



Second Quarter 2022 Earnings Prepared Comments

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This is the Celanese Corporation second quarter 2022 earnings prepared comments. The Celanese Corporation second quarter 2022 earnings release was distributed via Business Wire this afternoon and posted on our investor relations website, investors.celanese.com. As a reminder, some of the matters discussed below may include forward-looking statements concerning, for example, our future objectives and plans. Please note the cautionary language contained at the end of these comments. Also, some of the matters discussed include references to non-GAAP financial measures. Explanations of these measures and reconciliations to the comparable GAAP measures are included on our investor relations website under Financial Information/Non-GAAP Financial Measures. The earnings release and non-GAAP information and the reconciliations are being furnished to the SEC in a Current Report on Form 8-K. These prepared comments are also being furnished to the SEC in a separate Current Report on Form 8-K.

On the earnings conference call tomorrow morning, management will be available to answer questions.

Lori Ryerkerk, Celanese Corporation, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

I am very pleased to report second quarter adjusted earnings of \$4.99 per share and free cash flow generation of \$368 million. Across the first two quarters of 2022, we delivered adjusted earnings per share performance that surpassed the combined performance of our best two quarters of 2021. I thank each of our employees and am continually inspired by their unwavering drive to perform at an exceptional level. The performance they have delivered so far in 2022 has prepared us to address, from a position of strength, some of the developing macro concerns.

We see the same headlines with increasingly foreboding views of runaway inflation, rising interest rates, consumer fear, energy insecurity, and Chinese lockdowns among others. We are well aware that each of these external dynamics, to varying degrees, have dramatically challenged the recent stock performance of Celanese and others and, in our case, overshadowed record levels of performance. Let me be clear that we see little firsthand indication, in our order books or otherwise, that warrants the prevailing anticipation of a

dramatic pullback in demand. Let me be even more clear that this in no way stops us from taking controllable actions to position ourselves to continue to deliver differentiated performance, even in challenging environments.

For this reason, my comments today will be action-oriented, under a familiar framework that clearly communicates our priorities as an organization.



1 Let me start with the performance of our existing businesses.

In the second quarter, Engineered Materials (EM) delivered record quarterly adjusted EBIT of \$224 million and operating EBITDA of \$265 million at margins of 24 and 28 percent, respectively. Highest-ever quarterly net sales of \$948 million were driven by a 6 percent sequential lift in pricing, the sixth consecutive quarter of pricing expansion and the result of commercial initiatives taken by the EM team. They continued to demonstrate a unique ability to proactively protect our margins despite further inflationary cost pressure and sequential currency headwinds. Volume expanded 1 percent sequentially and reflected a number of dynamics including contributions from the KEPCO joint venture restructuring and improved end market mix as the business worked to offset expected sequential volume moderation in our legacy automotive business. Our medical business also contributed to improved mix as our broader medical portfolio volume in the quarter returned to pre-COVID levels despite a continued impact from the deferral of elective procedures. EM is an example of an actively and dynamically managed business and I congratulate our teams for successfully lifting pricing and enhancing our mix in the quarter.

Global automotive industry builds in the second quarter were down 6 percent sequentially, led by Asia which reported an 11 percent sequential decline. COVID lockdowns clearly had a meaningful impact on Asia auto builds beyond the ongoing supply constraints including the semiconductor chip shortage. By contrast EM's global auto volume was consistent with the first quarter, due in part to sequential volume gains in Santoprene. More impressively, EM auto volume in Asia grew sequentially. Our growth in Asia

outperformed industry build rates due to two primary factors. First, the combination of our project pipeline model and continued investment in resources to serve electric vehicles (EV) has positioned Celanese to win. We continue to expand our content per vehicle in the EV space, which we expect will drive meaningful growth in our legacy business and tremendous opportunities for the M&M product portfolio. As an example of our growth in EVs, our GUR[®] volumes sold for use in lithium-ion battery separators grew by approximately 20 percent in the first six months of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. Second, we think there was a strong desire among auto tiers in China to restore depleted inventories coming out of Chinese New Year, subsequent COVID lockdowns, and in anticipation of higher Asia OEM build rates in the third quarter. While harder to quantify, we think this pre-buying was effectively the delayed Asia equivalent of the first quarter pull-forward in the West.

