is part of LyondellBasell N.V.'s joint venture with Bayer (see Note 8 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for the six months ended June 30, 2010). The second PO facility restarted in September 2009.

The following table sets forth the Intermediates & Derivatives segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income, loss from equity investments and selected product sales volumes:

	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>		<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Six</b>
	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Months</b>
	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>April 30,</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>April 30,</b>	<b>Ended</b>
<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 940	\$ 504	\$ 810	\$ 940	\$ 1,820	\$ 1,571
Operating income	109	34	41	109	157	119
Loss from equity investments	(1)		(5)	(1)	(1)	(12)
<b>Sales Volumes, in millions of pounds</b>						
PO and derivatives	516	265	576	516	1,134	1,256
EO and derivatives	157	93	275	157	358	499
Styrene	511	269	514	511	858	908
Acetyls	215	100	311	215	375	525
TBA intermediates	329	141	274	329	613	564

**Revenues** Revenues for the second quarter 2010 increased by \$634 million, or 78%, compared to revenues in the second quarter 2009, while revenues for the first six months of 2010 increased by \$1,189 million, or 76%, compared to revenues in the first six months of 2009. The increases in revenue in both 2010 periods were primarily due to higher demand and reflect the effect of higher product sales prices and higher sale volumes across most products, particularly for BDO and TBA intermediates.

**Operating Income** The I&D segment operating income in the second quarter 2010 increased by \$102 million compared to the second quarter 2009 and by \$147 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to the first six months of 2009. Operating results for the Successor period were negatively impacted by a \$25 million non-cash charge to adjust inventory at June 30, 2010 to market value, which was lower than the value at April 30, 2010 applied during fresh-start accounting. A decrease in depreciation and amortization expense in the Successor period as a result of the Company's revaluation of its assets in fresh-start accounting resulted in lower depreciation and amortization expense in each of the second quarter and first six months of 2010 of \$23 million, compared to the second quarter and

first six months of 2009. The remaining increases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 reflected the favorable effect of significantly higher sales volumes for PO and PO derivatives and TBA intermediates products, lower fixed costs related to PO and PO derivatives and higher product margins for TBA intermediates, compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2009.

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**Second Quarter 2010 versus First Quarter 2010**

Operating income for the I&D segment of \$143 million in the second quarter 2010 compared to operating income of \$123 million in the first quarter 2010. Operating results for the Successor period were negatively impacted by the \$25 million inventory non-cash adjustment to market value and application of fresh-start accounting. The application of fresh-start accounting also resulted in lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$24 million in the Successor period. The increase in the results of the segment's underlying operations primarily reflects improved performance in the acetyls business, partially offset by the effect of lower PO and PO sales volumes compared to the first quarter 2010. The higher acetyls results were attributable to improved product margins that benefited from lower ethylene and natural gas prices, and the effects of improved plant performance that led to higher sales volumes. Competitor outages and aircraft deicer sales in the first quarter 2010 contributed to PO and PO derivative sales volumes in the first quarter 2010, which were higher when compared to the second quarter 2010.

***Year Ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008***

While improving during the course of 2009 following the significant decrease in late 2008, markets for PO and PO derivatives, ethylene derivatives and other intermediate chemical products generally experienced overall weaker demand in 2009 compared to 2008, particularly in durable goods markets.

The I&D segment operating results in 2009 primarily reflected the negative effects of lower sales volumes compared to 2008. As a result of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program, fixed costs were significantly lower in 2009, partly offsetting the negative effects of the weak markets. Product margins were relatively stable. In response to lower PO demand, LyondellBasell AF temporarily idled two PO facilities in late 2008. In mid-May 2009, LyondellBasell AF restarted one of the idled PO facilities, which is located in Europe and is part of LyondellBasell AF's joint venture with Bayer (see Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The second PO facility restarted in September 2009.

In the third quarter 2008, operating results were negatively impacted by lost production at certain U.S. Gulf Coast plants due to the effects of a hurricane.

***Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007***

In 2008, the I&D segment included the intermediates and derivatives businesses of Lyondell Chemical, which were acquired on December 20, 2007.

As noted previously, during 2008 U.S. and European chemical producers experienced significantly higher raw material costs compared to 2007, which put pressure on product margins.

The operating results for the I&D segment declined in 2008 compared to 2007 due to the significant volatility in raw material costs. Operating results also were negatively impacted by the rapid decline in crude oil prices, particularly in the fourth quarter 2008, resulting in adjustments to inventory values to reflect their lower market value. Finally, as a result of Hurricane Ike, the I&D segment lost production and incurred additional costs, further contributing to the decline in 2008.

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The following table sets forth the I&D segment's sales and other operating revenues, operating income, income from equity investments and selected product sales volumes. The 2007 period includes the acquired Lyondell Chemical intermediate & derivatives business from December 21, 2007.

Millions of dollars	For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 3,778	\$ 6,218	\$ 429
Operating income (loss)	250	(1,915)	(42)
Loss from equity investments	(16)	(2)	
<b>Sales volumes, in millions of pounds</b>			
PO and derivatives	2,695	2,997	103
EO and & derivatives	1,231	1,387	72
Styrene	2,291	3,183	126
Acetyls	1,213	1,197	34
C <sub>4</sub> chemicals	1,401	1,597	45

**Revenues** Revenues were \$3,778 million in 2009 compared to \$6,218 million in 2008 and \$429 million in 2007. The decrease in 2009 revenues compared to 2008 reflects the effect of lower product sales prices and net lower sale volumes, a trend which began in the latter part of 2008. The unfavorable effects of changes in currency exchange rates as the U.S. dollar averaged higher in relation to the euro in 2009 compared to 2008 also contributed to the decrease. The 2007 period includes the revenues of the acquired Lyondell Chemical intermediates and derivatives segment business from December 21, 2007.

**Operating Income** The I&D segment had operating income of \$250 million in 2009 compared to operating losses of \$1,915 million in 2008 and \$42 million in 2007. Results in 2009 reflect the positive impact of lower fixed costs as a result of LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program and lower utility costs due to lower natural gas prices in 2009 compared to 2008. Product margins in 2009 were flat compared to 2008, as lower product prices were offset by lower raw material costs. Results in 2008 were negatively impacted by charges of \$1,992 million for impairment of goodwill related to the December 20, 2007 acquisition of Lyondell Chemical and downward inventory valuation adjustments of \$65 million. The 2007 period includes the operating results of the acquired Lyondell Chemical intermediates & derivatives business from December 21, 2007.

**Technology Segment**

**Overview** The Technology segment primarily develops and licenses polyolefin process technologies and develops, manufactures and sells polyolefin catalysts. The Technology segment, which is largely based in Europe, sells licenses denominated in U.S. dollars and euros. The mix of U.S. dollar and euro contracts and the resulting effect of changes in currency exchange rates can have a significant effect on segment results.

**Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 versus Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2009**

The following table sets forth the Technology segment's sales and other operating revenues and operating income for the applicable three month periods:

	Successor		Predecessor		Predecessor	
	May 1	April 1	Three	May 1	January 1	Six
	through	through	Months	through	through	Months
	June 30,	April 30,	Ended	June 30,	April 30,	Ended
Millions of dollars	2010	2010	June 30,	2010	2010	June 30,
			2009			2009
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 75	\$ 35	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 145	\$ 266
Operating income	23	8	67	23	39	117

*Revenues* Revenues for the second quarter 2010 decreased by \$40 million, or 27%, compared to the second quarter 2009, while revenues for the first six months of 2010 decreased by \$46 million compared to

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revenues in the first six months of 2009. The decreases in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same 2009 periods were primarily due to lower process license revenue, partially offset by higher catalyst sales volumes. Revenues in the 2010 periods reflected the unfavorable effect of changes in currency exchange rates as the U.S. dollar was stronger relative to the euro compared to the same periods in 2009.

*Operating Income* Operating income for the second quarter 2010 decreased \$36 million compared to the second quarter 2009 and decreased \$55 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to the first six months of 2009. A decrease in depreciation and amortization expense of \$5 million in the Successor period associated with the Company's revaluation of its assets in fresh-start accounting contributed to lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$19 million and \$18 million, respectively, in the second quarter and first six months of 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009. The 2009 periods benefited from a \$12 million government R&D subsidy. The remaining decreases were primarily due to the effects of lower licensing revenue and currency exchange effects, partly offset by the effect of higher catalyst sales volumes.

**Second Quarter 2010 versus First Quarter 2010**

Operating income of \$31 million in the second quarter 2010 was comparable to operating income of \$31 million in the first quarter 2010. The Successor period reflects the benefit of \$5 million of lower depreciation expense resulting from the application of fresh-start accounting. This benefit was offset primarily by higher research and development expense in the second quarter 2010.

***Year Ended December 31, 2009 versus Year Ended December 31, 2008***

Technology segment results for 2009 were primarily affected by lower license revenue, reflecting weaker global markets compared to 2008. The segment results also reflected the negative effects of changes in currency exchange rates as the U.S. dollar strengthened versus the euro. The 2009 results benefited from lower research and development expense, reflecting LyondellBasell AF's cost reduction program and a government subsidy. Higher catalyst sales volumes also contributed to the 2009 results.

***Year Ended December 31, 2008 versus Year Ended December 31, 2007***

During 2008, the Technology business segment benefited from recognizing more licenses in revenue. The unfavorable effect of lower sales volumes and prices on catalyst sales in 2008 was substantially offset by the favorable effects of changes in currency exchange rates, as the euro averaged 7% higher versus the U.S. dollar in 2008 compared to 2007.

The following table sets forth the Technology segment's sales and other operating revenues and operating income.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 543	\$ 583	\$ 497
Operating income	210	202	152

*Revenues* The Technology segment had revenues of \$543 million in 2009 compared to \$583 million in 2008 and \$497 million in 2007. The decrease in revenues in 2009 compared to 2008 reflected lower license revenues, partly offset by the effect of higher catalyst sales, and the negative effect of currency exchange rates on non U.S. operations as the U.S. dollar strengthened versus the euro. In 2008, the increase in the Technology segment revenues compared to 2007 was primarily due to the effects of the weaker U.S. dollar, which favorably affected non U.S. operations, partly offset by lower sales volumes and prices on catalyst sales.

*Operating Income* The Technology segment had operating income of \$210 million in 2009, \$202 million in 2008 and \$152 million in 2007. The increase in operating income in 2009 was primarily the result of higher catalysts sales volumes, partly offset by an unfavorable effect from changes in currency exchange rates. Currency exchange rates had an unfavorable effect on operating income as the U.S. dollar strengthened versus the euro in 2009 compared to 2008. The increase in operating income in 2008 compared to 2007 was primarily the result of higher licensing activity, particularly in the first quarter of 2008, and the

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favorable effect of currency exchange rates, partially offset by lower product margins and the effect of lower sales volumes for catalysts.

**Financial Condition**

Operating, investing and financing activities of continuing operations are discussed below and presented in the following table for the periods indicated:

	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>January 1 through April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2009</b>
<b>Millions of dollars</b>			
Source (use) of cash:			
Operating activities	\$ 1,104	\$ (936)	\$ (862)
Investing activities	(109)	(213)	(262)
Financing activities	133	3,315	1,020

*Operating Activities* Operating activities provided cash of \$168 million in the first six months of 2010 and used cash of \$862 million in the first six months of 2009. Cash provided in the combined first six months of 2010 primarily reflected an increase in earnings offset by payments for reorganization items and certain annual payments relating to sales rebates, employee bonuses, property taxes and insurance premiums. The use of cash in the first six months of 2009 reflected the effects of prepayments required by third parties as a result of our chapter 11 filing and certain annual payments relating to sales rebates, employee bonuses and property taxes as reflected in Other, net.

In the first six months of 2010, the main components of working capital used cash of \$348 million compared to providing cash of \$292 million in the first six months of 2009. The increase in these components of working capital during the first six months of 2010 reflected a \$511 million increase in accounts receivable due to higher average sales prices and higher sales volumes, and a \$312 million increase in inventory, partially offset by a \$475 million increase in accounts payable due to the higher costs and volumes of feedstocks, and more favorable payment terms.

The decrease of cash used by the main components of working capital in the first six months of 2009, compared to the first six months of 2008, primarily reflected a \$450 million decrease in inventory as we sold finished product from inventory and a \$20 million increase in accounts payable, the effect of which was partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$138 million, for a net benefit of \$292 million. However, working capital in the first six months 2009 was negatively affected by a required payment of \$503 million to terminate an accounts receivable securitization program.

*Investing Activities* Investing activities used cash of \$322 million in the first six months of 2010 and \$262 million in the first six months of 2009. The cash used in the combined 2010 period included \$339 million of capital expenditures, partially offset by \$12 million in proceeds from a money market fund that had suspended rights to redemption in 2008. The cash used in the first six months of 2009 was primarily related to capital expenditures, partially offset by proceeds from the sale of assets and insurance claims related to damages sustained in 2005 at the polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany.



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The following table summarizes capital expenditures for periods indicated:

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>Successor</b>	<b>Predecessor</b>	
	<b>May 1 through June 30, 2010</b>	<b>January 1 through April 30, 2010</b>	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2009</b>
<b>Capital expenditures by segment:</b>			
O&P Americas	\$ 50	\$ 52	\$ 63
O&P EAI	31	102	221
I&D	5	8	7
Refining and Oxyfuels	22	49	60
Technology	3	12	16
Other	2	3	3
Total capital expenditures by segment	113	226	370
<b>Less:</b>			
Contributions to PO Joint Ventures		1	
Consolidated capital expenditures of continuing operations	\$ 113	\$ 225	\$ 370

The above capital expenditures excludes costs of major periodic maintenance and repair activities, including turnarounds and catalyst recharges, of \$71 million and \$25 million, in the Predecessor periods of 2010 and 2009, respectively.

*Financing Activities* Financing activities provided cash of \$3,448 million in the first six months of 2010 and \$1,020 million in the first six months of 2009.

The Successor period reflects a net increase in borrowings of \$132 million under the European Securitization facility and a \$2 million payment related to the French Factoring Facility.

As part of the emergence from bankruptcy, we received gross proceeds of \$2,800 million on April 30, 2010 in connection with the issuance of Class B ordinary shares in a rights offering and paid \$86 million of fees, including \$70 million of fees to equity backstop providers. On April 30, 2010, we also received net proceeds of \$3,242 million from the issuance of new debt by our subsidiary, Lyondell Chemical, including Senior Secured Notes in the amounts of \$2,250 million and 375 million (\$497 million) and a \$495 million 6-year Senior Term Loan Facility, and paid related fees of \$72 million.

Proceeds from the rights offering and the Senior Notes, along with borrowings under the Senior Term Loan Facility and the amended and restated European Securitization were used to repay outstanding amounts of \$2,167 million under the DIP New Money Term Loan and \$985 million under the DIP ABL Facility and to pay a \$195 million exit fee required under the DIP financing. We also paid fees totaling \$92 million in connection with its new U.S. ABL Facility and amended and restated European Securitization facility. Debt classified as liabilities subject to compromise immediately prior to the emergence from bankruptcy was discharged pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization (see Note 3 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2010).

Apart from the payments reflected above, the Predecessor period includes a repayment of a \$5 million Argentinean loan, a \$12 million mandatory quarterly amortization payment of the Dutch Tranche A Dollar Term Loan, \$3 million of which was related to the DIP Roll-Up Loans, and payments of \$8 million on the French Factoring Facility. In addition, the Predecessor period includes payments totaling \$13 million related to the extension of the DIP financing. There was also a net increase in borrowings of \$47 million under the European Securitization facility in the 2010 Predecessor period.

