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Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014

Or

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

(Commission File Number) 001-32410



Celanese

CELANESE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

98-0420726

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

222 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 900N

Irving, TX

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

75039-5421

(Zip Code)

(972) 443-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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 the 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 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, as of April 17, 2014 was 155,931,784 .

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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Item 1. Financial Statements

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
	(In \$ millions, except share and per share data)	
Net sales	1,705	1,605
Cost of sales	(1,327)	(1,272)
Gross profit	378	333
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(104)	(106)
Amortization of intangible assets	(6)	(11)
Research and development expenses	(22)	(26)
Other (charges) gains, net	(1)	(4)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(1)	(1)
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	(1)	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	243	184
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	40	54
Interest expense	(39)	(43)
Refinancing expense	—	—
Interest income	—	—
Dividend income - cost investments	29	24
Other income (expense), net	—	(1)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	273	218
Income tax (provision) benefit	(78)	(77)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	195	141
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	2
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	(1)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	1
Net earnings (loss)	195	142
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	1	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	196	142
Amounts attributable to Celanese Corporation		
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	196	141
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	1
Net earnings (loss)	196	142
Earnings (loss) per common share - basic		
Continuing operations	1.25	0.88
Discontinued operations	—	0.01
Net earnings (loss) - basic	1.25	0.89
Earnings (loss) per common share - diluted		
Continuing operations	1.25	0.88
Discontinued operations	—	0.01
Net earnings (loss) - diluted	1.25	0.89
Weighted average shares - basic	156,501,794	159,682,386
Weighted average shares - diluted	156,812,915	160,201,636

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

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2014	2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Net earnings (loss)	195	142
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—
Foreign currency translation	5	(31)
Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(3)	1
Pension and postretirement benefits	(12)	—
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(10)	(30)
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	185	112
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	1	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	<u>186</u>	<u>112</u>

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

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions, except share data)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (variable interest entity restricted - 2014: \$33)	998	984
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates (net of allowance for doubtful accounts - 2014: \$9; 2013: \$9)	986	867
Non-trade receivables, net	256	343
Inventories	816	804
Deferred income taxes	115	115
Marketable securities, at fair value	43	41
Other assets	32	28
Total current assets	3,246	3,182
Investments in affiliates	828	841
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation - 2014: \$1,712; 2013: \$1,672; variable interest entity restricted - 2014: \$174)	3,519	3,425
Deferred income taxes	261	289
Other assets (variable interest entity restricted - 2014: \$24)	332	341
Goodwill	798	798
Intangible assets, net	145	142
Total assets	9,129	9,018
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	157	177
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	790	799
Other liabilities	479	541
Deferred income taxes	10	10
Income taxes payable	74	18
Total current liabilities	1,510	1,545
Long-term debt	2,881	2,887
Deferred income taxes	220	225
Uncertain tax positions	158	200
Benefit obligations	1,147	1,175
Other liabilities	293	287
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized (2014 and 2013: 0 issued and outstanding)	—	—
Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized (2014: 165,895,295 issued and 155,931,784 outstanding; 2013: 165,867,965 issued and 156,939,828 outstanding)	—	—
Series B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized (2014 and 2013: 0 issued and outstanding)	—	—
Treasury stock, at cost (2014: 9,963,511 shares; 2013: 8,928,137 shares)	(414)	(361)
Additional paid-in capital	61	53
Retained earnings	3,179	3,011
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	(14)	(4)
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	2,812	2,699
Noncontrolling interests	108	—
Total equity	2,920	2,699
Total liabilities and equity	9,129	9,018

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

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	
	Shares	Amount
	(In \$ millions, except share data)	
Series A Common Stock		
Balance as of the beginning of the period	156,939,828	—
Stock option exercises	25,000	—
Purchases of treasury stock	(1,035,374)	—
Stock awards	2,330	—
Balance as of the end of the period	<u>155,931,784</u>	<u>—</u>
Treasury Stock		
Balance as of the beginning of the period	8,928,137	(361)
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	1,035,374	(53)
Balance as of the end of the period	<u>9,963,511</u>	<u>(414)</u>
Additional Paid-In Capital		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		53
Stock-based compensation, net of tax		8
Stock option exercises, net of tax		—
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>61</u>
Retained Earnings		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		3,011
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation		196
Series A common stock dividends		(28)
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>3,179</u>
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		(4)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		(10)
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>(14)</u>
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity		<u>2,812</u>
Noncontrolling Interests		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		(1)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests		109
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>108</u>
Total equity		<u>2,920</u>

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

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2014	2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Operating Activities		
Net earnings (loss)	195	142
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Other charges (gains), net of amounts used	(16)	(4)
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	76	80
Pension and postretirement benefit expense	(26)	(5)
Pension and postretirement contributions	(48)	(19)
Deferred income taxes, net	(7)	(8)
(Gain) loss on disposition of businesses and assets, net	1	1
Refinancing expense	—	—
Other, net	35	2
Operating cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	—	1
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates, net	(123)	(100)
Inventories	(15)	(55)
Other assets	4	(7)
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	23	36
Other liabilities	65	83
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	164	147
Investing Activities		
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	(78)	(66)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets, net	—	—
Capital expenditures related to Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	(3)
Capital expenditures related to Fairway Methanol LLC	(70)	(8)
Other, net	(3)	(10)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(151)	(87)
Financing Activities		
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	(3)	(19)
Proceeds from short-term debt	25	24
Repayments of short-term debt	(40)	(24)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	50
Repayments of long-term debt	(6)	(55)
Refinancing costs	—	—
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	(53)	—
Stock option exercises	—	1
Series A common stock dividends	(28)	(12)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	109	—
Other, net	—	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	4	(35)
Exchange rate effects on cash and cash equivalents	(3)	(6)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	14	19
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	984	959
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	998	978

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

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of the Company and Basis of Presentation

Description of the Company

Celanese Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") is a global technology and specialty materials company. The Company's business involves processing chemical raw materials, such as methanol, carbon monoxide and ethylene, and natural products, including wood pulp, into value-added chemicals, thermoplastic polymers and other chemical-based products.

Definitions

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Quarterly Report"), the term "Celanese" refers to Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and not its subsidiaries. The term "Celanese US" refers to the Company's subsidiary, Celanese US Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and not its subsidiaries.

Basis of Presentation

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 contained in this Quarterly Report were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") for all periods presented and include the accounts of the Company, its majority owned subsidiaries over which the Company exercises control and, when applicable, variable interest entities in which the Company is the primary beneficiary. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and other financial information included in this Quarterly Report, unless otherwise specified, have been presented to separately show the effects of discontinued operations.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheets and related unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows and equity include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring items necessary for their fair presentation in conformity with US GAAP. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP may have been condensed or omitted in accordance with rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, filed on February 7, 2014 with the SEC as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into contracts and agreements relative to a number of topics, including acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, supply agreements, product sales and other arrangements. The Company endeavors to describe those contracts or agreements that are material to its business, results of operations or financial position. The Company may also describe some arrangements that are not material but in which the Company believes investors may have an interest or which may have been included in a Form 8-K filing. Investors should not assume the Company has described all contracts and agreements relative to the Company's business in this Quarterly Report.

For those consolidated ventures in which the Company owns or is exposed to less than 100% of the economics, the outside stockholders' interests are shown as noncontrolling interests.