Setting aside automotive conditions, the EM questions we hear most center around the availability and cost of natural gas in Europe. To date, the challenge has been the escalation and volatility in natural gas pricing across Europe, rather than availability. The natural gas surcharge which we implemented late last year has proven to be an effective means of preserving our profitability by passing along incremental natural gas costs with a one month lag. While we will continue to pass through incremental costs, we do anticipate that the timing of the most recent surge in cost, if it persists, will result in some shift in earnings from the third to the fourth quarter due to the one month lag. As our teams have been working to preserve our profitability, they have been simultaneously preparing us for the potential, though unlikely, unavailability of natural gas. I will remind you that approximately 70 percent of our natural gas exposure across Europe is at our production facility in Frankfurt, Germany where it is primarily used as a feedstock for steam generation. Let me share some of the actions that we have taken to increase the continuity of our production at that facility. A portion of the steam generation that supports Celanese and site partner operations in Frankfurt comes from a waste heat incinerator that our infrastructure joint venture, Infracore, implemented years ago. This incinerator project, which we affectionately refer to as "trash to cash", uses combustible waste as the primary feedstock for energy generation as opposed to natural gas. This waste, if not diverted to our incinerator, would otherwise be dumped in municipal landfills. For the remainder of steam generation at Frankfurt we, through Infracore, have proactively launched a capital project to be able to use fuel oil as an alternative replacement for natural gas in the event of curtailments. This project is another example of the power of our controllable actions to address economic and commercial risks, including the risk of natural gas curtailments in Germany.

As we look to the third quarter, we see the headlines from major retailers about softening consumer demand and elevated inventories. We are seeing modest softness that amounts to an order book that is a few percent below expectation at this stage. Looking across the segments, the order book for auto remains

strong as we expect raw material shortages, including chips, will continue to be the limiting constraint on production rather than demand. The order book has been primarily impacted by appliances and consumer electronics and we anticipate potential for further softness in these segments as the quarter progresses. With a broad array of polymers and end-markets we serve, our teams will pivot to place volume in alternative applications. Depending on the pace of demand in the back half of the quarter and subsequent impacts to mix, we anticipate third quarter EM adjusted EBIT of \$190 to \$215 million. The bottom end of the range is reflective of incremental demand softness beyond what we currently see in the order book. Given the strong first half performance in EM, we expect 2022 adjusted EBIT of \$800 million or above.

The Acetyl Chain (AC) generated second quarter adjusted EBIT of \$440 million and operating EBITDA of \$482 million at margins of 30 percent and 33 percent, respectively. Our AC team has maintained for the second consecutive quarter, a rolling twelve month adjusted EBIT of \$2 billion. The business delivered these results despite a 35 percent increase in the pricing of U.S. Gulf Coast natural gas, which is the primary feedstock for our flagship Clear Lake, Texas facility, a significant force majeure impacting our Western Hemisphere sales, and continued moderation in Chinese acetic acid pricing. The speed and agility with which AC adapts to changing market dynamics is unique in the chemical industry and demonstrates the resiliency of our performance across a broad range of headwinds.

In May, our Clear Lake acetic acid plant experienced an unanticipated interruption due to unplanned outages and resulting supply disruptions from our two largest external raw material suppliers to the site. The extent of our production losses, paired with already lean inventory levels, resulted in a declaration of force majeure in the Western Hemisphere, spanning the breadth of our integrated Acetyl Chain and into acetate tow. The force majeure was the primary driver of approximately 90 kt of lost AC production in the West in the second quarter. In an effort to support our customers as reliably as possible given the circumstances, the team quickly began sourcing volume in the market. Additionally, with the inability to serve Europe from our U.S. production, the team immediately started diverting product from Asia to Europe. Despite challenging global logistics, our teams were successful in placing a remarkable 85 kt of product in the second quarter on ships from Asia to Europe. I am pleased to share that our Clear Lake acetic acid facility is now operating at full rates and we are working to rapidly replenish our network in the West in order to lift the force majeure as quickly as possible.