In the first six months of 2009, LyondellBasell AF borrowed \$2,167 million under the Term Loan portion of the DIP financing, receiving net proceeds of \$2,089 million and subsequently paid additional bank fees of \$68 million. In addition, LyondellBasell AF had net borrowings outstanding under the DIP ABL facility of

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\$300 million, and paid fees related to the facility of \$93 million. LyondellBasell AF also made net repayments of \$339 million, related to the European receivables securitization program, which was amended and restated in March 2009.

The chapter 11 filing in 2009 constituted a termination event under the then existing asset-based credit facilities in the U.S., and LyondellBasell AF used \$880 million of the net proceeds under the DIP financing to repay \$766 million and \$114 million outstanding under an inventory-based credit facility and a North American accounts receivable securitization program, respectively, and, as noted under Operating Activities, used \$503 million to repurchase outstanding accounts receivable sold under the previous receivables securitization facility. In addition, LyondellBasell AF repaid a \$100 million demand note related to emergency postpetition funding, \$45 million (70 million Australian dollars) outstanding under an Australian term loan and made net repayments of \$339 million, related to the European receivables securitization program. During the first six months of 2009, the Company also made a mandatory quarterly amortization payment of the Dutch Tranche A Dollar Term Loan totaling \$12 million, \$3 million of which was related to the DIP Roll-Up Loans, and borrowed \$9 million related to a letter of credit presented for payment under the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility. The Company also had other cash provided from financing activities of \$59 million, which primarily reflected the effects of bank overdrafts.

The following table summarizes LyondellBasell AF's operating, investing and financing activities for the periods presented, and reflects the consolidation of Lyondell Chemical from December 21, 2007.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Source (use) of cash:			
Operating cash flow	\$ (787)	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,180
Investing cash flow	(611)	(1,884)	(11,899)
Financing cash flow	1,101	1,083	10,416

*Operating Activities* The primary changes in operating cash flow generally are caused by changes in working capital, the main components of which are accounts receivable and inventory, net of accounts payable. Operating activities used cash of \$787 million in 2009, and provided cash of \$1,090 million in 2008 and \$1,180 million in 2007. The use of cash in 2009 primarily reflects a \$573 million increase in cash used by the main components of working capital and \$329 million of cash used for vendor prepayments. The vendor prepayments were required by certain third parties as a result of LyondellBasell AF's Chapter 11 filing.

Changes in the main components of working capital used cash of \$573 million in 2009 and provided cash of \$747 million in 2008. The increase in cash used by the main components of working capital in 2009 primarily reflected a \$503 million required repayment to terminate an accounts receivable securitization program in early 2009. Operationally, cash used by the main components of working capital increased by only \$70 million, despite the effect of rising prices during 2009, as LyondellBasell AF focused on reducing working capital levels.

In 2008, the main components of working capital provided cash of \$747 million compared to \$216 million in 2007. The increase in 2008 primarily reflected the effects of declining crude oil prices on sales prices and the value of inventory; the disruptive effects of Hurricane Ike on LyondellBasell AF's U.S Gulf Coast operations; and the planned and unplanned outages related to the Houston Refinery turnaround. Other factors impacting the main components of working capital included a general tightening of trade credit in the industry and the delay, in December 2008, of certain payments.

Cash from operating activities decreased \$90 million in 2008 compared to 2007. The main components of working capital provided an additional \$531 million of cash in 2008 that was more than offset by the effects of lower 2008 earnings and certain one-time payments in 2008 related to the acquired Lyondell Chemical operations.

*Investing Activities* Investing activities used cash of \$611 million in 2009, \$1,884 million in 2008, and \$11,899 million in 2007. The cash used in 2009 primarily included \$779 million of capital expenditures, partially offset by proceeds from insurance claims and sales of assets of \$120 million and \$20 million,

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respectively, and \$23 million from a net reduction of short-term investments. The cash provided by insurance claims related to damages sustained in 2005 at the polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany.

The cash used in 2008 was primarily related to business acquisitions and capital expenditures, partially offset by proceeds from the sales of assets and from insurance claims related to the polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany. Acquisitions in 2008 included the April 2008 acquisition of the Shell oil refinery, inventory and associated infrastructure and businesses at the Berre Refinery for a preliminary purchase price of \$766 million and the February 2008 acquisition of Solvay Engineered Polymers, Inc., a leading supplier of polypropylene compounds in North America, for \$134 million (see Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). Cash payments related to the purchase of the Berre Refinery totaling \$927 million included \$536 million paid at closing and \$373 million paid for final adjustment of working capital. Asset sales included the September 2008 sale of the toluene diisocyanate business for proceeds of 77 million (\$113 million) and the July 2008 sale of a Canadian plant for proceeds of \$18 million. The cash used in 2007 was primarily related to the acquisition of Lyondell Chemical.

As a result of financial difficulties experienced by major financial institutions beginning in the latter part of 2008, LyondellBasell AF received notice that rights of redemption had been suspended with respect to a money market fund in which LyondellBasell AF had invested approximately \$174 million. LyondellBasell AF had been advised that additional redemptions were forthcoming, and has received redemptions totaling \$160 million through December 31, 2009, including \$23 million in 2009 and \$137 million in 2008, and an additional \$12 million in January 2010.

The following table summarizes capital expenditures for 2009, 2008 and 2007 as well as 2010 planned capital spending.

<b>Millions of dollars</b>	<b>Plan 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Capital expenditures by segment:</b>				
Refining and Oxyfuels	\$ 157	\$ 167	\$ 196	\$ 4
O&P Americas	170	142	201	42
O&P EAI	285	411	509	333
I&D	49	23	66	6
Technology	53	32	33	26
Other	11	6	24	
Total capital expenditures by segment	725	781	1,029	411
<b>Less:</b>				
Contributions to PO Joint Ventures	7	2	29	
Consolidated capital expenditures of LyondellBasell AF's continuing operations	\$ 718	\$ 779	\$ 1,000	\$ 411

The capital expenditures for 2010, 2009 and 2008 exclude costs of major periodic turnarounds of \$154 million, \$39 million and \$164 million, respectively. The turnarounds excluded from the 2007 period were immaterial.

The 2009 and 2008 capital expenditures include expenditures to rebuild the polymers plant in Münchsmünster, Germany, which are partially offset by insurance proceeds. The capital spending of Lyondell Chemical is included prospectively from December 21, 2007.

*Financing Activities* Financing activities provided cash of \$1,101 million in 2009, \$1,083 million in 2008 and \$10,416 million in 2007. In 2009, LyondellBasell AF borrowed \$2,167 million under a DIP financing arrangement, receiving net proceeds of \$2,089 million and subsequently paid additional bank fees of \$97 million. In addition, LyondellBasell AF paid fees of \$93 million related to the issuance of the DIP ABL Facility, and at December 31, 2009 had \$325 million of net borrowings outstanding under this facility.

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The Chapter 11 filing constituted a termination event under the asset-based credit facilities in the U.S., and LyondellBasell AF used \$880 million of the net proceeds under the DIP financing arrangement to repay \$766 million and \$114 million outstanding under the previous inventory-based credit facility and the North American accounts receivable securitization program, respectively, and, as noted above under Operating Activities, used \$503 million to repurchase outstanding accounts receivable sold under LyondellBasell AF's previous \$1,150 million receivables securitization facility. In addition, LyondellBasell AF repaid a \$100 million demand note related to emergency post-petition funding.

In 2009, LyondellBasell AF made net repayments totaling \$201 million under its European receivables securitization program, which was amended and restated in March 2009. LyondellBasell AF repaid \$45 million (70 million Australian dollars) outstanding under an Australian term loan and \$11 million of other loans, including \$6 million outstanding under an Argentinean bank loan, and also made mandatory quarterly amortization payments of the Dutch Tranche A Dollar Term Loan totaling \$24 million, \$6 million of which was related to the DIP financing.

A non-debtor subsidiary of LyondellBasell AF entered into an accounts receivable factoring agreement in 2009 and received \$24 million of proceeds. Also in 2009, LyondellBasell AF received \$18 million of proceeds from an Argentinean bank loan and borrowed \$17 million related to a letter of credit presented for payment under the prepetition senior secured revolving credit facility.

LyondellBasell AF also had other cash used by financing activities of \$21 million, which primarily reflected the effects of bank overdrafts.

The cash provided in 2008 primarily reflected a net \$1,510 million borrowed under the credit facilities offset by \$384 million of long-term debt repayments. The borrowings were used to fund the business acquisitions described in Financial Condition Investing Activities above.

The \$10,416 million of cash provided in 2007 primarily reflected issuance of long-term debt to finance the purchase of Lyondell Chemical, offset by repayments of related long-term debt and restricted cash of \$1,371 million. See Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009. LyondellBasell AF also paid dividends of \$522 million in 2007.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As of June 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. had cash on hand of \$3,753 million and total unused availability of \$1,224 million under its \$1,750 million U.S. ABL facility, which matures in 2014. Availability under the U.S. ABL facility is subject to a borrowing base of \$1,750 million at June 30, 2010, and is reduced to the extent of outstanding borrowings and outstanding letters of credit provided under the facility. At June 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. had \$526 million of outstanding letters of credit and no outstanding borrowings under the facility.

LyondellBasell N.V. plans to finance its ongoing working capital, capital expenditures, debt service and other funding requirements through its future financial and operating performance, which could be affected by general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, business and other factors, many of which are beyond its control. LyondellBasell N.V. believes that conditions will be such that cash on hand and cash flows from operations, borrowings under the U.S. ABL Facility, the European Securitization and other receivables securitization and financing arrangements will be adequate to meet anticipated future cash requirements.

The consummation of the Debtors' Plan of Reorganization created a significantly de-levered capital structure. At June 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. had total short-term and long-term debt, including current maturities, of \$7,310 million.

In conjunction with the Company's emergence from chapter 11, LyondellBasell N.V., through its wholly owned subsidiary, LBI Escrow Corporation ( LBI Escrow ), issued \$3,247 million of first priority debt, including \$2,250 million and 375 million (\$497 million) offerings of senior secured notes in a private placement and borrowings of \$500 million under a senior secured term loan facility. On April 30, 2010, Lyondell Chemical was merged with and replaced LBI Escrow as issuer of the senior secured notes and the



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senior secured term loan facility. The net proceeds from the sale of the notes and borrowings under the term loan, together with the amended and restated European securitization facility, and proceeds from the \$2,800 million rights offering, were used to repay and replace certain existing debt, including the DIP financing arrangements of LyondellBasell AF and an existing European securitization facility, and to make certain related payments.

*Rights Offering* As part of the emergence from chapter 11 proceedings, 563.8 million shares of common stock of LyondellBasell N.V. were issued under the Plan of Reorganization, including 300 million shares of Class A common stock issued in exchange for allowed claims. An additional 1.8 million share of Class A common stock was issued to certain senior management under LyondellBasell N.V.'s Long-Term Incentive Plan. LyondellBasell N.V. received gross proceeds of \$2,800 million for 263.9 million shares of Class B ordinary shares issued in a rights offering. In connection with the rights offering, LyondellBasell N.V. paid \$70 million of fees to the equity backstop providers.

*Senior Secured Notes* On April 8, 2010, LBI Escrow issued \$2,250 million of 8% senior secured notes due 2017 and 375 million of senior secured notes due 2017 (collectively, the Senior Secured Notes), and paid related fees of \$62 million. Interest on the Senior Secured Notes will accrue at a rate of 8% per annum and will be payable on May 1 and November 1 beginning on November 1, 2010. As noted above, Lyondell Chemical was merged with and replaced LBI Escrow as the issuer of the Senior Secured Notes.

The Senior Secured Notes are jointly and severally, and fully and unconditionally guaranteed by LyondellBasell N.V. and, subject to certain exceptions, each existing and future wholly owned U.S. restricted subsidiary of LyondellBasell N.V. (other than Lyondell Chemical, as issuer), other than any such subsidiary that is a subsidiary of a non-U.S. subsidiary (the Subsidiary Guarantors and, together with LyondellBasell N.V., the Guarantors).

The Senior Secured Notes rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future senior debt of Lyondell Chemical and the Guarantors, except that the notes and guarantees rank junior to obligations of LyondellBasell N.V. subsidiaries that do not guarantee the Senior Secured Notes.

The Senior Secured Notes and guarantees are secured by:

a first priority lien on substantially all of Lyondell Chemical's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' existing and future property and assets other than the assets securing the U.S. ABL Facility;

a first priority lien on the capital stock of all Guarantors (other than any such subsidiary that is a subsidiary of a non-U.S. subsidiary); and

a first priority lien on 65% of the capital stock and 100% of the non-voting capital stock of the first-tier non-U.S. subsidiaries of Lyondell Chemical or of LyondellBasell N.V.;

a second-priority lien on the accounts receivables, inventory, related contracts and other rights and assets related to the foregoing and proceeds thereof that secure the U.S. ABL Facility on a first priority basis;

subject, in each case, to certain exceptions, including permitted liens.

The Senior Secured Notes are redeemable by Lyondell Chemical prior to maturity at certain specified redemption premiums, depending on when the notes are redeemed.

The Senior Secured Notes contains covenants, subject to certain restrictions, that restrict, among other things,

debt and lien incurrences;

investments;  
certain restricted payments;  
sales of assets and mergers; and  
affiliate transactions.

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Several of the restrictive covenants would be suspended if LyondellBasell N.V. receives an investment grade rating from two rating agencies. The Senior Secured Notes do not require LyondellBasell N.V. to maintain compliance with any specific financial covenants.

*Senior Term Loan Facility* On April 8, 2010, LBI Escrow entered into a six-year, \$500 million senior term loan facility (the Senior Term Loan Facility ) and received net proceeds of \$495 million. Lyondell Chemical became the issuer under the facility in connection with its merger with LBI Escrow.

Borrowings under the Senior Term Loan Facility will bear interest at either (a) a LIBOR rate adjusted for certain additional costs or (b) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of the administrative agent's prime rate, the federal funds effective rate plus 0.5%, or one-month LIBOR plus 1.0% (the Base Rate ), in each case plus an applicable margin.

The Senior Term Loan is guaranteed, jointly and severally, and fully and unconditionally, on a senior secured basis, initially by the Guarantors. Subject to permitted liens and other exceptions, Lyondell Chemical's obligations and guarantees will be secured on a *pari passu* basis with the Senior Secured Notes by perfected first priority security interests in the collateral securing the Senior Secured Notes and by a second priority security interest in the collateral securing the ABL Facility described below.

The Senior Term Loan Facility contains covenants that are substantially similar to the Senior Secured Notes. The Senior Term Loan Facility does not require LyondellBasell N.V. to maintain compliance with any specific financial covenants.

*U.S. ABL Facility* On April 8, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. entered into a \$1,750 million U.S. asset-based lending facility (the U.S. ABL Facility ), under which funds were available upon emergence from bankruptcy to certain subsidiaries of LyondellBasell N.V., which are borrowers under the facility. Letters of credit in the amount of \$625 million that were outstanding under the DIP ABL Facility at the Emergence Date were transferred to the new U.S. ABL Facility.