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

Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of unaudited interim consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses and allocated charges during the reporting period. Significant estimates pertain to impairments of goodwill, intangible assets and other long-lived assets, purchase price allocations, restructuring costs and other (charges) gains, net, income taxes, pension and other postretirement benefits, asset retirement obligations, environmental liabilities and loss contingencies, among others. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*, an amendment to FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 205, *Presentation of Financial Statements* ("FASB ASC Topic 205") and FASB ASC Topic 360, *Property, Plant and Equipment* ("FASB ASC Topic 360"). The update revises the definition of discontinued operations by limiting discontinued operations reporting to disposals of components of an entity that represent strategic shifts that have (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results, removing the lack of continuing involvement criteria and requiring discontinued operations reporting for the disposal of an equity method investment that meets the definition of discontinued operations. The update also requires expanded disclosures for discontinued operations, including disclosure of pretax profit or loss of an individually significant component of an entity that does not qualify for discontinued operations reporting. This ASU is effective prospectively for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2014. The Company will apply the guidance prospectively to disposal activity occurring after the effective date of this ASU.

3. Acquisitions, Dispositions and Plant Closures

Plant Closures

- *Roussillon, France*

In November 2013, the Company announced its intent to initiate an information and consultation process on the contemplated closure of its acetic anhydride facility in Roussillon, France. In December 2013, the Company announced it had completed the consultation process pursuant to which the Company ceased all manufacturing operations in December 2013. The Roussillon, France operations are included in the Acetyl Intermediates segment.

- *Tarragona, Spain*

In November 2013, the Company announced its intent to initiate an information and consultation process on the contemplated closure of its vinyl acetate monomer ("VAM") facility in Tarragona, Spain. In December 2013, the Company announced it had completed the consultation process pursuant to which the Company ceased all manufacturing operations in December 2013. The Tarragona, Spain VAM operations are included in the Acetyl Intermediates segment.

Exit costs related to the closure of the Roussillon acetic anhydride facility and the Tarragona VAM facility are recorded to Other (charges) gains, net in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations ([Note 14](#)).

4. Ventures and Variable Interest Entities

Consolidated Variable Interest Entities

On February 4, 2014, the Company and Mitsui & Co., Ltd., of Tokyo, Japan ("Mitsui") formed a 50% -owned joint venture, Fairway Methanol LLC ("Fairway"), for the production of methanol at the Company's integrated chemical plant in Clear Lake, Texas. The planned methanol unit will utilize natural gas in the US Gulf Coast region as a feedstock and will benefit from the existing infrastructure at the Company's Clear Lake facility. Both Mitsui and the Company will supply their own natural gas to Fairway in exchange for methanol tolling under a cost plus off-take arrangement. The planned methanol facility will have an annual capacity of 1.3 million tons and is expected to be operational in the second half of 2015. In exchange for ownership in the venture, the Company contributed net cash of \$6 million and pre-formation costs, including costs for long lead time materials, of \$103 million of which \$70 million was subject to reimbursement from Mitsui should the venture not form and was included in Non-trade receivables at December 31, 2013. Upon consolidation of the venture, the non-trade receivable was settled. Mitsui contributed cash in exchange for ownership in the venture.

The Company determined that Fairway is a variable interest entity ("VIE") in which the Company is the primary beneficiary. Under the terms of the joint venture agreements, the Company provides site services and day-to-day operations for the methanol facility. In addition, the joint venture agreements provide that the Company indemnifies Mitsui for environmental obligations that exceed a specified threshold, as well as an equity option between the partners. Accordingly, the Company consolidates the venture and records a noncontrolling interest for the share of the venture owned by Mitsui.

The carrying amount of the assets and liabilities associated with Fairway that are included in the unaudited consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014
	(In \$ millions)
Cash and cash equivalents	33
Property, plant and equipment	174
Other assets	24
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	231
Current liabilities	16
Total liabilities ⁽²⁾	16

⁽¹⁾ Assets can only be used to settle the obligations of Fairway.

⁽²⁾ Represents amounts owed by Fairway for reimbursement of expenditures.

Nonconsolidated Variable Interest Entities

The Company holds variable interests in entities that supply certain raw materials and services to the Company. The variable interests primarily relate to cost-plus contractual arrangements with the suppliers and recovery of capital expenditures for certain plant assets plus a rate of return on such assets. Liabilities for such supplier recoveries of capital expenditures have been recorded as capital lease obligations. The entities are not consolidated because the Company is not the primary beneficiary of the entities as it does not have the power to direct the activities of the entities that most significantly impact the entities' economic performance. The Company's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with these VIEs as of March 31, 2014 relates primarily to take-or-pay obligations for services included in the unconditional purchase obligations ([Note 18](#)).

The carrying amount of the assets and liabilities associated with the obligations to nonconsolidated VIEs, as well as the maximum exposure to loss relating to these nonconsolidated VIEs are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	105	111
Trade payables	45	49
Current installments of long-term debt	8	8
Long-term debt	130	136
Total liabilities	183	193
Maximum exposure to loss	306	311

The difference between the total liabilities associated with obligations to VIEs and the maximum exposure to loss primarily represents take-or-pay obligations for services included in the unconditional purchase obligations discussed above.

5. Marketable Securities, at Fair Value

The Company's nonqualified trusts hold available-for-sale securities for funding requirements of the Company's nonqualified pension plans ([Note 11](#)).

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gain, gross unrealized loss and fair values for available-for-sale securities by major security type are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Mutual Funds		
Amortized cost	43	41
Gross unrealized gain	—	—
Gross unrealized loss	—	—
Fair value	<u>43</u>	<u>41</u>

See [Note 17 - Fair Value Measurements](#) for additional information regarding the fair value of the Company's marketable securities.

6. Inventories

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Finished goods	591	571
Work-in-process	59	59
Raw materials and supplies	166	174
Total	<u>816</u>	<u>804</u>

7. Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Net

Goodwill

	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Total
	(In \$ millions)				
As of December 31, 2013					
Goodwill	303	254	43	198	798
Accumulated impairment losses	—	—	—	—	—
Net book value	<u>303</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>798</u>
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—
As of March 31, 2014					
Goodwill	303	254	43	198	798
Accumulated impairment losses	—	—	—	—	—
Net book value	<u>303</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>798</u>

Intangible Assets, Net

Finite-lived intangible assets are as follows:

	Licenses	Customer- Related Intangible Assets	Developed Technology	Covenants Not to Compete and Other	Total
	(In \$ millions)				
Gross Asset Value					
As of December 31, 2013	33	544	30	39	646
Acquisitions	—	—	—	9	9 ⁽¹⁾
Exchange rate changes	(1)	—	1	—	—
As of March 31, 2014	32	544	31	48	655
Accumulated Amortization					
As of December 31, 2013	(20)	(521)	(21)	(25)	(587)
Amortization	(1)	(4)	(1)	—	(6)
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—
As of March 31, 2014	(21)	(525)	(22)	(25)	(593)
Net book value	11	19	9	23	62

⁽¹⁾ Represents intangible assets acquired related to Fairway with a weighted average amortization period of 28 years ([Note 4](#)).

Indefinite-lived intangible assets are as follows:

	Trademarks and Trade Names
	(In \$ millions)
As of December 31, 2013	83
Acquisitions	—
Accumulated impairment losses	—
Exchange rate changes	—
As of March 31, 2014	83

The Company's trademarks and trade names have an indefinite life. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 , the Company did not renew or extend any intangible assets.