The agility of AC to adapt to changing dynamics spans not only geographically, as evidenced by our response to the force majeure, but also the integrated product chain. In the second quarter, Chinese acetic acid pricing moderated further sequentially as pricing fell to approximately \$500 per metric ton in June and sub-\$500 since. This marked the third time in 2022 that China acid pricing has tested these levels.

Contributions from acetic acid in the second quarter were most comparable to the first quarter of 2021. In fact, acetic acid variable margin for the current quarter was approximately \$25 million lower. Despite this compression in acetic acid margin contribution, AC delivered approximately \$160 million higher adjusted EBIT by pursuing value in the downstream vinyls chain (VAM, emulsions, redispersible powders (RDP), and EVA). AC is uniquely able to capture this value when others cannot, due to the combination of the flexibility in our feedstocks, the breadth of our geographic footprint, and the optionality of our integrated chain spanning from methanol to RDP. To further demonstrate the sustainability of this differentiation, over the last 5 years AC has averaged 29 percent quarterly EBITDA margins and delivered greater than 20 percent EBITDA margins in every quarter including during the height of COVID.

As we look to the third quarter, demand and pricing remain strongest in the Americas, followed by Europe and Asia. Looking at our order books, we are seeing some signs of softness in select industries such as paints and coatings, and construction which represent about one-third of our end market exposure. Additionally, inventory across customer's supply chains in Asia appears to have recovered to pre-COVID levels. We believe current acetic acid pricing has largely incorporated these dynamics. We expect sequential moderation in the third quarter to largely be driven by VAM, particularly in Asia, as industry production recovers. VAM pricing in Asia has been moderating across the back half of June and July and declined by over \$500 per ton over that period. Based on these factors, we anticipate third quarter adjusted EBIT for AC of \$350 to \$400 million. A slightly larger guidance range reflects, at the bottom of the range, the potential for further modest demand softness as the quarter progresses. Given the strength of our first half performance in AC, we continue to expect full year adjusted EBIT of approximately \$1.6 billion.

Acetate Tow (AT) delivered second quarter adjusted EBIT of \$35 million, \$36 million of which came as dividends from our affiliates in China. Unfortunately, the story is old: severe cost inflation on all fronts without the ability to increase pricing to offset these cost increases. It is absolutely clear that this dynamic is inhibiting the realization of appropriate value for these products. Historically, this business created value for our customers and shareholders by providing unparalleled quality and security of supply of acetate flake and tow across the globe. Simply put, the current situation in AT is both unacceptable and untenable.

As a result, we have initiated a strategic overhaul of the AT business and will begin the transition to managing acetate flake and tow within the Acetyl Chain as downstream derivatives of acetic acid, similar to how we manage VAM, emulsions, or redispersible powders. I am convinced there is value to be created in managing these products with the same strategic optionality we exercise in AC.

Over the coming months we will explore additional ways to restore the profitability of the acetate flake and tow products by reexamining our commercial contracting strategy, sourcing activity, and cost structure. We will share additional updates as the strategic overhaul progresses. Upon completion of the strategic overhaul process, we anticipate that the AT financial results may be reported as part of the AC reporting segment.

To summarize our business commentary, we are seeing some firsthand indications of softening demand including modest order deferrals and signals of normalizing inventory levels at customers. That said, at this stage, our order books, which currently extend around a month into the future, remain largely consistent with expectations. When we look at the resilience of our order books juxtaposed against foreboding headlines, it is unclear to what extent our firsthand observations should temper those headline concerns or are simply lagging upstream indicators of demand deterioration. We think the reality is somewhere in the middle. For this reason, our guidance range for total Celanese, like our businesses, is wider than typical with expected third quarter adjusted earnings of \$4.00 to \$4.50 per share. The bottom end of the range represents some degree of further, albeit modest, demand deterioration between now and the end of the quarter. We are utilizing a similar approach for the full year given current visibility. With the strength of our first half performance, and even with modest demand softness, we expect to deliver 2022 adjusted earnings per share approximately in line with our 2021 adjusted earnings per share performance.