Borrowings under the U.S. ABL Facility bear interest at the Base Rate or LIBOR, plus an applicable margin, and the lenders are paid a commitment fee on the average daily unused commitments.

Obligations under the U.S. ABL Facility are guaranteed jointly and severally, and fully and unconditionally, on a senior secured basis, by the Guarantors (except, in the case of any Guarantor that is a borrower under the facility, to the extent of its own obligations in its capacity as a borrower). The borrowers' obligations under the U.S. ABL Facility and the related guarantees are secured by (i) a first priority perfected lien on all present and after-acquired inventory, accounts receivable, related contracts and other rights, deposit accounts into which proceeds of the foregoing are credited and books and records related thereto, together with all proceeds of the foregoing, in each case to the extent the rights, title and interest therein of any ABL borrowers and (ii) a second priority perfected lien on the Senior Secured Notes and Senior Term Loan collateral.

Mandatory prepayments of the loans under the U.S. ABL Facility will be made from net cash proceeds from certain sales of collateral securing the facility and insurance and condemnation awards involving the facility.

The U.S. ABL contains covenants that are substantially similar to the Senior Secured Notes.

In addition, in the event the excess availability under the U.S. ABL Facility falls below \$300 million for five consecutive business days or below \$250 million on any business day, LyondellBasell N.V. is required to comply with

a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.00 to 1.00, measured quarterly. The fixed charge coverage ratio is defined in the facility generally as the ratio of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization to consolidated interest expense plus dividends on preferred or other preferential stock. The availability under the U.S. ABL Facility was \$1,224 million as of June 30, 2010.

*Plan Roll-Up Notes* On April 30, 2010, Lyondell Chemical issued \$3,240 million of 11% senior secured roll-up notes due 2018 (the Plan Roll-up Notes ) in exchange for roll-up loans incurred under the Bankruptcy Cases. The Plan Roll-up Notes are guaranteed by the same Guarantors that support the Senior Secured Notes, the Senior Term Loan Facility and the U.S. ABL Facility.

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The Plan Roll-up Notes are secured by the same security package as the Senior Secured Notes, the Senior Term Loan Facility and the U.S. ABL Facility on a third-priority basis.

*Receivables securitization* On May 4, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. amended and restated its existing securitization agreement under which two non-U.S. subsidiaries of LyondellBasell N.V. may sell up to 450 million in trade receivables. Transfers of accounts receivable under this program do not qualify as sales; therefore, the transferred accounts receivable and the proceeds received through such transfers are included in trade receivables, net, and short-term debt in the consolidated balance sheets. At June 30, 2010, the amount outstanding under the facility was \$503 million.

*Accounts Receivable Factoring Agreement* On October 8, 2009, a non-U.S. subsidiary of LyondellBasell AF entered into an accounts receivable factoring facility for up to 100 million. The factoring facility is for an indefinite period, non-recourse, unsecured and terminable by either party subject to notice. At June 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. had \$11 million outstanding under the accounts receivable factoring agreement.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements* LyondellBasell AF was a party to a \$1,150 million accounts receivable securitization facility that was scheduled to mature in December 2012 and that had some characteristics of an off-balance sheet arrangement. The accounts receivable securitization facility terminated as a result of the Chapter 11 filing and was repaid, in full, on January 9, 2009, using proceeds from the DIP Financing. See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional accounts receivable information.

*Contractual and Other Obligations* The following table summarizes, as of December 31, 2009, LyondellBasell AF's minimum payments for long-term debt, including current maturities, short-term debt, and contractual and other obligations for the next five years and thereafter. With certain noted exceptions, liabilities that were subject to compromise in the bankruptcy proceedings are excluded.

Millions of dollars	Total	Payments Due by Period					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter
Total debt	\$ 6,984	\$ 6,679	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 305
Interest on total debt	693	299	24	24	24	24	297
Pension benefits:							
PBO	2,778	212	151	159	209	165	1,882
Assets	(1,638)						(1,638)
Funded status	1,140						
Other post-retirement benefits	353	24	24	24	26	26	229
Advances from customers	323	145	19	12	67	43	37
Other	509	21	11	16	15	8	438
Deferred income taxes	2,081	26	79	95	175	167	1,539
Other obligations:							
Purchase obligations:							
Take-or-pay contracts	16,599	1,998	1,994	1,994	1,932	1,927	6,754
Other contracts	34,944	9,695	6,375	4,092	3,934	3,751	7,097
Operating leases	1,992	267	227	189	168	148	993
Total	\$ 65,618	\$ 19,366	\$ 8,904	\$ 6,605	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,259	\$ 17,933

The obligations reflected in the table above are representative of the obligations assumed by LyondellBasell N.V. as of the emergence date except for the debt-and-tax-related obligations as indicated below.

*Total Debt* Total debt includes the DIP financing agreements and long- and short-term credit facilities and debt obligations of LyondellBasell AF's non-Debtor subsidiaries, and excludes \$18,370 million of debt

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classified as Liabilities subject to compromise. See Debt, Interest and Deferred Income Taxes below for a summary of LyondellBasell N.V.'s minimum required debt payments.

*Interest* LyondellBasell AF's debt and related party debt agreements contained provisions for the payment of monthly, quarterly or semi-annual interest at a stated rate of interest over the term of the debt. As a result of the Bankruptcy Cases, a substantial portion of the Debtor's prepetition debt was classified as Liabilities subject to compromise. The Debtors were obligated to pay interest, at the non-default rate, on the outstanding amounts under the prepetition senior secured credit facility not designated as roll-up loans, subject to certain minimum liquidity tests. The interest payments in the above table do not include projected interest payments for that portion of the prepetition senior secured credit facility included in Liabilities subject to compromise. Payment obligations on debt and related party debt agreements that were not classified as Liabilities subject to compromise are reflected in the table above. See Debt, Interest and Deferred Income Taxes below for a description of LyondellBasell N.V.'s minimum debt-related interest obligations.

*Pension Benefits* LyondellBasell AF maintains several defined benefit pension plans, as described in Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009. At December 31, 2009, the projected benefit obligation for LyondellBasell AF's pension plans, including Equistar and Millennium plans, exceeded the fair value of plan assets by \$1,140 million. Subject to future actuarial gains and losses, as well as actual asset earnings, LyondellBasell N.V., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, will be required to fund the \$1,140 million, with interest, in future years. LyondellBasell AF's pension contributions were \$52 million in 2009, \$80 million in 2008 and \$63 million in 2007. Required contributions are expected to be approximately \$96 million in 2010. Estimates of pension benefit payments through 2014 are included in the table above. At December 31, 2009, these obligations were classified as Liabilities subject to compromise. However, under the Plan of Reorganization, most benefit plans remained in force after emergence and approximately \$854 million of pension and other post-retirement obligations were reclassified to current or long-term liabilities, as appropriate.

*Other Post-Retirement Benefits* LyondellBasell AF provided and LyondellBasell N.V. provides other post-retirement benefits, primarily medical benefits to eligible participants, as described in Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009. LyondellBasell N.V. will pay unfunded other post-retirement benefits as incurred. Estimates of other post-retirement benefit payments through 2014 are included in the table above.

*Advances from Customers* LyondellBasell AF received advances from customers in prior years in connection with long-term sales agreements under which LyondellBasell AF is obligated to deliver product primarily at cost-based prices. These advances are treated as deferred revenue and will be amortized to earnings as product is delivered over the remaining terms of the respective contracts, which primarily range from 4 to 13 years. The unamortized long-term portion of such advances totaled \$287 million as of December 31, 2009.

*Other* Other includes accruals for environmental remediation costs, obligations under deferred compensation arrangements, and anticipated asset retirement obligations. See Critical Accounting Policies below for a discussion of obligations for environmental remediation costs.

*Deferred Income Taxes* The scheduled settlement of the deferred tax liabilities shown in the table is based on the scheduled reversal of the underlying temporary differences. Actual cash tax payments will vary dependent upon future taxable income. See Debt, Interest and Deferred Income Taxes below for a description of LyondellBasell N.V.'s deferred income tax obligations.

*Purchase Obligations* LyondellBasell AF was and LyondellBasell N.V. is party to various obligations to purchase products and services, principally for raw materials, utilities and industrial gases. These commitments are designed to

assure sources of supply and are not expected to be in excess of normal requirements. The commitments are segregated into take-or-pay contracts and other contracts. Under the take-or-pay contracts, LyondellBasell AF was and LyondellBasell N.V. is obligated to make minimum payments whether or not it takes the product or service. Other contracts include contracts that specify minimum quantities; however, in the event that LyondellBasell N.V. does not take the contractual minimum, it



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is only obligated for any resulting economic loss suffered by the vendor. The payments shown for the other contracts assume that minimum quantities are purchased. For contracts with variable pricing terms, the minimum payments reflect the contract price at December 31, 2009. The table excludes contracts that were rejected as part of the bankruptcy process; claims related to such rejected contracts are included in Liabilities subject to compromise.

*Operating Leases* LyondellBasell AF leased and LyondellBasell N.V. leases various facilities and equipment under noncancelable lease arrangements for various periods. See Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for related lease disclosures. The table excluded leases that were rejected as part of the bankruptcy process. Claims related to such rejected leases are included in Liabilities subject to compromise.

**Debt and Interest and Deferred Income Taxes**

The following table summarizes, as of June 30, 2010, LyondellBasell Industries N.V.'s minimum payments for long-term debt, including current maturities, and short-term debt and obligations related to deferred income tax for the next five years and thereafter.

Millions of dollars	Total	Payments Due by Period					Thereafter
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Total debt	\$ 7,310	\$ 20	\$ 45	\$ 8	\$ 508	\$ 5	\$ 6,724
Interest on total debt	4,787	323	643	643	630	624	1,924
Deferred income taxes	867	32	63	63	63	63	583
Total	\$ 12,964	\$ 375	\$ 751	\$ 714	\$ 1,201	\$ 692	\$ 9,231

*Total Debt* Total debt includes the Senior Secured Notes, the Senior Term Loan Facility, the Plan Roll-up Notes, the European Securitization and 8.1% guaranteed notes due 2027 (the 2027 Notes).

*Interest* LyondellBasell Industries N.V.'s debt agreements contain provisions for the payment of monthly, quarterly or semi-annual interest at a stated rate of interest over the term of the debt. LyondellBasell Industries N.V. will pay interest on the Senior Secured Notes, the Senior Term Loan Facility, the Plan Roll-up Notes and the 2027 Notes.

*Deferred Income Taxes* The scheduled settlement of the deferred tax liabilities remeasured as part of fresh-start accounting is based on the scheduled reversal of the underlying temporary differences. Actual tax payments will vary dependent upon future taxable income.

**Related Party Transactions**

LyondellBasell AF had related party transactions with LyondellBasell AF's equity investees and its affiliates (see Notes 9 and 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009). LyondellBasell AF believes that these transactions were effected on terms substantially no more or less favorable than those that would have been agreed upon by unrelated parties on an arm's length basis.

In addition, prior to the Emergence Date LyondellBasell AF had related party transactions with Access Industries.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

Management applies those accounting policies that it believes best reflect the underlying business and economic events, consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The accounting policies of LyondellBasell N.V. are the same policies of the Predecessor summarized in Note 2 to LyondellBasell AF's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, except for those accounting policies and topics adopted in connection with fresh-start accounting as disclosed in Note 2 of LyondellBasell N.V.'s Consolidated Financial Statements for the six months ended June 30, 2010. LyondellBasell N.V.'s more critical accounting policies include those related to long-lived assets, the valuation of goodwill, accruals for long-term

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employee benefit costs such as pension and other post-retirement costs, liabilities for anticipated expenditures to comply with environmental regulations, and accruals for taxes based on income. Inherent in such policies are certain key assumptions and estimates made by management. Management periodically updates its estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements based on its latest assessment of the current and projected business and general economic environment. Changes to these critical accounting policies have been reviewed with LyondellBasell N.V.'s Supervisory Board.

*Long-Lived Assets* With respect to long-lived assets, key assumptions included the estimates of the asset fair values and useful lives at the emergence date and the recoverability of carrying values of fixed assets and other intangible assets, as well as the existence of any obligations associated with the retirement of fixed assets. Such estimates could be significantly modified and/or the carrying values of the assets could be impaired by such factors as new technological developments, new chemical industry entrants with significant raw material or other cost advantages, uncertainties associated with the European, U.S. and world economies, the cyclical nature of the chemical and refining industries, and uncertainties associated with governmental actions, whether regulatory or, in the case of Houston Refining LP, with respect to its crude oil contract.

The current recession and continuing weakness in financial markets have created substantial uncertainty for the global economy and the markets in which LyondellBasell N.V. operates.

Predecessor earnings for 2009 included pretax impairment charges of \$17 million, primarily related to the impairment of LyondellBasell AF's emissions allowances that were subject to reallocation to other industry participants under a proposed regulation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. As part of its reorganization, LyondellBasell AF also recognized charges totaling \$680 million, including \$624 million for the write-off of the carrying value and related assets of its Chocolate Bayou olefins facility near Alvin, Texas and \$55 million for the write-off of its EG facility in Beaumont, Texas.

Predecessor earnings for 2008 included a \$218 million pretax charge for impairment of the carrying value of the assets related to LyondellBasell AF's Berre Refinery. Also in 2008, LyondellBasell AF recognized a \$7 million charge for impairment of its EG facility in Beaumont, Texas.

Predecessor earnings for 2007 included a \$12 million pretax charge for impairment of the net book value of LyondellBasell AF's Canadian facility in Varennes, Québec and \$8 million for capitalized engineering costs for a new polymers plant in Germany.

For purposes of recognition and measurement of the above-noted impairments, long-lived assets were grouped with other assets and liabilities at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows were largely independent of the cash flows of other assets and liabilities.

The estimated useful lives of long-lived assets range from 3 to 30 years. Depreciation and amortization of these assets, including amortization of deferred turnaround costs, under the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives totaled \$1,774 million in 2009. If the useful lives of the assets were found to be shorter than originally estimated, depreciation and amortization charges would be accelerated over the revised useful life.

*Goodwill* Goodwill of \$1,061 million at June 30, 2010 represents the tax effect of the differences between the tax and book bases of the Company's assets and liabilities resulting from the Company's revaluation of those assets and liabilities to fair value in connection with the Company's emergence from bankruptcy and adoption of fresh-start accounting. LyondellBasell N.V. evaluates the carrying value of goodwill annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may exceed fair value. Recoverability is determined by comparing the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to which the goodwill applies to the carrying value, including

goodwill, of that reporting unit.

The recoverability of LyondellBasell N.V.'s goodwill is dependent upon the future operating results associated with its reporting units, which could change significantly based upon business performance or other factors.

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*Long-Term Employee Benefit Costs* The costs to LyondellBasell AF of long-term employee benefits, particularly pension and other post-retirement medical and life insurance benefits, are incurred over long periods of time, and involve many uncertainties over those periods. The net periodic benefit cost attributable to current periods is based on several assumptions about such future uncertainties, and is sensitive to changes in those assumptions. It is management's responsibility, often with the assistance of independent experts, to select assumptions that in its judgment represent its best estimates of the future effects of those uncertainties. It also is management's responsibility to review those assumptions periodically to reflect changes in economic or other factors that affect those assumptions.