Estimated amortization expense for the succeeding five fiscal years is as follows:

	(In \$ millions)
2015	11
2016	8
2017	7
2018	4
2019	3

8. Current Other Liabilities

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Salaries and benefits	80	96
Environmental (Note 12)	29	30
Restructuring (Note 14)	45	60
Insurance	13	14
Asset retirement obligations	25	29
Derivatives (Note 16)	8	12
Current portion of benefit obligations	48	78
Interest	35	24
Sales and use tax/foreign withholding tax payable	13	12
Uncertain tax positions	64	64
Customer rebates	41	48
Other	78	74
Total	<u>479</u>	<u>541</u>

9. Noncurrent Other Liabilities

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Environmental (Note 12)	66	67
Insurance	53	50
Deferred revenue	27	28
Deferred proceeds	53	53
Asset retirement obligations	17	18
Derivatives (Note 16)	2	3
Restructuring (Note 14)	1	2
Income taxes payable	20	20
Other	54	46
Total	<u>293</u>	<u>287</u>

10. Debt

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Short-Term Borrowings and Current Installments of Long-Term Debt - Third Party and Affiliates		
Current installments of long-term debt	23	24
Short-term borrowings, including amounts due to affiliates	99	103
Accounts receivable securitization facility	35	50
Total	<u>157</u>	<u>177</u>

The Company's weighted average interest rate on short-term borrowings, including amounts due to affiliates and borrowing under the accounts receivable securitization facility, was 3.6% as of March 31, 2014 compared to 3.2% as of December 31, 2013 . The weighted average interest rate on the accounts receivable securitization facility was 0.7% as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 .

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Long-Term Debt		
Senior credit facilities - Term C-2 loan due 2016	975	978
Senior unsecured notes due 2018, interest rate of 6.625%	600	600
Senior unsecured notes due 2021, interest rate of 5.875%	400	400
Senior unsecured notes due 2022, interest rate of 4.625%	500	500
Pollution control and industrial revenue bonds due at various dates through 2030, interest rates ranging from 5.7% to 6.7%	169	169
Obligations under capital leases due at various dates through 2054	260	264
Subtotal	2,904	2,911
Current installments of long-term debt	(23)	(24)
Total	2,881	2,887

Senior Notes

In November 2012, Celanese US completed an offering of \$ 500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.625% senior unsecured notes due 2022 (the " 4.625% Notes") in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The 4.625% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and each of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US that guarantee its obligations under its senior secured credit facilities (the "Subsidiary Guarantors").

The 4.625% Notes were issued under an indenture, dated May 6, 2011, as amended by a second supplemental indenture, dated November 13, 2012 (the "Second Supplemental Indenture"), among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. Celanese US will pay interest on the 4.625% Notes on March 15 and September 15 of each year, which commenced on March 15, 2013. Prior to November 15, 2022, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 4.625% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the Second Supplemental Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The 4.625% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US.

In May 2011, Celanese US completed an offering of \$400 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.875% senior unsecured notes due 2021 (the " 5.875% Notes") in a public offering registered under the Securities Act. The 5.875% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

The 5.875% Notes were issued under an indenture and a first supplemental indenture, each dated May 6, 2011 (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. Celanese US pays interest on the 5.875% Notes on June 15 and December 15 of each year, which commenced on December 15, 2011. Prior to June 15, 2021, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 5.875% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the First Supplemental Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The 5.875% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US.

In September 2010, Celanese US completed the private placement of \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the " 6.625% Notes" and, together with the 4.625% Notes and the 5.875% Notes, collectively the "Senior Notes") under an indenture dated September 24, 2010 (the "Indenture") among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. In April 2011, Celanese US registered the 6.625% Notes under the Securities Act. Celanese US pays interest on the 6.625% Notes on April 15 and October 15 of each year, which commenced on April 15, 2011. The 6.625% Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after October 15, 2014 at the redemption prices specified in the Indenture. Prior to October 15, 2014, Celanese US may redeem

some or all of the 6.625% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The 6.625% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US. The 6.625% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

The Indenture, the First Supplemental Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture contain covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Company's ability to incur indebtedness; grant liens on assets; merge, consolidate, or sell assets; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; engage in transactions with affiliates; or engage in other businesses.

Senior Credit Facilities

In September 2010, Celanese US, Celanese, and certain of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US entered into an amendment agreement with the lenders under Celanese US's existing senior secured credit facilities in order to amend and restate the corresponding Credit Agreement, dated April 2, 2007 (as previously amended, the "Existing Credit Agreement", and as amended and restated by the 2010 amendment agreement, the "2010 Amended Credit Agreement"). The 2010 Amended Credit Agreement consisted of the Term C loan facility due 2016, the Term B loan facility due on April 2, 2014, a \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2015 and a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating on April 2, 2014.

In September 2013, Celanese US, Celanese, and certain of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US entered into an amendment agreement with the lenders under Celanese US's existing senior secured credit facilities in order to amend and restate the corresponding 2010 Amended Credit Agreement (as amended and restated by the 2013 amendment agreement, the "Amended Credit Agreement"). The Amended Credit Agreement provides for a reduction in the interest rates payable in connection with certain borrowings and consists of the Term C-2 loan facility due 2016, the \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2015 and the \$81 million credit-linked revolving facility, which was terminated on March 28, 2014.

As of March 31, 2014, the margin for borrowings under the Term C-2 loan facility was 2.0% above LIBOR (for US dollars) and 2.0% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR") (for Euros), as applicable. As of March 31, 2014, the margin for borrowings under the revolving credit facility was 2.5% above LIBOR. The margin for borrowings under the revolving credit facility is subject to increase or decrease in certain circumstances based on changes in the Company's corporate credit ratings.

Term loan borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement are subject to amortization at 1% of the initial principal amount per annum, payable quarterly. In addition, the Company pays quarterly commitment fees on the unused portions of the revolving credit facility of 0.25% per annum.

The Amended Credit Agreement is guaranteed by Celanese and certain domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US and is secured by a lien on substantially all assets of Celanese US and such guarantors, subject to certain agreed exceptions (including for certain real property and certain shares of foreign subsidiaries), pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated April 2, 2007.

As a condition to borrowing funds or requesting letters of credit be issued under the revolving credit facility, the Company's first lien senior secured leverage ratio (as calculated as of the last day of the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements have been delivered under the revolving facility) cannot exceed the threshold as specified below. Further, the Company's first lien senior secured leverage ratio must be maintained at or below that threshold while any amounts are outstanding under the revolving credit facility.

The Company's amended first lien senior secured leverage ratios under the revolving credit facility are as follows:

As of March 31, 2014			
Maximum	Estimate	Estimate, If Fully Drawn	
	3.90	0.81	1.27

The Amended Credit Agreement contains covenants including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Company's ability to incur indebtedness; grant liens on assets; merge, consolidate, or sell assets; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; make investments; prepay or modify certain indebtedness; engage in transactions with affiliates; enter into sale-leaseback transactions or hedge transactions; or engage in other businesses.

The Amended Credit Agreement also maintains a number of events of default, including a cross default to other debt of Celanese, Celanese US, or their subsidiaries, including the Senior Notes, in an aggregate amount equal to more than

\$40 million and the occurrence of a change of control. Failure to comply with these covenants, or the occurrence of any other event of default, could result in acceleration of the borrowings and other financial obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement.