2 To transition to our second objective of rapidly integrating and synergizing the Santoprene and M&M acquisitions, let me start by congratulating our combined teams who are managing the recently acquired Santoprene product line. The team contributed second quarter adjusted EBIT of approximately \$15 million, despite cost inflation of over 10 percent versus the prior quarter. In addition to the continued capture of synergies in the quarter, the team lifted second quarter pricing levels another few percent sequentially. We are on track to capture more than \$15 million in synergies in 2022, double our year one projection at the time of announcing the acquisition, and to complete the full integration of the business ahead of closing the M&M acquisition.

Turning to the M&M business, let me start by addressing the numerous questions we have received regarding their first quarter performance. Regardless of the assumptions and math used, it is clear that first quarter performance was not at a run-rate consistent with the 2022 outlook either party had for that business. Quite frankly, we were disappointed by the performance. Beyond any challenges unique to that

business, we have every reason to assume they are facing many similar challenges as EM including severe cost inflation, volatility in Asia automotive, and currency headwinds.

We know firsthand that short-term performance can be impeded by such dynamics. You will recall that our EM adjusted EBIT in the fourth quarter of 2021 was approximately half of what we delivered this quarter, due primarily to the sudden surge in natural gas pricing. We also know that decisive actions, like the energy surcharge and aggressive energy productivity program we implemented, can very rapidly improve performance.

Like all of you, we will be watching the ongoing performance trajectory of the M&M business. As we cross over into the second half of the year, we are much more interested in the momentum that business has coming into the transaction close, and its go-forward potential as part of Celanese, than we are the first half of 2022. We are eager to welcome the current M&M employees as part of Celanese and jointly work to enhance and accelerate that momentum post-closing and into 2023.

We continue to target closing the M&M acquisition in the fourth quarter and our teams are working tremendously hard to this end. To date, we have successfully secured approximately \$10.5 billion in permanent financing for the acquisition across a series of transactions which Scott will discuss in detail. We continue to make progress with the regulatory review process across all necessary jurisdictions including the U.S., China, European Union, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea, and Turkey. Finally, we continue to engage daily with our partners at DuPont to complete pre-integration work across all functions which will allow us to accelerate our integration and synergy capture after closing.

The progress we make in rapidly capturing synergies will be a critical early offset to the added interest expense for the transaction financing relative to interest rate conditions when we announced the deal. While early financial contributions from the transaction will be more challenged than originally guided due to interest expense, our primary focus is on maximizing our cash generation.

- Synergies: The more pre-integration work we complete, the more confidence we have in our ability to capture the committed synergies, and likely more. We are finding new opportunities for synergies. We are working to aggressively accelerate the timing of the anticipated synergies, not unlike what we have done with Santoprene this year, versus original expectations.
- Working Capital: We are increasingly confident that the combined global production and logistics networks of EM and M&M will deliver meaningful working capital opportunities in addition to cost synergies. We see greater opportunity than we previously anticipated to leverage our

combined warehouse and logistics networks to minimize cross-regional shipments and monetize concentrations of inventory.

- **Capital Expenditures:** Last quarter we guided to a \$50 million reduction in our 2022 capital expenditures as a result of combining EM and M&M. There exists a much larger opportunity for us to reduce our capital expenditures in 2023. This will be driven by additional capacity opportunities we are identifying in the combined EM and M&M networks as well as a capital budget for the acquired business that we previously alluded to, and have since validated, is larger than needed. More broadly across Celanese, given current material pricing levels and the broader capital investment cycle, we are assessing certain projects where we are confident there is real capital savings to be captured from short-term deferral or a slowed construction timeline.

We expect that the above drivers of early incremental cash paired with swift deleveraging will increasingly offset the impact of a higher-than-anticipated interest expense. As we refine the estimated contributions from these items, build out our own business forecasts for next year, and solidify the timing of closing, we will share a revised outlook for our pro forma 2023 cash generation and earnings.

In summary, our businesses are executing and our integration of Santoprene and pre-integration of M&M are rapidly progressing. Our teams are delivering at an exceptional level on that which they can control. We are optimistic about the future of Celanese and the power of our employees to deliver shareholder value, even in challenging environments. We are eager to close the M&M acquisition and partner with our new colleagues to drive further value.