The current benefit service costs, as well as the existing liabilities, for pensions and other post-retirement benefits are measured on a discounted present value basis. The discount rate is a current rate, related to the rate at which the liabilities could be settled. LyondellBasell N.V.'s assumed discount rate is based on published average rates for high-quality (Aa rating) ten-year fixed income securities. For the purpose of measuring the benefit obligations at April 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. used 5.75% for most U.S. plans while a rate of 5.50% was used for certain U.S. plans to reflect the different terms of the related benefit obligations. Obligations for non-U.S. plans were measured using a discount rate of 4.99%, which reflects market interest rates. Net periodic benefit cost for 2010 is being measured using the December 31, 2009 discount rates.

The benefit obligation and the periodic cost of other post-retirement medical benefits also are measured based on assumed rates of future increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits. As of April 30, 2010, the assumed rate of increase was 9.5%, decreasing to 5% in 2026 and thereafter. A one percentage point change in the health care cost trend rate assumption would have no significant effect on either the benefit liability or the net periodic cost due to limits on LyondellBasell N.V.'s maximum contribution level under the medical plan. As of December 31, 2009, the assumed rate of increase was 8% for 2010, decreasing 0.5% per year to 5% in 2016 and thereafter.

The net periodic cost of pension benefits included in expense also is affected by the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets assumption. Investment returns that are recognized currently in net income represent the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets applied to a market-related value of plan assets which, for LyondellBasell N.V., is defined as the market value of assets. The expected rate of return on plan assets is a longer term rate, and is expected to change less frequently than the current assumed discount rate, reflecting long-term market expectations, rather than current fluctuations in market conditions.

The weighted average expected long-term rates of return on U.S. and non-U.S. plan assets for LyondellBasell N.V. are and for LyondellBasell AF were 8.0% and 5.78%, respectively. These rates of return are based on the average level of earnings that management's independent pension investment advisor had advised could be expected to be earned over time. The expectation is based on an asset allocation that varies by region. The asset allocations are summarized in Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009. The actual rates of return in 2009 for U.S. and non-U.S. plan assets were 23% and 6%, respectively.

The actual rates of return on plan assets may differ from the expected rates due to the volatility normally experienced in capital markets. Management's goal is to manage the investments over the long term to achieve optimal returns with an acceptable level of risk and volatility.

Net periodic pension cost recognized each year includes the expected asset earnings, rather than the actual earnings or loss. This unrecognized amount, to the extent it exceeds 10% of the projected benefit obligation for the respective plan, is recognized as additional net periodic benefit cost over the average remaining service period of the participants in each plan.

In May 2010, LyondellBasell N.V. resumed matching contributions under the Company's defined contribution plans (Employee Savings Plans). LyondellBasell AF had temporarily suspended these contributions beginning in March

2009 as a result of the bankruptcy.

Additional information on the key assumptions underlying these benefit costs appears in Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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*Liabilities for Environmental Remediation Costs* Anticipated expenditures related to investigation and remediation of contaminated sites, which include current and former plant sites and other remediation sites, are accrued when it is probable a liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated. Only ongoing operating and monitoring costs, the timing of which can be determined with reasonable certainty, are discounted to present value. Future legal costs associated with such matters, which generally are not estimable, are not included in these liabilities.

As of June 30, 2010, LyondellBasell N.V.'s accrued liability for future environmental remediation costs at current and former plant sites and other remediation sites totaled \$88 million. The liabilities for individual sites range from less than \$1 million to \$17 million, and remediation expenditures are expected to occur over a number of years, and not to be concentrated in any single year. In the opinion of management, it is reasonably possible that losses in excess of the liabilities recorded may have been incurred. However, we cannot estimate any amount or range of such possible additional losses. New information about sites, new technology or future developments such as involvement in investigations by regulatory agencies, could require LyondellBasell N.V. to reassess potential exposure related to environmental matters. See Note 25 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Note 16 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell N.V. for the quarter ended June 30, 2010 for further discussion of environmental remediation matters.

*Accruals for Taxes Based on Income* The determination of our provision for income taxes and the calculation of our tax benefits and liabilities is subject to management's estimates and judgments due to the complexity of the tax laws in the tax jurisdictions in which we operate. Uncertainties exist with respect to interpretation of these complex U.S. federal and non-U.S. tax regulations.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to reverse.

We recognize future tax benefits to the extent that the realization of these benefits is more likely than not. Our current provision for income taxes was impacted significantly by the initial recognition of valuation allowances related to net deferred assets in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. Further changes to these valuation allowances may impact our future provision for income taxes, which will include no tax benefit with respect to losses incurred and no tax expense with respect to income generated in these countries until the respective valuation allowance is eliminated.

For further information related to income taxes, see Note 24 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of LyondellBasell AF for the year ended December 31, 2009.

## **Accounting and Reporting Changes**

For a discussion of the potential impact of new accounting pronouncements on the consolidated financial statements, see Note 2 to LyondellBasell AF's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Note 2 to LyondellBasell N.V.'s unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2010.

## **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 for discussion of LyondellBasell AF's management of commodity price risk, foreign currency exposure and interest rate risk through its use of derivative instruments and hedging activities.

## ***Commodity Price Risk***

A substantial portion of our products and raw materials are commodities whose prices fluctuate as market supply and demand fundamentals change. Accordingly, product margins and the level of our profitability tend to fluctuate with changes in the business cycle. We try to protect against such instability through various



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business strategies. These include provisions in sales contracts allowing us to pass on higher raw material costs through timely price increases, formula price contracts to transfer or share commodity price risk, and increasing the depth and breadth of our product portfolio.

In addition, we selectively use commodity swap, option, and futures contracts with various terms to manage the volatility related to purchases of natural gas and raw materials, as well as product sales. Such contracts are generally limited to durations of one year or less. Cash-flow hedge accounting is normally elected for these derivative transactions; however, in some cases, when the duration of a derivative is short, hedge accounting is not elected. When hedge accounting is not elected, the changes in fair value of these instruments will be recorded in earnings. When hedge accounting is elected, gains and losses on these instruments will be deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income ( AOCI ), to the extent that the hedge remains effective, until the underlying transaction is recognized in earnings.

We use value at risk ( VAR ), stress testing and scenario analysis for risk measurement and control purposes. VAR estimates the maximum potential loss in fair market values, given a certain move in prices over a certain period of time, using specified confidence levels. Using sensitivity analysis and hypothetical unfavorable changes in market prices ranging from 1% to 4% from those in effect at June 30, 2010, the effect would have been to reduce LyondellBasell AF s net income by approximately \$1 million. The quantitative information about market risk is necessarily limited because it does not take into account the effects of the underlying operating transactions.

***Foreign Exchange Risk***

We manufacture and market our products in a number of countries throughout the world and, as a result, are exposed to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Costs in some countries are incurred, in part, in currencies other than the applicable functional currency.

***Interest Rate Risk***

We are exposed to interest rate risk with respect to variable rate debt. Using sensitivity analysis and a hypothetical 1% increase in interest rates from those in effect at June 30, 2010, the increase in LyondellBasell N.V. s annual interest expense on the variable-rate debt of \$1,025 million would have reduced net income by approximately \$10 million.

During 2008, LyondellBasell AF entered into interest rate swap agreements, maturing in 2013, in the notional amount of \$2,350 million. These interest rate swaps were designated as cash-flow hedges of the interest cash flows for the period between April 2009 and June 2013 and effectively converted a portion of LyondellBasell AF s variable rate, long-term debt to fixed rate debt for the period of the hedge. The variable portion of the interest rate would have converted to a fixed rate ranging from 3.6% to 4.6%.

In January 2009, LyondellBasell AF received notice of termination for these interest rate swap agreements after certain of its subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for protection under Chapter 11. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the fair value of these interest rate swap agreements resulted in payables of \$201 million and \$196 million, respectively, which were classified as Liabilities subject to compromise and Accrued liabilities, respectively.

LyondellBasell AF entered into a cross-currency interest rate swap for a principal amount of \$365 million in conjunction with the issuance of \$615 million of senior notes due in 2015. The swap involved the payment of fixed interest and, upon maturity, principal amounts in euro in exchange for corresponding receipts in U.S. dollars. This swap was designated as a cash-flow hedge. Accordingly, in 2008, a \$22 million loss was reclassified from AOCI to Other income, net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations related to the changes in fair value.



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**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

**Ownership of Existing Equity Securities**

As of October 21, 2010, we had 348,901,309 of our Class A ordinary shares and 216,772,464 of our Class B ordinary shares issued and outstanding, not including shares issuable pursuant to equity awards granted under our equity compensation plans. Each ordinary share carries one vote in LyondellBasell Industries N.V.'s general meeting of shareholders and is entitled to any dividends declared, except that the Class B ordinary shares rank senior in liquidation to the Class A ordinary shares and other classes of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. capital stock for a period of time. All Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares vote as one class, except that the Class B ordinary shares have the right to vote as a separate class with respect to certain material strategic transactions in which the Class B ordinary shares would receive less than \$10.61 per share. Any such transactions require the approval of 85% of the Class B ordinary shares. Additionally, each class has the right to vote as a separate class on certain charter amendments affecting its class of ordinary shares. The Class B ordinary shares are convertible into Class A ordinary shares at the option of the holders thereof and will automatically convert in certain circumstances. Our Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares are identical in all other respects.

As of October 21, 2010, we had warrants to purchase 11,508,204 Class A ordinary shares issued and outstanding. The warrants have an exercise price of \$15.90 per Class A ordinary share. The warrants have anti-dilution protection for in-kind stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations and similar transactions and may be exercised at any time during the period beginning on April 30, 2010 and ending at the close of business on the seventh anniversary of the issue date. Upon an affiliate change of control, the holders of the warrants may sell to LyondellBasell Industries N.V. the warrants at a price equal to, as applicable, the in-the-money value of the warrants or the Black Scholes value of the warrants.

As part of the Plan of Reorganization, certain equity-based awards to certain senior management of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and its subsidiaries were effective as of the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization. See [Market Price of and Dividends on Our Common Equity and Related Shareholder Matters](#) [Equity Compensation Plan Information](#).

The following table indicates information, to our knowledge, as of October 21, 2010 regarding the beneficial ownership of our Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares by:

Each holder of greater than 5% of our ordinary shares;

Each member of our Supervisory Board and Management Board;

Each of our executive officers; and

All of our current board members and executive officers as a group.

Under the rules of the SEC, a person is deemed to be a beneficial owner of a security if that person has or shares voting power, which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of the security, or investment power, which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of the security. The rules also treat as outstanding all shares of capital stock that a person would receive upon exercise of stock options or warrants held by that person, which are immediately exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the determination date. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities and a person may be deemed to be a

beneficial owner of securities as to which that person has no economic interest.

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Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Total Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of All Ordinary Shares(1)
5% Beneficial Owners:		
Apollo Management Holdings, L.P.(2) 9 West 57th Street New York, NY 10019	164,895,924	29.2%
The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. Gustev Mahlerlaan 10, 1082 PP Amsterdam, The Netherlands	37,780,004	6.7%
Certain affiliates of Ares Management LLC(3) 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90067	37,438,451(3)	6.6%
Certain affiliates of Access Industries(4) 730 Fifth Ave., 20th Floor New York, NY 10019	56,270,668	9.9%
Members of Supervisory Board, Management Board and named executive officers:		
Milton Carroll		*
Stephen F. Cooper		*
Joshua J. Harris(5)		*
Scott M. Kleinman(6)		*
Marvin O. Schlanger(7)		*
Jeffrey S. Serota(8)		*
Bruce A. Smith		*
Rudy M.J. van der Meer		*
James L. Gallogly(9)	1,127,804(9)	*
C. Kent Potter		*
Craig Glidden		*
Kevin Brown		*
Anton deVries		*

\* Less than 1% of issued and outstanding ordinary shares.

(1) All percentages are based on 565,673,773 ordinary shares outstanding as of October 21, 2010.

(2) Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. is the general partner or manager of various Apollo investment managers that manage Apollo investment funds which hold our ordinary shares. Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC is the general partner of Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. Leon Black, Joshua Harris and Marc Rowan are the principal executive officers and managers of Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC. Each of Apollo Management Holdings, L.P., Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC and Messrs. Black, Harris and Rowan disclaims beneficial ownership of any ordinary shares that may be held or acquired by any of the Apollo investment funds, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

(3)

Ares Management LLC is a private investment management firm that indirectly controls Ares and certain other entities that became recordholders of our outstanding ordinary shares upon the Emergence Date (together with Ares, the Ares Recordholders ). Ares Management LLC and each of its affiliated entities and the officers, partners, members and managers thereof, other than the Ares Recordholders, disclaim beneficial ownership of any ordinary shares owned by the Ares Recordholders, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The shares listed include warrants to purchase 658,412 Class A ordinary shares at an exercise price of \$15.90, which are currently exercisable.

- (4) Access Industries is a privately-held U.S. industrial group with holdings primarily in natural resources and chemicals, media and telecommunications and real estate, which controls directly or indirectly AI

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International Chemicals S.à r.l. and certain other entities that became recordholders of our outstanding ordinary shares on or after the Emergence Date (collectively, the Access Recordholders ). Access Industries and each of its affiliated entities and the officers, partners, members and managers thereof, other than the Access Recordholders, disclaim beneficial ownership of any ordinary shares owned by the Access Recordholders, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

- (5) Mr. Harris is associated with Apollo. Mr. Harris disclaims beneficial ownership of ordinary shares owned by Apollo and any other shareholder, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The business address for Mr. Harris is 9 West 57th street, New York, New York 10019.
- (6) Mr. Kleinman is associated with Apollo. Mr. Kleinman disclaims beneficial ownership of ordinary shares owned by Apollo and any other shareholder, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The business address for Mr. Kleinman is 9 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019.
- (7) The address of Mr. Schlanger is One Greentree Centre, Suite 201, Marlton, New Jersey 08053.
- (8) Does not include ordinary shares owned by the Ares Recordholders. Mr. Serota is a Senior Partner in the Private Equity Group of Ares Management LLC. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of ordinary shares owned by the Ares Recordholders and any other shareholder, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The business address for Mr. Serota is 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067.
- (9) Mr. Gallogly is the sole member of the Management Board. The business address for Mr. Gallogly is 1221 McKinney Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77010.

In addition to 1,771,794 shares of restricted Class A ordinary shares that were issued to Mr. Gallogly upon our emergence from bankruptcy, Mr. Gallogly was granted options to purchase an aggregate of 5,639,020 Class A ordinary shares at an exercise price of \$17.61 per share, of which the 1,127,804 reflected in the table have previously vested. The restricted shares vest in full five years from the date of Mr. Gallogly's employment agreement of May 14, 2009 and the options vest in equal increments over the same five-year period, and expire April 30, 2017.

Unless otherwise noted, the address for each person listed on the table is c/o LyondellBasell Industries N.V., Weena 737, 3013AM, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Executive Officers**

The table below sets out the names of the members of our management and their positions as of October 21, 2010. Mr. de Vries was an executive officer of LyondellBasell AF prior to and at the time it filed proceedings under Chapter 11.

<b>Name, Age and Current Position with LyondellBasell</b>	<b>Business Experience During Past Five Years and Period Served as Officer(s)</b>
James L. Gallogly, 57 Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Gallogly was named Chief Executive Officer in May 2009. He was Executive Vice President of Exploration and Production for ConocoPhillips from October 2008 to May 2009 and served as its Executive Vice President of Refining, Marketing and Transportation from April 2006 to October 2008. Mr. Gallogly was President and Chief Executive Officer of Chevron Phillips

Chemical Company LLC from July 2000 to March 2006 and served as a member of its Board of Directors.