The Company is in compliance with all of the covenants related to its debt agreements as of March 31, 2014 .

Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility

In August 2013, the Company entered into a \$135 million US accounts receivable securitization facility pursuant to (i) a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Sale Agreement") among certain US subsidiaries of the Company (each an "Originator"), Celanese International Corporation ("CIC") and CE Receivables LLC, a newly formed, wholly-owned, "bankruptcy remote" special purpose subsidiary of an Originator (the "Transferor") and (ii) a Receivables Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), among CIC, as servicer, the Transferor, various third-party purchasers (collectively, the "Purchasers") and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., New York Branch, as administrator (the "Administrator").

Under the Sale Agreement, each Originator will sell or contribute, on an ongoing basis, substantially all of its accounts receivable to the Transferor. Under the Purchase Agreement, the Transferor may obtain up to \$135 million (in the form of cash and/or letters of credit for the benefit of the Company and its subsidiaries) from the Purchasers through the sale of undivided interests in certain US accounts receivable. The borrowing base of the accounts receivable securitization facility is subject to downward adjustment based on the evaluation of eligible accounts receivables pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. As of March 31, 2014 , the borrowing base was \$132 million .

The Purchase Agreement expires in 2016 , but may be extended for successive one year terms by agreement of the parties. The Company accounts for the securitization facility as secured borrowings, and the accounts receivables sold pursuant to the facility are included in the unaudited consolidated balance sheet as Trade receivables - third party and affiliates. Borrowings under this facility are classified as short-term borrowings in the unaudited consolidated balance sheet. Once sold to the Transferor, the accounts receivable are legally separate and distinct from the other assets of the Company and are not available to the Company's creditors should the Company become insolvent. All of the Transferor's assets have been pledged to the Administrator in support of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014 , Celanese US paid \$15 million of borrowings outstanding under the accounts receivable securitization facility using cash on hand.

As of March 31, 2014 , the outstanding amount of accounts receivable transferred by the Originators to the Transferor was \$217 million .

The Company's balances available for borrowing are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014
	(In \$ millions)
Revolving Credit Facility	
Borrowings outstanding	—
Letters of credit issued	—
Available for borrowing	600
Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility	
Borrowings outstanding	35
Letters of credit issued	80
Available for borrowing	17

11. Benefit Obligations

In November 2013, the Company announced it would amend its US postretirement health care plan to (a) eliminate eligibility for all current and future US non-union employees; (b) terminate its US postretirement health care plan on December 31, 2014 for all US participants; and (c) offer certain eligible US participants a lump-sum buyout payment if they irrevocably waive all future benefits under the US postretirement health care plan and end their participation before December 31, 2014. These actions generated a prior service credit of \$92 million, which was recorded to Accumulated other comprehensive income in December 2013, net in the consolidated balance sheets. The prior service credit is being amortized ratably into the consolidated statements of operations through December 31, 2014. The Company recognized \$20 million of prior service credit amortization as part of net periodic benefit cost during the three months ended March 31, 2014. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company made \$30 million in lump-sum buyout payments to certain eligible US individuals.

The components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2014		2013	
	Pension Benefits	Postretirement Benefits	Pension Benefits	Postretirement Benefits
	(In \$ millions)			
Service cost	3	—	9	1
Interest cost	42	2	39	2
Expected return on plan assets	(54)	—	(56)	—
Amortization of prior service cost (credit), net	—	(19)	—	—
Total	(9)	(17)	(8)	3

Commitments to fund benefit obligations during 2014 are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014	Total Expected 2014
	(In \$ millions)	
Cash contributions to defined benefit pension plans	6	27
Benefit payments to nonqualified pension plans	6	22
Benefit payments to other postretirement benefit plans	36	54

The Company's estimates of its US defined benefit pension plan contributions reflect the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The Company participates in a multiemployer defined benefit plan in Germany covering certain employees. The Company's contributions to the multiemployer defined benefit plan are based on specified percentages of employee contributions and totaled \$2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

12. Environmental

General

The Company is subject to environmental laws and regulations worldwide that impose limitations on the discharge of pollutants into the air and water and establish standards for the treatment, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. The Company believes that it is in substantial compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. The Company is also subject to retained environmental obligations specified in various contractual agreements arising from the divestiture of certain businesses by the Company or one of its predecessor companies.

The components of environmental remediation reserves are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Demerger obligations (Note 18)	26	27
Divestiture obligations (Note 18)	22	21
Active sites	32	32
US Superfund sites	12	13
Other environmental remediation reserves	3	4
Total	95	97

Remediation

Due to its industrial history and through retained contractual and legal obligations, the Company has the obligation to remediate specific areas on its own sites as well as on divested, demerger, orphan or US Superfund sites (as defined below). In addition, as part of the demerger agreement between the Company and Hoechst AG ("Hoechst"), a specified portion of the responsibility for environmental liabilities from a number of Hoechst divestitures was transferred to the Company (Note 18). The Company provides for such obligations when the event of loss is probable and reasonably estimable. The Company believes that environmental remediation costs will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company, but may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given period.

US Superfund Sites

In the US, the Company may be subject to substantial claims brought by US federal or state regulatory agencies or private individuals pursuant to statutory authority or common law. In particular, the Company has a potential liability under the US Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and related state laws (collectively referred to as "Superfund") for investigation and cleanup costs at certain sites. At most of these sites, numerous companies, including the Company, or one of its predecessor companies, have been notified that the US Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), state governing bodies or private individuals consider such companies to be potentially responsible parties ("PRP") under Superfund or related laws. The proceedings relating to these sites are in various stages. The cleanup process has not been completed at most sites, and the status of the insurance coverage for some of these proceedings is uncertain. Consequently, the Company cannot accurately determine its ultimate liability for investigation or cleanup costs at these sites.

As events progress at each site for which it has been named a PRP, the Company accrues, as appropriate, a liability for site cleanup. Such liabilities include all costs that are probable and can be reasonably estimated. In establishing these liabilities, the Company considers its shipment of waste to a site, its percentage of total waste shipped to the site, the types of wastes involved, the conclusions of any studies, the magnitude of any remedial actions that may be necessary and the number and viability of other PRPs. Often the Company joins with other PRPs to sign joint defense agreements that settle, among PRPs, each party's percentage allocation of costs at the site. Although the ultimate liability may differ from the estimate, the Company routinely reviews the liabilities and revises the estimate, as appropriate, based on the most current information available.

One such site is the Lower Passaic River Study Area. The Company and 70 other companies are parties to a May 2007 Administrative Order on Consent with the EPA to perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") of the contaminants in the lower 17-mile stretch known as the Lower Passaic River Study Area. The RI/FS is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed next year. The Company is among a group of settling parties to a June 2012 Administrative Order on Consent with the EPA to perform a removal action on a small section of the river. The Company was named as a third-party defendant along with more than 200 other entities in an action initially brought by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") in the Supreme Court of New Jersey against Occidental Chemical Corporation and several other companies. This suit by the NJDEP sought recovery of costs arising from alleged discharges into the Lower Passaic River and was resolved as to the Company in December 2013.