Scott Richardson, Celanese Corporation, Chief Financial Officer

Before I address the third of our organizational objectives, let me thank our teams for executing our business models and M&A action plans exceptionally well. They have also been active in positioning us to swiftly deleverage following the close of the M&M acquisition.



Our post-close capital structure is quickly taking shape as we have secured approximately \$10.5 billion in permanent financing for the transaction including:

- the \$1.5 billion of delayed draw term loans under the Term Loan Credit Agreement dated March 18, 2022;

- the registered offering of \$7.5 billion principal amount of U.S. dollar notes priced on July 7, 2022;
- the euro cross-currency swap entered on July 7, 2022 to effectively convert \$2.5 billion of the U.S. dollar denominated debt into euro-denominated borrowing at prevailing euro interest rates; and
- the registered offering of €1.5 billion principal amount of euro notes priced on July 12, 2022.

We are very pleased to have secured permanent financing for the M&M acquisition. I would like to recognize the many teams within Celanese who worked to rapidly and successfully secure this financing amid a challenging market backdrop. They remained agile in assessing volatile debt market conditions and vigilant in optimizing the structure and pricing of our financing.

It was critical for us to maintain ample flexibility and optionality for the future. We were purposeful in optimizing the maturity profile of our debt to provide us with flexibility to rapidly deleverage over the next few years and to refinance debt as market conditions change.

We were equally focused on reducing our net borrowing rate by aligning our currency mix in lower interest rate currencies with our anticipated global earnings. To date, approximately \$4.0 billion of our permanent financing is euro-denominated, either through the euro direct issuance or the euro cross-currency swap we entered. As a result, our effective net borrowing rate across the secured financing for the M&M transaction currently stands at 5.4 percent. We expect opportunities over the coming quarters to enter into additional cross-currency swaps to effectively convert more of our U.S. dollar debt into lower interest rates currencies, namely euro and yen.

We anticipate incurring between approximately \$75 and \$150 million of net interest expense on the M&M financing ahead of closing which we are targeting for sometime in the fourth quarter. This was also factored into the \$1.4 billion free cash flow estimate we previously provided for 2022 and which we are maintaining. As the interest expense incurred ahead of closing the transaction will not be paired with a corresponding economic benefit from owning the M&M business, we intend to adjust out this interest expense from adjusted earnings per share until the time of closing. Similarly, we will remove from adjusted earnings per share any interest income which is generated from excess cash balances from the proceeds of the M&M financing. Our 2022 adjusted earnings per share guidance provided in April also reflected this anticipated accounting treatment.

Let me now address questions received regarding the recent increase in prevailing interest rates and the impact on our deleveraging plan of a higher borrowing rate than originally anticipated when we announced the acquisition. In conjunction with the recent debt offerings, we met with credit rating

agencies to update the leveraging plan and financial outlook we originally shared with them in February. Anticipated leverage levels at the time of closing remain at approximately 4.0x net debt to trailing pro-forma EBITDA. Elevated performance in both EM and AC across 2022, relative to the original financials shared, is more than offsetting first-quarter M&M performance that is below expectations. Additionally, we are still on track to reach a deleveraging target of 3.0x net debt to EBITDA within two years, which is consistent with a sustainable investment grade rating. We remain fully committed to maintaining our investment grade rating.

We are working to ensure that the free cash flow generation and debt paydown capabilities of Celanese remain remarkably resilient, even in the most challenging of environments. We demonstrated that resilience in 2020 during the height of COVID, when our free cash flow only declined 12 percent year over year. Our teams brought down working capital, rapidly adjusted our capital expenditures, and aggressively enhanced cost savings and productivity within the year. In the event of a severe recession, we have the same controllable levers available to us right now and many could be more impactful:

- At the end of the second quarter, we held approximately \$700 million more in net working capital than we did across 2020.
- Our outlook for capex in 2022 is approximately \$200 million higher than we spent in 2020 and in a severe recession we could trim below 2020 capex levels.
- Our productivity and one-time costs savings in 2020 contributed \$100 million above typical levels.