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<b>Name, Age and Current Position with LyondellBasell</b>	<b>Business Experience During Past Five Years and Period Served as Officer(s)</b>
C. Kent Potter, 63 Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Potter was named Chief Financial Officer in August 2009. Mr. Potter was the Chief Financial Officer of TNK-BP, Russia's third largest oil company from June 2003 to October 2005. Mr. Potter was previously Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Chevron Phillips Chemical Company (a major producer of polyolefins) from 2000 to June 2003 and served as a member of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Potter also served as a member of the Supervisory Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Basell AF S.C.A. and its successor, LyondellBasell AF, from November 2005 through July 2009.
Craig Glidden, 52 Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	Mr. Glidden was named Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer in August 2009. Mr. Glidden served as Senior Vice President, Legal and Public Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company from April 2004 to August 2009 and as its Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from July 2000 to April 2004. Before joining Chevron Phillips Chemical, Mr. Glidden engaged in the private practice of law focusing on litigation and arbitration of complex commercial disputes.
Kevin W. Brown, 52 Senior Vice President, Refining	Mr. Brown was named Senior Vice President, Refining in October 2009. He served as Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President, Operations for Sinclair Oil Corporation from March 1994 to September 2009 and served as a member of Sinclair's Board of Directors. From July 1992 to February 1994, Mr. Brown was Refinery Manager of the Sinclair Tulsa Refinery. From September 2008 to June 2009, he also served as the Chairman of the Board of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association.
Massimo Covezzi, 52 Senior Vice President, Research and Development	Mr. Covezzi was named Senior Vice President, Research and Development in January 2008. From August 2005 to December 2007, he served as Head of Research and Development of Basell.
Paul Davies, 48 Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer	Mr. Davies was named Vice President and Human Resources Officer in June 2010. He worked as an independent Human Resources Consultant from September 2008 until he joined the Company. From August 1996 to September 2008, he served as VP Human Resources at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.
Anton de Vries, 58 Senior Vice President, O&P EAI	Mr. de Vries was named Senior Vice President, O&P--EAI in January 2010. He served as the president of the Polymers division at LyondellBasell AF from December 2007 to December 2009. From March 2007 to December 2007, Mr. de Vries was president of Basell Polyolefins Europe. From 2005 to 2007, he was president of the Global Advanced Polyolefins business of Basell.
Wendy M. Johnson, 51 Chief Accounting Officer	Ms. Johnson was named Chief Accounting Officer in July 2010. She served as Vice President, Assistant Corporate Controller from January 2008 to June 2010. From December 2004 to January 2008, she served as Director, Global Manufacturing and Accounting at Lyondell Chemical.
Bhavesh V. (Bob) Patel, 43 Senior Vice President, O&P Americas	Mr. Patel was named Senior Vice President, O&P Americas in April 2010. He served as General Manager, Olefins and NGLs for Chevron Phillips Chemical Company from May 2009 to March 2010 and as its General

Manager, Asia Pacific Region Singapore from April 2008 to May 2009.  
Previously, he served as Business Manager, Olefins for Chevron Phillips  
Chemical Company from January 2005 to April 2008.

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<b>Name, Age and Current Position with LyondellBasell</b>	<b>Business Experience During Past Five Years and Period Served as Officer(s)</b>
Patrick Quarles, 43 Senior Vice President, Intermediates & Derivates	Mr. Quarles was named Senior Vice President, Intermediates & Derivates in January 2010. He served as Divisional Senior Vice President at LyondellBasell AF from December 2007 to December 2009. He served as vice president for Performance Chemicals at Lyondell Chemical from 2004 to December 2007.
Paramjit Singh, 49 Senior Vice President, Manufacturing EAI	Mr. Singh was named Senior Vice President, Manufacturing EAI in January 2009. He served as Senior Vice President, Technology Services of LyondellBasell AF from August 2005 to December 2008. From June 2003 to July 2005, Mr. Singh was Senior Vice President, Global Projects & Engineering for Basell Polyolefins Europe.
Samuel Smolik, 57 Vice President, Health, Safety, Environment and Operational Excellence	Mr. Smolik was named Vice President Health, Safety, Environment and Operational Excellence in November 2009. He served as Vice President Downstream Health, Safety and Environment for Royal Dutch Shell from August 2004 to October 2009.
Francesco Svelto, 50 Treasurer	Mr. Svelto was named Treasurer in January 2010. He served as Interim Treasurer of LyondellBasell AF from July 2009 to December 2009. From January 2008 to June 2009, he served as Divisional VP, Business Finance, Polymers at LyondellBasell AF and as Treasurer of Basell from May 2004 to December 2007.
Karen Swindler, 45 Senior Vice President, Manufacturing Americas	Ms. Swindler was named Senior Vice President, Manufacturing Americas in November 2009. She served as Director of Performance Improvement from July 2009 to November 2009 and as Divisional Vice President of North America Polymers Manufacturing from January 2008 to July 2009 at LyondellBasell AF. From July 2003 to December 2007, Ms. Swindler held positions as Vice President of Health, Safety and Environment, Divisional Vice President of Manufacturing Northern Region, and Divisional Vice President of North America Polymers Manufacturing, at Lyondell Chemical.
Sergey Vasnetsov, 47 Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Transactions	Mr. Vasnetsov was named Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Transactions in August 2010. From 1999 to 2010 he served as a Managing Director of Equity Research and the head of the global chemical research team at Lehman Brothers and its successor, Barclays Capital.

**Boards of Directors**

The Supervisory Board of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. will consist of at least nine members, four of whom will be independent members of the Supervisory Board. Within one year of our ordinary shares being listed on the NYSE, the size of the Supervisory Board will be increased and additional independent directors will be appointed as necessary to ensure that a majority of the directors will be independent within the meaning of the NYSE listing requirements. Of the initial Supervisory Board, Apollo has the right to nominate three initial Supervisory Board members, Access Industries has the right to nominate one initial Supervisory Board member and Ares has the right to nominate one initial Supervisory Board member. The remaining initial Supervisory Board members will be independent and will be identified by a search firm, subject to the approval of the selling shareholders (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld). The selling shareholders each entered into a binding nomination agreement with LyondellBasell Industries N.V. pursuant to which LyondellBasell Industries N.V. has agreed that, following appointment of the initial Supervisory Board, (i) if a Major Shareholder, together with its affiliates, owns 18% or more of our outstanding

ordinary shares, such shareholder will have the right to nominate three members of the Supervisory Board; (ii) if a Major Shareholder, together with its affiliates, owns at least 12% but less than 18% of our outstanding ordinary shares, such shareholder will have the right to nominate two members of the Supervisory Board; and (iii) if a Major Shareholder, together with its affiliates, owns at least 5% but less than 12% of our outstanding ordinary shares, such shareholder will have the right to nominate one member of the Supervisory Board. The size of

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the Supervisory Board may be increased from time to time to the extent necessary to ensure that a majority of the members are independent in accordance with the NYSE standard for independence after giving effect to the foregoing.

Apollo nominated Joshua J. Harris, Scott M. Kleinman and Marvin O. Schlanger; Access Industries originally nominated Philip Kassin; and Ares Management nominated Jeffrey S. Serota to serve on the Supervisory Board. Each of these individuals was appointed to the Supervisory Board effective as of April 30, 2010. On July 13, 2010, a transitional committee of the Company consisting of our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Legal Officer appointed Milton Carroll, Bruce A. Smith and Rudy van der Meer to the Supervisory Board. On August 2, 2010, Mr. Kassin resigned from the Supervisory Board and Stephen F. Cooper, his replacement nominated by Access, was appointed by the general meeting of shareholders. Additionally, on June 2, 2010, the members of the Supervisory Board appointed Mr. Schlanger as Chairman of the Board.

Each of the members of such initial board will serve in accordance with applicable Dutch law, the internal rules of the Supervisory Board, applicable corporate governance principles and our articles of association (as amended from time to time, our Articles of Association ). The Supervisory Board, in consultation with the Management Board, will determine the overall strategy and policy of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. and the LyondellBasell group of companies. The Management Board will be responsible for the execution of such strategy and policy, as well as the management of our day-to-day operations. The Management Board will submit proposals for the overall strategy and policy to the Supervisory Board for its approval. In addition, certain Management Board actions, including extraordinary transactions, will require the approval of the Supervisory Board, the general meeting of shareholders and/or Class B shareholders. The Chief Executive Officer will be the sole member of the initial Management Board. The Management Board may delegate certain tasks to the Chief Executive Officer and certain other officers of the LyondellBasell group of companies, but the Management Board will remain responsible for the proper performance of the delegated tasks.

## **Supervisory Board Committees**

The Supervisory Board currently has an audit committee, a nominating and governance committee, a compensation committee and a health, safety and environmental committee. Each committee will be made up of at least three members of the Supervisory Board. Pursuant to the binding nomination agreements described above, except as may be prohibited by law or regulation (including rules of the NYSE), Apollo has, and Ares and Access Industries may have, depending on the percentages of shares owned by them, the right to representation on each committee of the Supervisory Board.

*Audit Committee.* The audit committee, in accordance with its charter, will be responsible for:

Recommending independent auditors for shareholder approval, overseeing and reviewing reports of independent auditors and serving as an intermediary between independent auditors and management.

Overseeing the proper functioning and appropriateness of our financial reporting processes and accounting policies.

Overseeing and reviewing the internal audit functions and reporting.

Monitoring and discussing risk assessment and risk management services with the management and the internal auditor.

Evaluating and maintaining proper ethical compliance functions.

*Compensation Committee.* The compensation committee, in accordance with its charter, will be responsible for:

Making a proposal for adoption by the Supervisory Board of the compensation philosophy, structure, policies and guidelines for the managing directors, executive officers and senior management.

Establishing and reviewing annual incentive and long-term incentive compensation plans, including equity-based incentive compensation plans, for employees.

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Establishing and reviewing benefit or other plans or programs for employees.

Establishing and reviewing corporate goals and objectives relevant to the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, including the long-term incentive component, evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of those goals and objectives and determine the Chief Executive Officer's compensation level based on this evaluation.

Preparing a report on executive compensation, as required by the SEC rules, to be included in our annual proxy statement to shareholders and the Supervisory Board report on compensation to be included in the Dutch Annual Report.

*Nominating and Governance Committee.* The nominating and governance committee, in accordance with its charter, will be responsible for:

Periodically evaluating the performance and functioning of the Supervisory Board and the Management Board.

Developing, reviewing and recommending to the Supervisory Board a set of corporate governance guidelines.

Developing and recommending criteria for Supervisory Board membership and size and structure of the Supervisory Board.

Identifying and recommending qualified candidates for membership on the Supervisory Board.

Recommending the structure and composition of, and nominees for, the standing committees of the Supervisory Board.

*Health, Safety and Environmental Committee.* The health, safety and environmental committee, in accordance with its charter, will be responsible for:

Periodically reviewing the status of the Company's environment, health and safety policies and performance, including processes to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Providing input to the Company on the management of current and emerging environment, health and safety issues.

Reporting periodically to the Supervisory Board on environment, health and safety matters affecting the Company.

Reviewing the Company's progress on sustainable development.

## **Meetings and Voting**

The Supervisory Board and Management Board will each hold approximately six regularly scheduled meetings per year with the meetings of the Management Board coinciding with those of the Supervisory Board. Members of the Supervisory Board and Management Board are each entitled to cast one vote at their respective meetings and resolutions of each Board will pass by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

## **Removal of Directors**

LyondellBasell Industries N.V.'s Articles of Association provide that the Supervisory Board members may be suspended or dismissed by a vote of the ordinary shareholders, at a general meeting of the ordinary shareholders, upon a vote of holders of at least 2/3 of the ordinary shares present, which shares must represent at least half of the issued share capital. The members of the Management Board may be suspended or dismissed by a vote of the ordinary shareholders at a general meeting of ordinary shareholders, upon a vote of holders of at least 2/3 of the ordinary shares present, which ordinary shares must represent at least half of the issued ordinary share capital. The members of the Management Board may also be suspended by a majority of the Supervisory Board members. In the event that Mr. Gallogly ceases to be employed as Chief Executive



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Officer of Lyondell Chemical, he has agreed to immediately resign from his position as a member of the Management Board.

**Members of Boards of Directors**

*Supervisory Board.* The table below sets out the names of the current members of the Supervisory Board.

Name and Age	Business Experience During Past Five Years
Milton Carroll, 59	Mr. Carroll is Chairman of the Board of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a public utility holding company, where he has served since 2002 and Chairman of Instrument Products, Inc., a private oil-tool manufacturing company, where he has served since 1977. Mr. Carroll serves on the Board of Directors of Halliburton Company, Health Care Service Corporation, and Western Gas Holdings LLC, the general partner of Western Gas Partners, L.P.
Stephen F. Cooper, 63	Mr. Cooper is an advisor at Zolfo Cooper, a leading financial advisory and interim management firm, of which he was a co-founder and former Chairman. Mr. Cooper has over 30 years of experience as a financial advisor, and has served as Vice Chairman and member of the office of Chief Executive Officer of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc.; Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Telcom; Executive Chairman of Blue Bird Corporation; Chairman of the Board of Collins & Aikman Corporation; Chief Executive Officer of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Restructuring Officer of Enron Corporation. Mr. Cooper served on the supervisory board as Vice Chairman and served as the Chairman of the Restructuring Committee of LyondellBasell Industries AF S.C.A., the predecessor of the Company.
Joshua J. Harris, 45	Mr. Harris is a Senior Managing Director of Apollo Global Management, LLC and Managing Partner of Apollo Management, L.P. which he co-founded in 1990. Prior to 1990, Mr. Harris was a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions Group of Drexel Burnham Lambert Incorporated. Mr. Harris currently serves on the boards of directors of the general partner of AP Alternative Assets, Apollo Global Management, LLC, Berry Plastics Group Inc., CEVA Group plc and Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC. Mr. Harris has previously served on the boards of directors of Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc., Verso Paper, Metals USA, Nalco, Allied Waste Industries, Pacer International, General Nutrition Centers, Furniture Brands International, Compass Minerals Group, Alliance Imaging, NRT Inc., Covalence Specialty Materials, United Agri Products, Quality Distribution, Whitmire Distribution, and Noranda Aluminum.
Scott M. Kleinman, 37	Mr. Kleinman is a Senior Partner at Apollo, where he has worked since February 1996. Prior to that time, Mr. Kleinman was employed by Smith Barney Inc. in its Investment Banking division. Mr. Kleinman is also a director of Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC, Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation, Realogy Corporation and Verso Paper Corp. Mr. Kleinman previously served on the board of directors of Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.