The EPA issued a proposed plan for remedial alternatives to address cleanup of the lower 8-mile stretch of the Passaic River on April 11, 2014. The EPA estimates the cost for the alternatives will range from \$365 million to \$3.2 billion . The EPA's preferred alternative would involve dredging the Passaic River bank to bank and installing an engineered cap at an estimated cost of \$1.7 billion . The public comment period ends June 20, 2014, after which the EPA will evaluate all the input and make

its final record of decision, which is expected in early 2015. Currently, the RI/FS is still ongoing and the EPA has not considered comments or determined the scope of the requested cleanup, nor have the final remedy and costs been determined. Additionally, the Company has found no evidence that it contributed any of the primary contaminants of concern to the Passaic River. Accordingly, the Company cannot reliably estimate its portion of the final costs for this matter at this time. The Company is vigorously defending these and all related matters and believes its ultimate allocable share of the cleanup costs will not be material.

Environmental Proceedings

In January 2013, following self-disclosures by the Company, the Company's Meredosia, Illinois site received a Notice of Violation/Finding of Violation from the EPA Region 5 alleging Clean Air Act violations. The Company is working with the EPA and with the state agency to reach a resolution of this matter. Based on currently available information and the Company's past experience, it does not believe that resolution of this matter will have a significant impact on the Company, even though the Company cannot conclude that a penalty will be less than \$100,000. The Meredosia, Illinois site is included in the Industrial Specialties segment.

13. Stockholders' Equity

Common Stock

The Company's Board of Directors follows a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of the Company's Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock"), unless the Company's Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. The amount available to pay cash dividends is restricted by the Company's Amended Credit Agreement and the Senior Notes.

The Company announced that its Board of Directors approved increases in the Company's Common Stock cash dividend rates as follows:

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Quarterly Common Stock Cash Dividend</u>	<u>Annual Common Stock Cash Dividend</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	(In percentages)	(In \$ per share)		
April 2013	20	0.090	0.36	May 2013
July 2013	100	0.180	0.72	August 2013

Treasury Stock

The Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of Common Stock as follows:

	<u>Authorized Amount</u>
	(In \$ millions)
February 2008	400
October 2008	100
April 2011	129
October 2012	264
February 2014	172
As of March 31, 2014	<u>1,065</u>

These authorizations give management discretion in determining the timing and conditions under which shares may be repurchased. This repurchase program does not have an expiration date.

The share repurchase activity pursuant to this authorization is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Total From February 2008 Through March 31, 2014
	2014	2013	
Shares repurchased	1,035,374	—	17,364,081 ⁽¹⁾
Average purchase price per share	\$ 51.30	\$ —	\$ 41.36
Amount spent on repurchased shares (in millions)	\$ 53	\$ —	\$ 718

⁽¹⁾ Excludes 11,844 shares withheld from an executive officer to cover statutory minimum withholding requirements for personal income taxes related to the vesting of restricted stock. Restricted stock awards are considered outstanding at the time of issuance and therefore, the shares withheld are treated as treasury shares.

The purchase of treasury stock reduces the number of shares outstanding, and the repurchased shares may be used by the Company for compensation programs utilizing the Company's stock and other corporate purposes. The Company accounts for treasury stock using the cost method and includes treasury stock as a component of stockholders' equity.

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2014			2013		
	Gross Amount	Income Tax (Provision) Benefit	Net Amount	Gross Amount	Income Tax (Provision) Benefit	Net Amount
	(In \$ millions)					
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	(3)	8	5	(31)	—	(31)
Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	—	(3)	(3)	2	(1)	1
Pension and postretirement benefits	(19)	7	(12)	—	—	—
Total	(22)	12	(10)	(29)	(1)	(30)

Adjustments to Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net, are as follows:

	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Marketable Securities (Note 5)	Foreign Currency Translation	Gain (Loss) on Interest Rate Swaps (Note 16)	Pension and Postretire- ment Benefits (Note 11)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net
	(In \$ millions)				
As of December 31, 2013	—	(3)	(44)	43	(4)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	—	(3)	—	—	(3)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	(19)	(19)
Income tax (provision) benefit	—	8	(3)	7	12
As of March 31, 2014	—	2	(47)	31	(14)

14. Other (Charges) Gains, Net

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
(In \$ millions)		
Employee termination benefits	(2)	(2)
Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	(2)
Plant/office closures	1	—
Total	(1)	(4)

2014

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recorded \$2 million of employee termination benefits related to the closure of its acetic anhydride facility in Roussillon, France and VAM facility in Tarragona, Spain ([Note 3](#)).

2013

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded \$2 million of employee termination benefits related to a business optimization project which is included in the Industrial Specialties and Acetyl Intermediates segments.

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded \$2 million of costs related to the relocation of the Company's polyacetal ("POM") operations from Kelsterbach, Germany to Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park, Germany, which is included in the Advanced Engineered Materials segment.

The changes in the restructuring reserves by business segment are as follows:

	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Other	Total
(In \$ millions)						
Employee Termination Benefits						
As of December 31, 2013	4	3	2	16	4	29
Additions	—	—	—	1	1	2
Cash payments	—	—	—	(10)	(1)	(11)
Other changes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—	—
As of March 31, 2014	4	3	2	7	4	20
Plant/Office Closures						
As of December 31, 2013	—	—	—	33	—	33
Additions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cash payments	—	—	—	(6)	—	(6)
Other changes	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—	—
As of March 31, 2014	—	—	—	26	—	26
Total	4	3	2	33	4	46

15. Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Effective income tax rate	29%	35%

The decrease in the effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was primarily due to losses in jurisdictions without income tax benefit and valuation allowances against net deferred tax assets established in certain jurisdictions for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Liabilities for uncertain tax positions and related interest and penalties are recorded in Uncertain tax positions and current Other liabilities in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company's uncertain tax positions decreased \$42 million primarily as a result of the reclassification of uncertain tax positions for net operating loss carryforwards in certain jurisdictions to deferred income tax assets.

The Company's US tax returns for the years 2009 through 2012 are currently under audit by the US Internal Revenue Service and certain of the Company's subsidiaries are under audit in jurisdictions outside of the US. In addition, certain statutes of limitations are scheduled to expire in the near future. It is reasonably possible that a further change in the unrecognized tax benefits may occur within the next twelve months related to the settlement of one or more of these audits or the lapse of applicable statutes of limitations. Such amounts have been reflected in the current portion of uncertain tax positions ([Note 8](#)).

16. Derivative Financial Instruments

Interest Rate Risk Management

To reduce the interest rate risk inherent in the Company's variable rate debt, the Company utilizes interest rate swap agreements to convert a portion of its variable rate borrowings into a fixed rate obligation. These interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges and fix the LIBOR portion of the Company's US-dollar denominated variable rate borrowings ([Note 10](#)). If an interest rate swap agreement is terminated prior to its maturity, the amount previously recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net is recognized into earnings over the period that the hedged transaction impacts earnings. If the hedging relationship is discontinued because it is probable that the forecasted transaction will not occur according to the original strategy, any related amounts previously recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net are recognized into earnings immediately.

US-dollar interest rate swap derivative arrangements are as follows:

As of March 31, 2014			
Notional Value	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Fixed Rate ⁽¹⁾
(In \$ millions)			
500	January 2, 2014	January 2, 2016	1.02%

⁽¹⁾ Fixes the LIBOR portion of the Company's US-dollar denominated variable rate borrowings ([Note 10](#)).