All together, this is an opportunity to unlock \$1 billion in cash if we were to replicate the actions of 2020. We could do more if needed. This does not include additional opportunities to replicate these actions across the acquired M&M business. We are confident in our ability to take controllable actions to generate cash flow and pay down our debt even in a recessionary environment.

Celanese is a company built on execution. Our teams have a very clear vision of the objectives at hand to deliver continued value and growth for our customers, employees, and investors and we are hard at work executing on those objectives.

This concludes our prepared remarks. We look forward to discussing our second quarter results and addressing your questions.

Forward-Looking Statements

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These risks and uncertainties include, among other things: changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate; volatility or changes in the price and availability of raw materials and energy, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of ethylene, methanol, natural gas, wood pulp and fuel oil and the prices for electricity and other energy sources; the length and depth of product and industry business cycles, particularly in the automotive, electrical, mobility, textiles, medical, electronics and construction industries; the extent to which resurgences or variants of COVID-19 may adversely impact the economic environment, market demand, our operations, availability and cost of transportation and materials, the labor supply, and pace of economic recovery; the ability to pass increases in raw material prices, logistics costs or other costs on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases; the ability to complete the pending acquisition by us of the majority of DuPont's Mobility & Materials business (the "M&M Acquisition"), including the possibility that the M&M Acquisition is not completed within the expected timeframe, or at all, because required regulatory approvals are not received or other closing conditions are not satisfied on a timely basis, or at all; the accuracy or inaccuracy of our assumptions regarding anticipated benefits of the M&M Acquisition; the possibility that the anticipated benefits of the M&M Acquisition, including synergies and growth opportunities, may not be realized as expected or may not be achieved within the anticipated timeframe, or at all, whether as a result of difficulties arising from the integration of the M&M Business or other unanticipated delays, costs, inefficiencies or liabilities; increased commercial, legal or regulatory complexity of entering into, or expanding our exposure to, certain end markets and geographies; risks in the global economy and equity and credit markets and their potential impact on our ability to finance the remainder of the purchase price for the M&M Acquisition on acceptable terms, at favorable pricing, in a timely manner, or at all; diversion of management's attention from ongoing business operations and opportunities and other disruption caused by the M&M Acquisition and the integration processes and their impact on our existing business and relationships; risks and costs associated with increased leverage from the M&M Acquisition, including increased interest expense and potential reduction of business and strategic flexibility; the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions as well as facility turnarounds; the ability to reduce or maintain their current levels of production costs and to improve productivity by implementing technological improvements to existing plants; the ability to identify desirable potential acquisition targets and to complete and integrate acquisition or investment transactions, including regulatory approvals, consistent with the Company's strategy; increased price competition and the introduction of competing products by other companies; market acceptance of our products and technology; compliance and other costs and potential disruption or interruption of production or operations due to accidents, interruptions in sources of raw materials, transportation, logistics or supply chain disruptions, cyber security incidents, terrorism or political unrest, public health crises (including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic); other unforeseen events or delays in construction or operation of facilities, including as a result of geopolitical conditions, the occurrence of acts of war (such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict) or terrorist incidents or as a result of weather or natural disasters or other crises including public health crises; the ability to obtain governmental approvals and to construct facilities on terms and schedules acceptable to the Company; changes in applicable tariffs, duties and trade agreements, tax rates or legislation throughout the world including, but not limited to, adjustments, changes in estimates or interpretations or the resolution of tax examinations or audits that may impact recorded or future tax impacts and potential regulatory and legislative tax developments in the United States and other jurisdictions; changes in the degree of intellectual property and other legal protection afforded to our products or technologies, or the theft of such intellectual property; potential liability for remedial actions and increased costs under existing or future environmental, health and safety regulations, including those relating to climate change; potential liability resulting from pending or future claims or litigation, including investigations or enforcement action, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate; changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates; our level of indebtedness, which could diminish our ability to raise additional capital to fund operations or limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or the chemicals industry; tax rates and changes thereto; our ability to obtain regulatory approval for, and satisfy closing conditions to, any transactions described herein; and various other factors discussed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which it is made or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances.

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