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<b>Name and Age</b>	<b>Business Experience During Past Five Years</b>
Marvin O. Schlanger, 62 (Chairman of the Board)	Since October 1998, Mr. Schlanger has been a principal in the firm of Cherry Hill Chemical Investments, LLC, which provides management services and capital to chemical and allied industries. Prior to October 1998, Mr. Schlanger held various positions with ARCO Chemical Company, serving as President and Chief Executive Officer from May 1998 to July 1998 and as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 1994 to May 1998. Mr. Schlanger is also a director and the Chairman of the Board of CEVA Group Plc, and a director of Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC, UGI Corporation, UGI Utilities Inc. and Amerigas Propane, Inc. Mr. Schlanger previously served as a director and the Vice Chairman of the Board of Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.
Jeffrey S. Serota, 44	Mr. Serota is a Senior Partner in the Private Equity Group of Ares Management LLC, where he has worked since 1997. Mr. Serota is also a director of Douglas Dynamics, Inc., Exco Resources, Inc., Marietta Corporation, SandRidge Energy, Inc., and WCA Waste Corporation.
Bruce A. Smith, 66	Mr. Smith is the retired Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tesoro Corporation, where he served from 1996 until 2010. Before being named as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Smith served as a director of Tesoro and also served as its Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer before becoming President and Chief Executive Officer.
Rudy M.J. van der Meer, 65	Mr. van der Meer is Chairman of the supervisory boards of Imtech N.V., Gazelle Holding B.V., and Energie Beheer Nederland B.V. He also is a member of the supervisory boards of James Hardie Industries S.E., ING Bank Nederland N.V. and ING Verzekeringen (Insurance) Nederland N.V. Mr. van der Meer previously was associated with AkzoNobel N.V. for 32 years, where he held a number of senior positions including Chief Executive Officer Coatings, CEO-Chemicals, during a 12 year period as member of the Executive Board of AkzoNobel N.V., and before that as Division President Akzo Salt & Base Chemicals.

*Management Board.* Our Chief Executive Officer, James L. Gallogly, was appointed as the sole member of the Management Board effective April 30, 2010.

The address of each member of the Supervisory Board and the Management Board is c/o LyondellBasell Industries N.V., Weena 737, 3013AM, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

***Introduction***

During the past year and since the commencement of the bankruptcy cases, we have had numerous significant changes in our executive leadership. Specifically, Mr. Volker Trautz, our former Chief Executive Officer, retired. After a comprehensive search and interview process, the Supervisory Board selected Mr. James Gallogly to assume the

position of Chief Executive Officer. He began work on our behalf in May 2009, and his retention and employment agreement was subsequently approved by the bankruptcy court. Additionally, Mr. Alan Bigman resigned from the position of Chief Financial Officer as of August 1, 2009, although he remained employed as a Senior Advisor to assist with work related to the restructuring for a period lasting until March 31, 2010. After undertaking a selection process, the Supervisory Board selected Mr. C. Kent Potter to assume the position of Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Potter began work on our behalf in August 2009, and the terms of his compensation were also approved by the bankruptcy court. Other changes to our executive

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team include the new additions of Mr. Craig Glidden, who was hired in August 2009 to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, and Mr. Kevin Brown, who was hired in October 2009 to serve as Senior Vice President, Refining, as well as the departure of Mr. Edward Dineen, our former Chief Operating Officer, in December 2009.

Throughout this discussion, the term *Named Executive Officers* refers to the individuals named in the Summary Compensation Table, and includes: our Chief Executive Officer (Mr. Gallogly), our Chief Financial Officer (Mr. Potter) and our next three most highly compensated executive officers as of December 31, 2009 (Mr. Glidden, Mr. Brown and Mr. Anton de Vries, Senior Vice President, O&P EAI). Additionally, pursuant to SEC rules, we are required to include compensation information for any individual that served as the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer during the year, as well as up to two additional individuals for whom disclosure would have been required but for the fact that he was no longer serving as an executive officer as of December 31, 2009. Accordingly, we have also included Mr. Trautz, former Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Bigman, former Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Dineen, former Chief Operating Officer.

### ***Executive Compensation Philosophy***

Our executive compensation program has been designed to achieve certain objectives. Decisions concerning specific compensation elements and total compensation paid or awarded to our executives are intended to provide a total rewards package that addresses these objectives:

support a high performing culture that attracts and retains highly qualified executive talent;

tie annual, medium-term and long-term incentives to the achievement of company and individual performance objectives; and

align executives' incentives with the creation of shareholder value.

### ***Setting Executive Compensation***

Based on the above objectives, the compensation committee of our Supervisory Board has established annual, medium-term and long-term incentive compensation components to motivate our executives to achieve, and hopefully exceed, the business and individual goals set by the company and to fairly reward such executives for achieving such goals.

### ***Administration of Executive Compensation Program***

The compensation committee makes all decisions with respect to compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and all decisions relating to equity-based compensation awards. The compensation committee, with recommendations and input from the Chief Executive Officer, makes non-equity compensation decisions with respect to other executives.

At least annually, the compensation committee will review the performance of the Chief Executive Officer as compared with the company's objective goals with respect to operational excellence (including environmental performance and stewardship, safety and reliability), business results, efficient use of capital and strategic planning. The compensation committee, together with the Chief Executive Officer, at least annually will review the performance of each individual executive, including the Named Executive Officers other than the Chief Executive Officer, with respect to the achievement of company-wide metrics, individual goals and, with respect to our Short Term Incentive Plan, applicable business unit or service unit (which we refer to as *award unit*) criteria. The compensation committee may then exercise its discretion in making any awards or adjustments to the executives' compensation as

recommended by the Chief Executive Officer.

To facilitate the compensation committee's review of the executive compensation program, our human resources department provides the compensation committee with:

data from compensation survey databases;

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historical breakdowns of the total direct compensation component amounts approved by the compensation committee for our officers;

recommendations for performance targets under our incentive plans;

recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer for the prospective total direct compensation component amounts and the methodology for calculating the amounts for all of our executives, other than the Chief Executive Officer; and

such additional information as the compensation committee may request.

Our human resources department also provides the compensation committee with compensation survey data and other historical data that it believes will be useful to the compensation committee in reviewing the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, but the human resources department does not make recommendations with respect to compensation of the Chief Executive Officer.

***Overview of Compensation Program***

The compensation committee begins the annual process of determining executive compensation by establishing target levels of total compensation for our executive officers for the given year, in each case subject to existing employment agreements described further below. See Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers. The targets take into account and reflect the considerations discussed in more detail below, including the use of peer benchmarking to determine marketplace compensation for executive talent at similarly situated companies, salary structure and internal pay equity. Actual compensation levels are then determined by our compensation committee, in light of tenure, experience, prior base salary, the results of the performance evaluations and recommendations discussed above, award unit results and other factors. With respect to the executive officers that joined us in the last year, the compensation committee also considered the need to make compensation packages competitively attractive in light of the potential risk involved in joining us during our turnaround period. Once an overall target compensation level is established with respect to each executive, the compensation committee considers the weighting of each of our primary compensation elements and will make adjustments, if any, to the preceding year's levels.

Generally, our programs are designed to increase the proportion of performance-based or at-risk pay as a percentage of total compensation as an executive's responsibilities increase. This is based upon the belief that our executives have more opportunity to affect the performance of the company and that the executives' performance will be enhanced by ensuring that a significant portion of their potential compensation is tied to the performance of the company. We also believe that it is appropriate to allocate a greater portion of overall compensation to longer term equity-based awards as an executive assumes greater responsibilities in the company. We believe this shifting of the compensation allocation toward long-term equity-based awards for executives is appropriate to retain executives and encourage such executives to use their opportunities to affect the performance of the company to foster and sustain long-term success and accumulation of shareholder value, while discouraging excessive risk-taking.

***Salary Structure***

Each year, management undertakes a thorough examination of the scope and complexity of the senior jobs throughout our organization and a study of competitive compensation practices for such jobs. As a result of this work, management develops market data for each of the different positions, including base pay and incentive levels. For our executives, the base salary increases with responsibility, but at a lesser rate than increases in target incentive compensation percentages. The result is an increased percentage of at risk compensation as the executive's

responsibility is increased. Modifications to our salary structure to reflect marketplace trends with respect to our senior executive officers are reviewed annually and approved by the compensation committee. The compensation committee also approves any salary changes for our executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers.



**Table of Contents***Benchmarking*

In order to determine compensation for 2009, including establishing the initial compensation packages for our newly hired Named Executive Officers and formulating our incentive plans described below, our compensation committee considered data from the Towers Perrin 2008 Executive Compensation Database, which collects data from hundreds of companies for a given year across industries and revenue sizes (the Towers Perrin Database). Single regression analysis of the Towers Perrin Database established the market levels of compensation for each position based on the revenue size of the Named Executive Officer's applicable award units and his responsibilities. In each case, the identity of the component companies that comprised the sub-set used in the single regression analyses referred to above was not made available to us. Our Chief Executive Officer's recommendations to the compensation committee considered the experience of each individual, their performance and the 25th, 50th and 75th percentile market data in relation to similar compensation paid to the executive's peers, based on the Towers Perrin Database and the analyses described above.

In setting compensation levels in the future, we expect that the compensation committee will refer to relevant compensation surveys that include but are not limited to large chemical and energy companies. We expect that the compensation committee will compare that information to the base salary ranges and incentive compensation targets by position to determine whether any changes will be necessary to maintain the cumulative target for the total of base salary and all incentive compensation for each position at or near the 50th percentile for similar positions as indicated by the survey data, allowing for adjustment upon consideration of experience, individual performance and other factors.

*Internal Pay Equity*

We believe our salary structure provides a framework for equitable compensation between executives, with higher targets for jobs having greater duties and responsibilities. Taken as a whole, our compensation program is designed so that the individual target level rises as the salary level increases, with the portion of performance-based compensation rising as a percentage of total targeted compensation. One result of this structure is that actual total compensation of an executive as a multiple of the total compensation of his or her subordinates is designed to increase in periods of above-target performance and decrease in times of below-target performance.

*Developing Performance Measures*

As discussed further below under Elements of Compensation Program, for the 2009 cash incentive plans, we used individual performance criteria and the single company performance metric of Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Restructuring Costs (EBITDAR), as we believed this metric was sufficient to capture the performance we were seeking to drive during the pendency of our bankruptcy proceeding. For purposes of the 2009 incentive programs, we established EBITDAR targets that, at the time, we believed would be difficult targets to reach and would require superior performance.

In the future, we will use corporate, award unit and individual performance criteria in determining payouts under incentive compensation awards. We will attempt to develop performance measures that assess the performance of the company relative to other companies in addition to absolute performance measures. This is based on the belief that absolute performance can be affected positively or negatively by industry-wide factors over which our executives have no control, such as the cyclical nature of feedstock costs and the global economy. We will also attempt to isolate the underlying performance necessary to enable achievement of those goals considering our unique circumstances within the industry. For purposes of future awards under our incentive programs, we will set performance metrics so as to require high performance in order to receive target incentive compensation levels, and we may select multiple metrics to promote the well-rounded executive performance necessary to enable us to achieve long-term success. We

recognize, however, that no metric or set of metrics can reliably measure actual performance in light of unanticipated opportunities and challenges, and the compensation committee retains discretion to make appropriate adjustments. We will reassess the performance metrics periodically to respond to these changing circumstances.

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Although the compensation committee sets performance measures for performance-based programs, compensation under those programs is not mandated by attainment of specified performance levels. Rather, employees are informed of the performance measures that will be used to evaluate their performance for a given period but are also informed that no given performance under those measures will entitle them to any guaranteed resulting payments under these programs. The compensation committee retains discretion to consider other factors in addition to the stated performance measures to determine the relative performance of the company, award unit or individual.

***Performance Measures and Criteria***

*Corporate Performance Criteria* For each performance period, the compensation committee establishes, in consultation with management, performance criteria for the company. At the conclusion of a performance period, the compensation committee evaluates the performance of the company against the pre-established criteria for such program. We expect to utilize multiple measures of performance under our programs to ensure that no single aspect of performance is driven in isolation. We may elect to employ the following measures of overall company performance under our performance-based programs:

*Business Results* We measure overall business results by annual EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization defined in accordance with our financing arrangements with appropriate adjustments for unusual events) generated by the company compared to the target budget EBITDA. We further evaluate our EBITDA results in consideration of the relevant business environment and in comparison to peer companies in our industries.

*Return on Assets* We use return on assets as an indicator of portfolio performance and efficient use of capital, or how profitable our company is relative to its total assets. By comparing our return on assets to industry averages, this measure gives an idea as to how efficient management is at using company assets to generate earnings. We define return on assets as the ratio of EBITDA divided by total current and long-term assets. We use our return on assets ratio to compare our performance to peer companies in our industries. A return on assets ratio that is improving relative to competitors shows improving use of the company's assets to generate profits and is rewarded under our compensation program.

*Costs* We review our cash fixed costs and variable conversion costs as compared to our budget and industry benchmarks. We also consider successful implementation of cost improvement initiatives.

*Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) Performance* We seek to be a good employer, a good community member and a good steward of the environmental resources we manage. Therefore, we have incorporated metrics of health, safety and environmental performance in our incentive bonus programs, such as recordable injury rate, process safety incidents, environmental performance and stewardship, and HSE audit results.

*Implementation of Strategic Plan and specified objectives* This measure is an analysis of the company's progress in implementing its strategic plan over a given performance period.

*Award Unit Performance Criteria* For purposes of our Short Term Incentive Plan discussed below, we have established approximately 65 discrete award units within the Company designed to measure performance and to reward employees according to business outcomes relevant to the award group. Our award units are divided into four categories: Business, Manufacturing, Service and Research and Development. Although most employees participate in a single award unit designated for the operational or functional group to which such employee is assigned, an executive officer, including a Named Executive Officer, can participate in a blend of the results of more than one of these award units depending on the scope and breadth of his or her responsibilities over the performance period.

For each performance period, management establishes award units and the performance criteria for each award unit. Performance criteria are goals consistent with the company's operating plan. For 2010, performance criteria for the respective units under our Short Term Incentive Plan are comprised of one or more of

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the elements described under *Corporate Performance Criteria* above, as modified to address specific budgets and targets applicable to the award unit; as well as, with respect to the research and development and service award units, the additional criteria of internal customer satisfaction. Each of the performance measures will be weighted by the compensation committee to reflect its relative importance for the year in question for each award unit.

At the conclusion of a performance period, a committee of executive officers (the *leadership team*) assesses each award unit's performance for the year, which determination includes an evaluation of performance versus the pre-established criteria for such award unit while taking into consideration the business environment and context, such as severe weather events, improvements over previous years, severity of HSE incidents, comparisons to peer companies and unbudgeted business activity. The compensation committee approves or adjusts the recommendation from the leadership team regarding the performance of each award unit.

*Individual Performance Criteria* Individual adjustments for executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers, are approved by the compensation committee, based on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer (other than for himself).

*Tax-Based Program Criteria* Our incentive programs are also designed to conform to or be exempt from the requirements of section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, which allows for deductible compensation in excess of \$1 million if certain criteria, including the attainment of pre-established performance criteria, are met.

### *Peer Company Comparisons*

As discussed above, several of our performance criteria will take into consideration comparisons to peer companies in our industries. For 2010, we have identified certain companies in the chemical and refining and oxyfuel industries that we are likely to refer to for such peer company comparisons on a company-wide and segment or award unit basis. Our peer companies and segments in the chemical industry are likely to include BASF, The Dow Chemical Company, Huntsman Corporation, Celanese Corporation, Eastman Chemical Corporation, Westlake Chemical Corporation, ExxonMobil's chemical segment, Shell's chemical segment, Ineos, ChevronPhillips Chemical Company and Nova Chemical Corporation. Our peer companies and segments in the refining and oxyfuel industry are likely to include Valero Energy Corporation, Sunoco Inc., Tesoro Corporation, Western Refining Inc., Holly Corporation, Alon USA Energy Inc., Frontier Oil Corporation, Delek US Holdings Inc., ConocoPhillips' refining segment, ExxonMobil's refining segment, Shell's refining segment and Chevron's refining segment. However, we will not refer to each of these companies for every peer company comparison, and we may also refer to other companies.