As of December 31, 2013			
Notional Value	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Fixed Rate ⁽¹⁾
(In \$ millions)			
1,100	January 2, 2012	January 2, 2014	1.71%
500	January 2, 2014	January 2, 2016	1.02%

⁽¹⁾ Fixes the LIBOR portion of the Company's US-dollar denominated variable rate borrowings ([Note 10](#)).

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

Certain subsidiaries have assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than their respective functional currencies, which creates foreign exchange risk. The Company also enters into foreign currency forwards and swaps to minimize its exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. Through these instruments, the Company mitigates its foreign currency exposure on transactions with third party entities as well as intercompany transactions. The foreign currency forwards and swaps are not designated as hedges under FASB ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* ("FASB ASC Topic 815"). Gains and losses on foreign currency forwards and swaps entered into to offset foreign exchange impacts on intercompany balances are classified as Other income (expense), net, in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations. Gains and losses on foreign currency forwards and swaps entered into to offset foreign exchange impacts on all other assets and liabilities are classified as Foreign exchange gain (loss), net, in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

Gross notional values of the foreign currency forwards and swaps are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Total	893	869

Commodity Risk Management

The Company has exposure to the prices of commodities in its procurement of certain raw materials. The Company manages its exposure to commodity risk primarily through the use of long-term supply agreements, multi-year purchasing and sales agreements and forward purchase contracts. The Company regularly assesses its practice of using forward purchase contracts and other raw material hedging instruments in accordance with changes in economic conditions. Forward purchases and swap contracts for raw materials are principally settled through physical delivery of the commodity. For qualifying contracts, the Company has elected to apply the normal purchases and normal sales exception of FASB ASC Topic 815 based on the probability at the inception and throughout the term of the contract that the Company would not settle net and the transaction would result in the physical delivery of the commodity. As such, realized gains and losses on these contracts are included in the cost of the commodity upon the settlement of the contract.

Information regarding changes in the fair value of the Company's derivative arrangements is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2014		2013	
	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (Loss)
	(In \$ millions)			
Designated as Cash Flow Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	— ⁽¹⁾	—	— ⁽²⁾	(2) ⁽³⁾
Not Designated as Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	—	(2) ⁽⁴⁾	—	3 ⁽⁴⁾
Total	—	(2)	—	1

⁽¹⁾ Amount excludes \$3 million of tax expense recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss).

⁽²⁾ Amount excludes \$1 million of tax expense recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss).

⁽³⁾ Amount represents reclassification from Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net and is included in Interest expense in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

⁽⁴⁾ Included in Foreign exchange gain (loss), net for operating activity or Other income (expense), net for non-operating activity in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

See [Note 17 - Fair Value Measurements](#) for additional information regarding the fair value of the Company's derivative arrangements.

Certain of the Company's foreign currency forwards and swaps and interest rate swap arrangements permit the Company to net settle all contracts with the counterparty through a single payment in an agreed upon currency in the event of default or early termination of the contract, similar to a master netting arrangement. The Company's interest rate swap agreements are subject to cross collateralization under the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement entered into in conjunction with the Term loan borrowings ([Note 10](#)).

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
(In \$ millions)		
Derivative Assets		
Gross amount recognized	4	1
Gross amount offset in the consolidated balance sheets	—	—
Net amount presented in the consolidated balance sheets	4	1
Gross amount not offset in the consolidated balance sheets	4	1
Net amount	—	—
	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(In \$ millions)	
Derivative Liabilities		
Gross amount recognized	10	16
Gross amount offset in the consolidated balance sheets	—	1
Net amount presented in the consolidated balance sheets	10	15
Gross amount not offset in the consolidated balance sheets	4	1
Net amount	6	14

17. Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement* ("FASB ASC Topic 820") for financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-tiered fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. If a financial instrument uses inputs that fall in different levels of the hierarchy, the instrument will be categorized based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value calculation. Valuations for fund investments such as common/collective trusts and registered investment companies, which do not have readily determinable fair values, are typically estimated using a net asset value provided by a third party as a practical expedient.

The three levels of inputs are defined as follows:

Level 1 - unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets accessible by the Company

Level 2 - inputs that are observable in the marketplace other than those inputs classified as Level 1

Level 3 - inputs that are unobservable in the marketplace and significant to the valuation

The Company's financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and include securities available for sale and derivative financial instruments. Securities available for sale include mutual funds. Derivative financial instruments include interest rate swaps and foreign currency forwards and swaps.

Marketable Securities. Where possible, the Company utilizes quoted prices in active markets to measure debt and equity securities; such items are classified as Level 1 in the hierarchy and include equity securities. When quoted market prices for

identical assets are unavailable, varying valuation techniques are used. Common inputs in valuing these assets include, among others, benchmark yields, issuer spreads and recently reported trades. Such assets are classified as Level 2 in the hierarchy and typically include corporate bonds. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value per share or unit multiplied by the number of shares or units held as of the measurement date.

Derivatives. Derivative financial instruments are valued in the market using discounted cash flow techniques. These techniques incorporate Level 1 and Level 2 inputs such as interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. These market inputs are utilized in the discounted cash flow calculation considering the instrument's term, notional amount, discount rate and credit risk. Significant inputs to the derivative valuation for interest rate swaps and foreign currency forwards and swaps are observable in the active markets and are classified as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are as follows:

	Balance Sheet Classification	Fair Value Measurement		Total
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	
(In \$ millions)				
Mutual funds	Marketable securities, at fair value	43	—	43
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current Other assets	—	4	4
Total assets as of March 31, 2014		43	4	47
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	Current Other liabilities	—	(4)	(4)
Interest rate swaps	Noncurrent Other liabilities	—	(2)	(2)
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current Other liabilities	—	(4)	(4)
Total liabilities as of March 31, 2014		—	(10)	(10)
Mutual funds	Marketable securities, at fair value	41	—	41
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current Other assets	—	1	1
Total assets as of December 31, 2013		41	1	42
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	Current Other liabilities	—	(5)	(5)
Interest rate swaps	Noncurrent Other liabilities	—	(3)	(3)
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	Current Other liabilities	—	(2)	(2)
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current Other liabilities	—	(5)	(5)
Total liabilities as of December 31, 2013		—	(15)	(15)

Carrying values and fair values of financial instruments that are not carried at fair value are as follows:

	Fair Value Measurement			Total
	Carrying Amount	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
(In \$ millions)				
As of March 31, 2014				
Cost investments	145	—	—	—
Insurance contracts in nonqualified trusts	57	57	—	57
Long-term debt, including current installments of long-term debt	2,904	2,704	260	2,964
As of December 31, 2013				
Cost investments	145	—	—	—
Insurance contracts in nonqualified trusts	62	62	—	62
Long-term debt, including current installments of long-term debt	2,911	2,696	264	2,960

In general, the cost investments included in the table above are not publicly traded and their fair values are not readily determinable; however, the Company believes the carrying values approximate or are less than the fair values. Insurance contracts in nonqualified trusts consist of long-term fixed income securities, which are valued using independent vendor pricing models with observable inputs in the active market and therefore represent a Level 2 measurement. The fair value of long-term debt is based on valuations from third-party banks and market quotations and is classified as Level 2 in the hierarchy. The fair value of obligations under capital leases is based on lease payments and discount rates, which are not observable in the market and therefore represents a Level 3 measurement.

As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the fair values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, trade payables, short-term borrowings and the current installments of long-term debt approximate carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments. These items have been excluded from the table with the exception of the current installments of long-term debt.

18. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is involved in legal and regulatory proceedings, lawsuits, claims and investigations incidental to the normal conduct of business, relating to such matters as product liability, land disputes, commercial contracts, employment, antitrust, intellectual property, workers' compensation, chemical exposure, asbestos exposure, trade compliance, prior acquisitions and divestitures, past waste disposal practices and release of chemicals into the environment. The Company is actively defending those matters where the Company is named as a defendant. Due to the inherent subjectivity of assessments and unpredictability of outcomes of legal proceedings, the Company's litigation accruals and estimates of possible loss or range of possible loss ("Possible Loss") may not represent the ultimate loss to the Company from legal proceedings. For reasonably possible loss contingencies that may be material, the Company estimates its Possible Loss when determinable, considering that the Company could incur no loss in certain matters. Thus, the Company's exposure and ultimate losses may be higher or lower, and possibly materially so, than the Company's litigation accruals and estimates of Possible Loss. For some matters, the Company is unable, at this time, to estimate its Possible Loss that is reasonably possible of occurring. Generally, the less progress that has been made in the proceedings or the broader the range of potential results, the more difficult for the Company to estimate the Possible Loss that it is reasonably possible the Company could incur. The Company may disclose certain information related to a plaintiff's claim against the Company alleged in the plaintiff's pleadings or otherwise publicly available. While information of this type may provide insight into the potential magnitude of a matter, it does not necessarily represent the Company's estimate of reasonably possible or probable loss. Some of the Company's exposure in legal matters may be offset by applicable insurance coverage. The Company does not consider the possible availability of insurance coverage in determining the amounts of any accruals or any estimates of Possible Loss.

Commercial Actions

In June 2012, Linde Gas Singapore Pte. Ltd. ("Linde Gas"), a raw materials supplier based in Singapore, initiated arbitration proceedings in New York against the Company's subsidiary, Celanese Singapore Pte. Ltd. ("Singapore Ltd."), alleging that Singapore Ltd. had breached a certain requirements contract for carbon monoxide by temporarily idling Singapore Ltd.'s acetic acid facility in Jurong Island, Singapore. The Company filed its answer in August 2012. The arbitral panel bifurcated the case into a liability and damages phase. In December 2013, the arbitral panel ruled that Singapore Ltd. was not required to purchase minimum quantities under the express terms of the contract but, under the circumstances in 2012, had breached its implied duty of good faith. Both parties have filed opening briefs in the damages phase. Linde Gas was initially seeking \$38 million in damages. It is now seeking damages of \$68 million, of which the incremental amount relates to operations in 2012 and 2013 that the Company contends were not part of the liability phase of the arbitration, together with injunctive relief. A hearing on damages will likely be held in the first half of 2014. Based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, the Company does not believe any Possible Loss, including any Possible Loss in excess of reserves, would have a significant adverse effect on the financial position of the Company, but could have a significant adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given period. The Company continues to vigorously defend the matter.

Award Proceedings in Relation to Domination Agreement and Squeeze-Out

The Company's subsidiary, BCP Holdings GmbH ("BCP Holdings"), a German limited liability company, is a defendant in two special award proceedings initiated by minority stockholders of Celanese GmbH seeking the court's review of the amounts (i) of the fair cash compensation and of the guaranteed dividend offered in the purchaser offer under the 2004 Domination Agreement (the "Domination Agreement") and (ii) the fair cash compensation paid for the 2006 squeeze-out ("Squeeze-Out") of all remaining stockholders of Celanese GmbH.

In September 2011, the share valuation expert appointed by the court in connection with the Domination Agreement rendered an opinion. The expert opined that the fair cash compensation for these stockholders (145,387 shares) should be increased from €41.92 to €51.86, thereby increasing the share value by a total of €2 million (including interest) and recommended that the amount of the guaranteed dividend be increased from €2.89 to €3.79, which added €1 million to the Domination Agreement claims. In March 2013, the expert issued a supplementary opinion affirming his previous views and calculations. On January 28, 2014, the court ruled and adopted the expert's valuation methodology; however, it raised the cash compensation from €41.92 to €49.43 and the guaranteed dividend from €2.89 to €3.61, which represent lesser amounts than those provided by the expert. BCP Holdings and certain plaintiffs have filed notices of appeal. For those claims brought under the Domination Agreement, based on the court's ruling, the Company does not believe that the Possible Loss, including any Possible Loss in excess of reserves, is material.

The court's ruling in the Domination Agreement case on the share price has no effect on cash compensation in the Squeeze-Out proceeding because the recommended amount is lower than the price those stockholders already received in the Squeeze-Out. A preliminary hearing in the Squeeze-Out proceeding has been scheduled for May 2014, but no expert has been appointed and as to the guaranteed dividend, the court's ruling is not binding in the Squeeze-Out proceeding. Based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, including that the amount of the fair cash compensation sought is unspecified, unsupported or uncertain, there are significant facts in dispute and the court has not yet appointed an expert, the Company cannot estimate the Possible Loss, if any, at this time.

Guarantees

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

As indemnification obligations often depend on the occurrence of unpredictable future events, the future costs associated with them cannot be determined at this time.

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

- ***Demerger Obligations***

In connection with the Hoechst demerger, the Company agreed to indemnify Hoechst, and its legal successors, for various liabilities under the demerger agreement, including for environmental liabilities associated with contamination arising either from environmental damage in general ("Category A") or under 19 divestiture agreements entered into by Hoechst prior to the demerger ("Category B") ([Note 12](#)).

The Company's obligation to indemnify Hoechst, and its legal successors, is capped under Category B at €250 million . If and to the extent the environmental damage should exceed €750 million in aggregate, the Company's obligation to indemnify Hoechst and its legal successors applies, but is then limited to 33.33% of the remediation cost without further limitations. Cumulative payments under the divestiture agreements as of March 31, 2014 are \$65 million . Most of the divestiture agreements have become time barred and/or any notified environmental damage claims have been partially settled.

The Company has also undertaken in the demerger agreement to indemnify Hoechst and its legal successors for (i) 33.33% of any and all Category A liabilities that result from Hoechst being held as the responsible party pursuant to public law or current or future environmental law or by third parties pursuant to private or public law related to contamination and (ii) liabilities that Hoechst is required to discharge, including tax liabilities, which are associated with businesses that were included in the demerger but were not demerged due to legal restrictions on the transfers of such items. These indemnities do not provide for any monetary or time limitations. The Company has not been requested by Hoechst to make any payments in connection with this indemnification. Accordingly, the Company has not made any payments to Hoechst and its legal successors.

Based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, including the lack of requests for indemnification, the Company cannot estimate the Possible Loss for the remaining demerger obligations, if any, in excess of amounts accrued.

- ***Divestiture Obligations***

The Company and its predecessor companies agreed to indemnify third-party purchasers of former businesses and assets for various pre-closing conditions, as well as for breaches of representations, warranties and covenants. Such liabilities also include environmental liability, product liability, antitrust and other liabilities. These indemnifications and guarantees represent standard contractual terms associated with typical divestiture agreements and, other than environmental liabilities, the Company does not believe that they expose the Company to any significant risk ([Note 12](#)).