### *Elements of Compensation Program*

Our executive compensation program generally consists of six principal components:

- base salary;
- annual cash incentive compensation;
- medium term incentive compensation;
- long-term equity-based incentive compensation;
- severance arrangements; and
- limited other benefits.

We have chosen to pay each of these elements because we believe they best serve to advance our compensation objectives, as discussed in more detail below.

**Table of Contents***Base Salary*

The first component of the executive compensation program is base salary. Base salary is a major component of the compensation for all of our salaried employees. However, a greater percentage of overall compensation is allocated away from base salary as an employee assumes more responsibilities in the company. By providing a competitive base salary, we serve our compensation objectives of retaining and attracting employees and motivating employees by rewarding individual performance and tenure with base salary increases.

Our Named Executive Officers that were still employed by us were being paid the following base salaries as of January 1, 2010:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Annual Base Salary</b>
Mr. Gallogly	\$ 1,500,000
Mr. Potter	\$ 700,000
Mr. Glidden	\$ 524,550
Mr. Brown	\$ 400,000
Mr. de Vries(1)	\$ 534,953
Mr. Bigman(2)	\$ 408,000

- (1) For purposes of the executive compensation disclosure herein, the base salary for Mr. de Vries has been converted to U.S. dollars at a rate of 1.4737 U.S. dollars to one euro (for purposes of this executive compensation discussion, the euro Conversion Rate ).
- (2) For Mr. Bigman, the amount shown is his annualized salary based on a monthly rate of \$34,000 effective as of October 1, 2009 pursuant to his employment agreement. This rate of pay was negotiated at the time of his resignation to provide Mr. Bigman a rate of base salary that is less than his salary as Chief Financial Officer, but sufficient to secure his assistance as a Senior Advisor in connection with our restructuring.

We expect our compensation committee will, as a general practice, review and make necessary adjustments, if any, to base salaries annually during the first quarter of the fiscal year.

*Annual Cash Incentive Compensation*

The second component of our compensation program is annual cash incentive compensation awards pursuant to our Short Term Incentive Plan, or STI Plan. The STI Plan provides for annual cash incentives to the majority of our employees based on a percentage of the employee's salary, as well as achievement of performance goals. We consider short-term incentive cash compensation to be an industry standard form of compensation and an important component of our executive's total compensation. Annual cash incentive awards are a factor considered by both executives and the compensation committee when determining whether an executive's total compensation is comparable to the market. As such, short-term incentive cash compensation serves our compensation objectives by supporting a high performing culture that attracts and retains qualified executives. Additionally, the performance objectives underlying our STI Plan motivate the executives to achieve operational and financial goals by communicating key performance metrics for focused attention, driving accountability for results and paying out according to performance.

For each calendar year, our compensation committee will analyze our corporate objectives and our five-year business plan. On that basis, the compensation committee will determine the company and award unit performance components pursuant to which bonuses will be calculated under the STI Plan for that year. The compensation committee will also determine the target bonus percentages of base salary for executives under the STI Plan. STI targets increase with hierarchical level and typically range from 3% to 100% of base salary.

*2009 STI Plan*

For 2009, the STI Plan provided for an individual performance component that could range from zero to 150% and was weighted to comprise 30% of the executive's STI Plan annual award percentage and a company



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performance component that could range from zero to 200% and was weighted to comprise 70% of the executive's award percentage. This allocation took into account the need, during the pendency of our bankruptcy proceeding, to place emphasis on the objective financial performance and health of the company. An executive's award percentage for 2009 is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Annual Award Percentage} = (\text{Individual Performance Component} \times 30\%) + (\text{Company Performance Component} \times 70\%)$$

The annual cash award payable to the executive is then calculated as follows:

$$\text{Annual Cash Award} = \text{Annual Award Percentage} \times \text{Target Bonus Percentage} \times \text{Annual Base Salary}$$

For 2009, the company performance component was based solely on EBITDAR, as more specifically defined in our postpetition debtor in possession financing agreements, with linear interpolation for EBITDAR results between the fixed points, as follows:

<b>2009 EBITDAR</b>	<b>Below \$1.6 Billion</b>	<b>Target \$2.1 Billion</b>	<b>Maximum \$2.6 Billion</b>
Company Performance Component	0%	100%	200%

Messrs. de Vries, Dineen and Trautz were rated according to their individual performance with respect to leadership, delivering the company's business plan, restructuring activities and safety measures. Messrs. Gallogly, Potter, Glidden and Brown have received guaranteed prorated annual cash bonuses for 2009. The 2009 guaranteed bonuses were agreed as part of the arms-length negotiations of Messrs. Gallogly's, Glidden's and Brown's respective employment agreements (or in the case of Mr. Potter, his bankruptcy court approved compensation terms) prior to the time they joined us. This guaranteed bonus was one aspect of the overall compensation package that was necessary to recruit Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden, Brown and Potter to give up their current positions and join a company in a pending bankruptcy case.

Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Bigman did not participate in the 2010 STI Plan. Mr. Bigman was permitted to retain eligibility for participation in the 2009 STI Plan, and his award was prorated from the period from January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 based on his annualized rate of salary on July 31, 2009 and an individual performance component of 100%.

The compensation committee certified EBITDAR of \$2.248 for purposes of the 2009 STI Plan, which was above target, resulting in a company performance component of 129.6% for 2009. Amounts payable to Named Executive Officers with respect to awards under the 2009 STI Plan taking into account the company performance component and respective individual performance components for Messrs. de Vries, Dineen and Trautz are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table below.

The 2009 STI Plan payments were made in March 2010.

*2010 STI Plan*

With bankruptcy court approval, we have established a 2010 STI Plan. For 2010, Mr. Gallogly's STI Plan award will be based 50% on an overall company scorecard and 50% on a weighted average award unit rating. The compensation committee will then decide on an individual performance multiplier for Mr. Gallogly. The 2010 STI Plan award for

the other Named Executive Officers still employed by us will be based 50% on an overall company scorecard and 50% on a weighted average rating of award units for which such executive is responsible. Mr. Gallogly will recommend to the compensation committee an individual performance multiplier for each of the other Named Executive Officers.

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The overall company scorecard, on which 50% of the Named Executive Officers' 2010 STI Plan award will be based, is set forth below:

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Targets &amp; Considerations</b>
HSE Performance	12.5%	Based on Recordable Injury Rate and HSE Management (Considering severity of injuries and benchmarks, process safety incidents, environmental performance and stewardship, and audit results.)
Costs	12.5%	Based on cash fixed costs compared to budget. (Considering benchmarks and success in cost improvement initiatives.)
Business Results	25%	Based on EBITDA defined in accordance with the company's financing arrangements with appropriate adjustments for unusual events compared to budget. (Considering business environment and performance relative to peer companies.)

The award unit ratings, the weighted average of which will be the basis for the remaining 50% of the Named Executive Officers' 2010 STI Plan award, will be based on the achievement of the criteria set forth above under Overview of Compensation Program Developing Performance Measures Performance Measures and Criteria Award Unit Performance Criteria. When the leadership team assesses corporate and award unit performance to make STI Plan award payout recommendations to the compensation committee, achieving a target will generally result in a 100% payout for that part of the award. Not reaching a target will generally result in a less than 100% payout for that part of the award, which may be as low as zero, and exceeding a target will generally result in a more than 100% payout, which may be as high as 200%.

As noted above, each of the Named Executive Officers' 2010 STI Plan award will also be adjusted by an individual performance multiplier. Exceptional performers may receive a multiplier of up to 1.5, successful performers will receive a multiplier between 0.8 and 1.2, and poor performers will receive a multiplier of less than 0.8. As a result, 2010 STI Plan award payouts for Named Executive Officers will equal:

Base Pay as of December 31, 2010 x Target Bonus Percentage x (Company Scorecard Result x 50% + Award Unit Results x 50%) x Individual Multiplier

For 2010, target bonus percentages for the Named Executive Officers who are still employed by us will be as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Bonus Percentage</b>
Mr. Gallogly	100%
Mr. Potter	170%
Mr. Glidden	80%
Mr. Brown	75%
Mr. de Vries	75%

Pursuant to their employment agreements (and the compensation terms approved by the Bankruptcy Court for Mr. Potter), the target bonus percentages for Messrs. Glidden and Brown cannot be respectively less than 80% and 75% of their base salary for the year, and Mr. Potter's target bonus percentage cannot be less than 170% of his base salary for the year. While the target bonus percentage for Mr. Potter is outside the range of typical target bonus percentages, pursuant to his negotiated and bankruptcy court approved compensation terms, Mr. Potter will not participate in our management incentive plan or long or medium term incentive plans, each as described below. The compensation committee alone establishes the target bonus percentage for the Chief Executive Officer after its annual evaluation of his performance. Pursuant to his employment agreement, the STI award payout for Mr. Gallogly can range between 0% and 200% of his base salary for the year.

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Payments to Named Executive Officers with respect to awards under the 2010 STI Plan are anticipated to be made in March 2011.

*Management Incentive Plan*

The Management Incentive Plan, or MIP, was a one-time incentive plan for 2009 that applied to approximately 325 of the company's senior officers and managers. The MIP provided for payouts upon the company hitting certain targets of EBITDAR for the applicable performance period. The primary purpose of the MIP was to incentivize and reward employees for performance tied directly to critical restructuring goals for the purpose of enhancing the value of the company. The performance period for the MIP awards covered calendar year 2009. At the conclusion of the performance period, the compensation committee certified average monthly EBITDAR of \$187.3 million for purposes of the MIP, which exceeded the minimum average monthly EBITDAR of \$133 million and yielded an MIP Funding Percentage (as defined below) of 114.68%. Accordingly, participants will receive payouts under the MIP in accordance with the schedule described below, and calculated as follows:

MIP award = MIP Funding Percentage of 114.68% x the individual's monthly salary x the individual's Target Percentage (as defined below) x 12 (the number of months in the MIP performance period).

The MIP Funding Percentage is based on average monthly EBITDAR for the MIP performance period and was determined in accordance with the table below, with linear interpolation for EBITDAR results between the fixed points as follows:

<b>Average Monthly EBITDAR</b>	<b>Below \$133 Million</b>	<b>\$133 Million</b>	<b>Target \$175 Million</b>	<b>\$217 Million</b>	<b>Above \$217 Million</b>
<b>MIP Funding Percentage</b>	0%	50%	100%	150%	150%

The maximum amount payable under the MIP was \$45 million and, in accordance with the calculations described above, the actual amount payable based on performance was \$25 million. With input from Towers Perrin, we intentionally structured the MIP so that the payout for each eligible individual at the target EBITDAR threshold would have been approximately 15% below market median levels for comparable companies as determined based on the Towers Perrin Database and the 2008 Incentive Plan Report, also prepared by Tower Perrin, that evaluated the company's incentive levels against large corporations with revenues of \$37.5 billion (representing a mid-point in the petrochemical cycle) and with revenues of \$23.8 billion (representing the operating forecast for 2009). The identities of the component companies that comprised the 2008 Incentive Plan Report were not made available to us. This is a departure from our general practice of targeting compensation levels at the 50th percentile of market median levels and reflects the unique one-time nature of the MIP as an incentive plan approved by the bankruptcy court and specifically designed for the needs of our company during the pendency of our bankruptcy proceedings, taking into consideration all the beneficiaries of our bankruptcy estate.

Payouts on the current MIP awards will be made as follows: 25% of the total payout will be paid 90 days after April 30, 2010; 25% of the total payout will be paid 180 days after April 30, 2010 and the remaining 50% of the total payout will be paid April 30, 2011. We believe this schedule promotes employee retention and ensures that MIP participants focus on sustaining performance beyond emergence from bankruptcy, as well as improving our cash flow in the short term. If an MIP participant resigns prior to payment of an outstanding installment, that installment and all subsequent installments will be forfeited.

The only Named Executive Officers with an award under the MIP were Mr. de Vries and Mr. Dineen. Pursuant to the procedures and considerations discussed above in the overview of our compensation program, our compensation committee established a target percentage for each tier of MIP participants and for each

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individual participating executive. Target percentages and resulting MIP award amounts for the participating Named Executive Officers are as follows:

Name	Target Percentage	Amount of MIP Award
Mr. de Vries	150%	\$ 720,104
Mr. Dineen	200%	\$ 1,261,499

Mr. Dineen's MIP award payout will be held in escrow pending resolution of bankruptcy related litigation.

Messrs. Gallogly, Potter, Glidden, Brown and Bigman did not participate in the MIP. Rather than granting these individuals awards under the MIP, and in order to focus these individuals on longer term goals and discourage excessive short term risk-taking, Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden and Brown will participate in the 2010 MTI Plan and the 2010 LTIP described below.

The Medium Term Incentive Plan, described below, has replaced the MIP going forward.

*Medium Term Incentive Compensation*

The third component of our executive compensation program is medium term incentive compensation awards pursuant to our new Medium Term Incentive Plan, or the 2010 MTI Plan. Our Named Executive Officers who remain employed by us, with the exception of Mr. Potter, participate in the 2010 MTI Plan. Mr. Potter does not participate in the 2010 MTI Plan, as he receives a higher target bonus percentage under the STI Plan pursuant to his negotiated compensation terms that were approved by the bankruptcy court.

Grants made pursuant to the 2010 MTI Plan have a three year term, with new grants anticipated to be made each year. We anticipate that, for each year, we will establish a MTI Plan target for each of our executive officers, considering the factors described above under *Overview of Compensation Program* *Benchmarking*.

Payouts can range from zero to 200% of the initial target award, and the compensation committee may adjust a participant's award to account for individual performance. Awards may be settled in cash or company stock in the discretion of the compensation committee. Payouts under the 2010 MTI Plan will be based on performance during the calendar years 2010 to 2012, using the following performance measures below. On or before March 30 for each subsequent performance cycle, the compensation committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine the relative weight of these performance measures.

Metric	Weight for Calendar Year 2010 Performance Cycle	Considerations
Return on Assets	67%	Percentage change in return on assets between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2012 (as defined under <i>Overview of Compensation Program</i> <i>Developing Performance</i> )

		Measures (Performance Measures and Criteria ) for the company compared to peer companies. (Considering relative change, market conditions and special circumstances applicable to the company and its peers.)
Costs	33%	Cost improvements over the period 2010 to 2012 and improvement in company's position in cost benchmarks. (Considering size of achievement, success in cost improvement initiatives, market conditions, and special circumstances applicable to the company.)

Benefits under the 2010 MTI Plan will vest on the date, following December 31, 2012, on which the compensation committee certifies the performance results and will be paid in a single lump-sum payment on



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March 31 following the end of the performance cycle. The 2010 MTI Plan provides for an accelerated pro rata payout in the event of a change in control of the company.

The 2010 MTI Plan serves our compensation objectives by tying incentives to measurable corporate performance that, in turn, creates shareholder value. As a result, the 2010 MTI Plan links the interests of shareholders with executives and senior management. The 2010 MTI Plan balances rewards for short-term and long-term results, drives accountability for such results and pays out according to company performance and shareholder value. The 2010 MTI Plan also helps to provide an attractive incentive compensation package to further our objective of retaining our executive talent.

*Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Compensation*

The fourth component of our executive compensation program is long-term equity-based incentive compensation. Specifically, certain of our senior managers and our executives will be eligible to participate in our 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan, or the 2010 LTIP. Under the 2010 LTIP, our compensation committee will be authorized to grant restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options, stock appreciation rights and other types of equity-based awards consistent with the 2010 LTIP, or any combination thereof. The maximum number of shares of company stock reserved for issuance pursuant to the 2010 LTIP is 22,000,000.

Pursuant to their employment agreements, Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden and Brown are each entitled to receive an initial equity award grant promptly following our emergence from bankruptcy, as described in more detail in the table below (the Initial Equity Awards ). Mr. Potter did not receive an Initial Equity Award and does not participate in the 2010 LTIP, as the terms of his negotiated and bankruptcy court approved compensation terms provide for a higher target bonus percentage under the STI Plan. Additionally, Mr. de Vries will not receive an Initial Equity Award as he was not newly recruited to join the company during the pendency of the bankruptcy case, and because he is a participant in the MIP. However, Mr. de Vries will be eligible to otherwise participate in the 2010 LTIP. Pursuant to their respective employment agreements, the amounts of the contractual Initial Equity Awards to be granted to Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden and Brown are as set forth below. The amounts of these awards were determined by the compensation committee in their consideration and formulation of the overall compensation packages offered to these newly-hired individuals, taking into account market levels of the long-term incentive compensation reflected in the Towers Perrin Database; the need to persuade these individuals to join us during our pending bankruptcy case; and the delay resulting from the fact that we cannot grant these awards until after our emergence from bankruptcy.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initial Equity Award</b>
Mr. Gallogly	Restricted shares of common stock valued at \$25 million and stock options to purchase an additional number of shares equal to 1.0% of the shares of common stock to be outstanding pursuant to the plan of reorganization at the time of emergence
Mr. Glidden	Value not to be less than 220% of aggregate base salary earned by Mr. Glidden in 2009, which equals \$466,043
Mr. Brown	Value not to be less than 200% of aggregate base salary earned by Mr. Brown in 2009, which equals \$200,000

Under the 2010 LTIP, the compensation committee may make various types of equity awards. The compensation committee decides which individuals will receive equity awards and the type of award made and the timing and duration of each grant. In so doing, the compensation committee seeks to tie an appropriate percentage of executive total compensation, including total compensation for Named Executive Officers, to the long-term performance of our

company. Additionally, the compensation committee has discretion to develop and assign appropriate performance measures to be applied to the vesting schedule of equity-based incentive awards that are intended to encourage achievement of significant goals over a long-term period. The 2010 LTIP also allows for additional discretionary awards of restricted stock or restricted stock units to be awarded upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer and approval by the compensation committee. The specific terms of any grant under the 2010 LTIP, including the vesting criteria, will be described in the applicable award agreement. Awards made pursuant to the 2010 LTIP, unless otherwise provided in the

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applicable award agreement, will provide for vesting in the event of a change of control of the company followed within one year by constructive termination or involuntary termination without cause. Pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Gallogly has the right to immediate vesting under a change of control of the company.

Long-term incentive compensation is designed to serve a number of objectives under our executive compensation program. It is a mechanism through which executives become (or can become) shareholders, thereby aligning their interests with shareholders. In addition, the vesting provisions of each award will generally require continued employment for the awards to vest, thereby incentivizing the executive to remain in our employment. We also intend to use long-term incentive compensation to attract external candidates, who, by resigning from their prior employer to accept employment with us, may be surrendering unvested equity and other compensation.

We will not time the release of material nonpublic information for the purpose of affecting the value of executive compensation, and we will not grant options with a grant date prior to the date of compensation committee approval of the grant.

Equity awards made pursuant to the 2010 LTIP upon our emergence from bankruptcy will be allocated in consideration of the awards made under the 2010 MTI Plan and the company's intended practice of allocating a greater portion of overall compensation to longer term equity-based awards as an executive assumes greater responsibilities in the company.

### *Severance Arrangements*

During our bankruptcy case, we rejected and terminated our Executive Severance Pay Program. Remaining in place is our Special Termination Plan, or the STP, which covers all U.S.-based employees and is designed for employees who are terminated for reasons other than cause, mainly because such employees' jobs are permanently eliminated. In exchange for a valid release of claims against the company, the STP provides severance benefits to terminated employees of two weeks' salary for every year worked, with a minimum period of eight weeks and a maximum of 52 weeks. In addition to severance payments, the STP provides for continued coverage for a limited period of time under the medical plan (at the same rates as active employees) and the employer-sponsored group life insurance plan, and participants may take advantage of specific outplacement services. The STP enhances the company's overall compensation and benefits programs by providing employees with additional security and thereby assists the company in attracting and retaining a qualified workforce.

The terms of the individual employment agreements between the company and Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden and Brown provide for severance and change in control payments in certain circumstances in addition to or in lieu of participation in the STP. Additionally, we entered into a Settlement Agreement with Mr. Trautz upon his retirement that provided for a severance payment of \$714,008 (as converted to U.S. dollars using the euro Conversion Rate); payment of legacy Basell MTI payments (discussed further below under "Legacy Plans"); payout of a deferred payment under the 2008 STI Plan; and eligibility for payment under the 2009 STI Plan, if any amount is earned, on a pro rata basis for January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009. The Settlement Agreement also provides that Mr. Trautz retains rights pursuant to any long-term incentive, stock option or stock appreciation rights previously awarded, pursuant to the terms governing such awards. In exchange for such benefits, Mr. Trautz entered into a waiver and release of claims for the benefit of the company.

As a non-U.S. employee, Mr. de Vries is not covered by the STP. Pursuant to the laws of the Netherlands, when an employee is terminated for economic reasons or due to a change in circumstances, such employee is eligible for severance benefits. The Dutch courts use a rule of thumb to determine the amount of severance, known as the Dutch Cantonal Court formula (the "Dutch Severance Formula"). Pursuant to this formula, the severance payment is equal to the number of weighted years of service, multiplied by gross monthly salary (including prorated bonuses), multiplied

by a correction factor. The correction factor can be higher than one if the court finds an employer is at fault or has acted unreasonably and may be lower than one if the employee is at fault. With respect to employees in the Netherlands, including Mr. de Vries, we have a social plan in

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place for the period from February 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 that modifies the Dutch Severance Formula (the Social Plan). The Social Plan stipulates that the correction factor will be set at one, and the Social Plan provides for a maximum gross severance of 200,000. Such a cap on the severance is not standard practice, and because the Social Plan is agreed upon only with the works council, it does not have a special status and is not binding on the court. As a result, the court may choose not to follow the Social Plan, particularly in a case where hardship is found because application of the Social Plan would lead to an unreasonable outcome, such as a very large differential between the severance cap and the amount that would be paid pursuant to the Dutch Severance Formula. If Mr. de Vries were terminated during 2010 for economic reasons, pursuant to the Social Plan, he could be limited to a gross severance payment of 200,000 (\$294,740 using the euro Conversion Rate); whereas, if the court elected to apply the Dutch Severance Formula without limitation by the Social Plan or termination is sought on different grounds, assuming 37.5 weighted years of service, an income of 30,250 per month and a correction factor of one (which may be set higher), Mr. de Vries could be entitled to a gross severance payment of at least 1,134,375 (or \$1,671,728 using the euro Conversion Rate).

The table below provides a brief summary of benefits that Named Executive Officers who are still employed by us are eligible to receive in the event of a future termination or change in control pursuant to their employment agreements and outstanding awards as of April 1, 2010. These benefits are in addition to, or where specified, in lieu of, benefits under the STP that are available to all U.S. employees generally. These benefits are also in addition to other benefits available generally to salaried employees, such as distributions under our 401(k) savings plan, benefits under the LyondellBasell Retirement Plan, disability benefits and accrued vacation pay, as well as pension and severance benefits generally available to our employees in the Netherlands. The table below does not include information regarding awards under the LyondellBasell 2008 MTI Plan (as defined below) because performance conditions will not be met for these awards, and we are not accruing any amounts on account of such awards. See Legacy Plans.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Gallogly</b>	<b>Potter</b>	<b>Glidden</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>de Vries</b>
<b>Retirement</b>	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards Basell MTI award retains right to exercise options and SARs retains MIP award pro rata vesting of Phantom Units
<b>Death</b>	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards Basell MTI award retains right to exercise options for a limited period
	lump sum payment equal to maximum annual bonus for the year of termination		entitled to his Initial Equity Award	entitled to his Initial Equity Award	

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Gallogly</b>	<b>Potter</b>	<b>Glidden</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>de Vries</b>
<b>Disability</b>	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards lump sum payment equal to maximum annual bonus for the year of termination all options and restricted stock vest vested options remain exercisable	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards entitled to his Initial Equity Award	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards entitled to his Initial Equity Award	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards Basell MTI award retains right to exercise options and SARs retains MIP award pro rata vesting of Phantom Units
<b>Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason(1)</b>	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards(2) in lieu of any payments or benefits under the STP: lump sum payment of then current base salary, plus an amount equal to his maximum possible annual bonus for the year of termination (the Annual Compensation Amount ) 12 months health care coverage all options and restricted stock vest options remain exercisable for their original term	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards(2)	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards(2) in lieu of any payments or benefits under the STP: lump sum cash payment equal to then current annual base salary plus target annual bonus for the year of termination	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards(2) in lieu of any payments or benefits under the STP, if termination occurs during the first year of employment: lump sum cash payment equal to then current annual base salary plus target annual bonus for the year of termination	pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards(2) Basell MTI award retains right to exercise options and SARs with company consent retains MIP award(2) pro rata vesting of Phantom Units(2)

**Change in Control(3)** all options and  
shares of  
restricted stock  
vest  
options remain  
exercisable for  
their original  
term

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Gallogly</b>	<b>Potter</b>	<b>Glidden</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>de Vries</b>
<b>Termination by Mutual Consent</b>	12 months health care coverage retention of all vested options pro rata vesting of the next installment of options in his Initial Equity Award pro rata vesting of the restricted stock in his Initial Equity Award on the fifth anniversary of his employment agreement				pro rata vesting of STI Plan awards

- (1) For purposes of the employment agreements with Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden and Brown, "Good Reason" means the occurrence, without the executive's written consent, of: (a) an adverse change in the executive's title or change in duty to report to the Chief Executive Officer (or, in the case of Mr. Gallogly, to our Supervisory Board), (b) a material diminution in the executive's employment duties, responsibilities or authority or the assignment of duties that are inconsistent with the executive's position, (c) a material reduction in base salary or annual bonus target, (d) relocation outside of Houston, Texas or (e) breach by the company of the executive's employment agreement.
- (2) The executive is entitled to pro rata vesting of the STI Plan awards and Phantom Units (as defined below under "Legacy Plans") and/or retention of the MIP awards as set forth above in the event of involuntary termination without cause. Generally, these plans do not provide a benefit for voluntary termination with good reason, however pursuant to applicable law Mr. de Vries would be entitled to pro rata vesting of his STI Plan award in the event of voluntary termination with good reason.
- (3) For purposes of the employment agreements with Messrs. Gallogly, Glidden and Brown, a "Change in Control" means (a) at any time, the continuing directors (those in place at the signing of the employment agreement, at the time of emergence from bankruptcy, or elected with the approval of a majority of the prior continuing directors) ceases to constitute at least a majority of our Supervisory Board, (b) a sale of all or substantially all of the assets, (c) a merger, consolidation or like business combination which would result in the event described in clause (a) above, or (d) following emergence from bankruptcy the acquisition by any person or group that was not a 10% holder of beneficial ownership of 50% or more of either (1) the value of all classes of our outstanding capital stock or (2) the voting power of all such classes of stock. Only one Change in Control may occur during the term of the employment agreements.

As summarized in the table above, currently only Mr. Gallogly is entitled to a benefit in the event of a change in control. The compensation committee believes that our severance arrangements (including the change-in-control triggers) are competitive and are generally representative of typical executive severance pay packages.

*Other Benefits*

In addition to the compensation described above, we provide our Named Executive Officers with very few perquisites or other benefits, which are limited to 401(k) plan matching contributions for Mr. Bigman and Mr. Dineen up until the time we ceased making any 401(k) plan matching contributions in March 2009 and a car allowance for Messrs. Trautz and de Vries. Additionally, our Named Executive Officers are eligible to participate in medical and other benefit plans generally available to all employees, including pension plans.

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***Accounting and Tax Matters***

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code denies a compensation deduction for federal income tax purposes for certain compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to specified individuals. Performance based compensation meeting specified standards is deductible without regard to the \$1 million cap. None of the compensation paid to our officers or employees in 2009 was subject to Section 162(m). Certain compensation payable to our officers under the employment agreements currently in effect and future payments of compensation approved by our compensation committee may be in excess of what is deductible under Section 162(m), and our compensation committee reserves the right to structure future compensation of our executive officers without regard for whether such compensation is fully deductible if, in the committee's judgment, it is in the best interests of our company and our shareholders to do so.

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code generally provides that any deferred compensation arrangement which does not meet specific requirements regarding (i) timing of payouts, (ii) advance election of deferrals and (iii) restrictions on acceleration of payouts will result in immediate taxation of any amounts deferred to the extent not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. In addition, tax on the amounts included in income as a result of not complying with Section 409A will be increased by an interest component as specified by statute, and the amount included in income will also be subject to a 20% excise tax. In general, to avoid a Section 409A violation, amounts deferred may only be paid out on separation from service, disability, death, a specified time, a change-in-control (as defined by the Treasury Department) or an unforeseen emergency. Furthermore, the election to defer generally must be made in the calendar year prior to performance of services, and any provision for accelerated payout other than for reasons specified by the Treasury Department may cause the amounts deferred to be subject to early taxation and to the imposition of the excise tax.

Section 409A is broadly applicable to any form of deferred compensation other than tax-qualified retirement plans and bona fide vacation, sick leave, compensatory time, disability pay or death benefits, and may apply to certain awards under our long-term incentive plans. For example, restricted stock units and stock options may be classified as deferred compensation for this purpose.

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service have issued final regulations implementing Section 409A, which generally became effective January 1, 2009. Based on these regulations, we intend to structure all of our compensation arrangements in a manner that complies with or is exempt from Section 409A.

**Table of Contents****Executive Compensation****Summary Compensation Table**

The following tables provide information regarding the compensation awarded to or earned by our Named Executive Officers during the year ended December 31, 2009 for services rendered in all capacities to the company.

Name and Principal Position	Salary \$(1)	Bonus \$(2)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Incentive			Total (\$)
			Plan Compensation \$(3)	Deferred Earnings \$(4)	All Other Compensation \$(5)	
James L. Gallogly(6) President and Chief Executive Officer	923,077	4,346,154		5,708		5,274,939
C. Kent Potter(7) Chief Financial Officer	296,154	796,154		4,828	145,833	1,242,969
Craig Glidden(8) Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	211,838	1,235,483		5,443		1,452,764
Kevin Brown(9) Senior Vice President, Refining	100,000	1,075,000		2,707		1,177,707
Anton de Vries(10) Senior Vice President, Olefins & Polyolefins, Europe, Asia and International	459,794		416,298	220,749	234,147	1,330,988
Alan Bigman(11) Senior Advisor/Former Chief						