The Company has divested numerous businesses, investments and facilities through agreements containing indemnifications or guarantees to the purchasers. Many of the obligations contain monetary and/or time limitations, which extend through 2037 . The aggregate amount of outstanding indemnifications and guarantees provided for under these agreements is \$133 million as of March 31, 2014 . Other agreements do not provide for any monetary or time limitations.

Based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, including the number of requests for indemnification or other payment received by the Company, the Company cannot estimate the Possible Loss for the remaining divestiture obligations, if any, in excess of amounts accrued.

- ***Purchase Obligations***

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various purchase commitments for goods and services. The Company maintains a number of "take-or-pay" contracts for purchases of raw materials, utilities and other services. Certain of the contracts contain a contract termination buy-out provision that allows for the Company to exit the contracts for amounts less than the remaining take-or-pay obligations. The Company does not expect to incur any material losses under take-or-pay contractual arrangements. Additionally, the Company has other outstanding commitments representing maintenance and service agreements, energy and utility agreements, consulting contracts and software agreements. As of March 31, 2014 , the Company had unconditional purchase obligations of \$3.6 billion , which extend through 2036 .

19. Segment Information

	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Other Activities	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In \$ millions)							
Three Months Ended March 31, 2014							
Net sales	373	302 ⁽¹⁾	312	841 ⁽¹⁾	—	(123)	1,705
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	57	99	20	97	(30)	—	243
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	33	1	—	1	5	—	40
Depreciation and amortization	26	11	14	21	3	—	75
Capital expenditures	9	28	4	76	1	—	118 ⁽²⁾
As of March 31, 2014							
Goodwill and intangibles, net	367	277	59	240	—	—	943
Total assets	2,684	1,515	973	2,390	1,567	—	9,129
Three Months Ended March 31, 2013							
Net sales	329	295 ⁽¹⁾	288	808 ⁽¹⁾	—	(115)	1,605
Other (charges) gains, net	(2)	—	(1)	(1)	—	—	(4)
Operating profit (loss)	36	78	15	75	(20)	—	184
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	40	2	—	3	9	—	54
Depreciation and amortization	29	10	12	21	4	—	76
Capital expenditures	8	14	5	29	1	—	57 ⁽³⁾
As of December 31, 2013							
Goodwill and intangibles, net	368	278	60	234	—	—	940
Total assets	2,643	1,478	1,002	2,333	1,562	—	9,018

⁽¹⁾ Net sales for Acetyl Intermediates and Consumer Specialties include inter-segment sales of \$123 million and \$0 million, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and \$112 million and \$3 million, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

⁽²⁾ Includes a decrease in accrued capital expenditures of \$30 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

⁽³⁾ Excludes expenditures related to the relocation of the Company's POM operations in Germany and includes a decrease in accrued capital expenditures of \$17 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

20. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Amounts Attributable to Celanese Corporation		
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	196	141
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	1
Net earnings (loss)	196	142
Weighted average shares - basic	156,501,794	159,682,386
Dilutive stock options	179,539	240,507
Dilutive restricted stock units	131,582	278,743
Weighted average shares - diluted	156,812,915	160,201,636

Securities not included in the computation of diluted net earnings per share as their effect would have been antidilutive are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
Stock options	8,108	93,423
Restricted stock units	—	—
Total	8,108	93,423

21. Consolidating Guarantor Financial Information

The Senior Notes were issued by Celanese US (the "Issuer") and are guaranteed by Celanese Corporation (the "Parent Guarantor") and the Subsidiary Guarantors ([Note 10](#)). The Issuer and Subsidiary Guarantors are 100% owned subsidiaries of the Parent Guarantor. The Parent Guarantor and Subsidiary Guarantors have guaranteed the Notes fully and unconditionally and jointly and severally.

For cash management purposes, the Company transfers cash between Parent Guarantor, Issuer, Subsidiary Guarantors and non-guarantors through intercompany financing arrangements, contributions or declaration of dividends between the respective parent and its subsidiaries. The transfer of cash under these activities facilitates the ability of the recipient to make specified third-party payments for principal and interest on the Company's outstanding debt, Common Stock dividends and Common Stock repurchases. The consolidating statements of cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 present such intercompany financing activities, contributions and dividends consistent with how such activity would be presented in a stand-alone statement of cash flows.

The Company has not presented separate financial information and other disclosures for each of its Subsidiary Guarantors because it believes such financial information and other disclosures would not provide investors with any additional information that would be material in evaluating the sufficiency of the guarantees.

The unaudited interim consolidating financial statements for the Parent Guarantor, the Issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the non-guarantors are as follows:

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net sales	—	—	707	1,300	(302)	1,705
Cost of sales	—	—	(461)	(1,151)	285	(1,327)
Gross profit	—	—	246	149	(17)	378
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(9)	(95)	—	(104)
Amortization of intangible assets	—	—	(2)	(4)	—	(6)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(13)	(9)	—	(22)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	—	—	(3)	2	—	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	—	—	219	41	(17)	243
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	195	228	30	36	(449)	40
Interest expense	—	(46)	(6)	(19)	32	(39)
Refinancing expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest income	—	14	17	1	(32)	—
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	29	—	29
Other income (expense), net	—	—	3	(3)	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	195	196	263	85	(466)	273
Income tax (provision) benefit	1	(1)	(70)	(11)	3	(78)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	196	195	193	74	(463)	195
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss)	196	195	193	74	(463)	195
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	1	—	1
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	196	195	193	75	(463)	196

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in \$ millions)					
Net sales	—	—	680	1,207	(282)	1,605
Cost of sales	—	—	(475)	(1,094)	297	(1,272)
Gross profit	—	—	205	113	15	333
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(21)	(85)	—	(106)
Amortization of intangible assets	—	—	(4)	(7)	—	(11)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(16)	(10)	—	(26)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	4	(4)	(4)	(4)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	—	—	167	6	11	184
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	141	167	37	49	(340)	54
Interest expense	—	(47)	(10)	(16)	30	(43)
Refinancing expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest income	—	14	15	1	(30)	—
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	24	—	24
Other income (expense), net	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	141	134	209	63	(329)	218
Income tax (provision) benefit	1	7	(44)	(37)	(4)	(77)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	142	141	165	26	(333)	141
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	2	—	—	2
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	1	—	—	1
Net earnings (loss)	142	141	166	26	(333)	142
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	142	141	166	26	(333)	142

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net earnings (loss)	196	195	193	74	(463)	195
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	5	5	16	(16)	(5)	5
Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(3)	(3)	—	—	3	(3)
Pension and postretirement benefits	(12)	(12)	(12)	—	24	(12)
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(10)	(10)	4	(16)	22	(10)
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	186	185	197	58	(441)	185
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	1	—	1
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	186	185	197	59	(441)	186

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net earnings (loss)	142	141	166	26	(333)	142
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	(31)	(31)	5	5	21	(31)
Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	1	1	—	—	(1)	1
Pension and postretirement benefits	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(30)	(30)	5	5	20	(30)
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	112	111	171	31	(313)	112
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	112	111	171	31	(313)	112

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	As of March 31, 2014					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	—	—	248	750	—	998
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates	—	—	163	1,010	(187)	986
Non-trade receivables, net	33	456	2,120	524	(2,877)	256
Inventories, net	—	—	269	624	(77)	816
Deferred income taxes	—	—	74	58	(17)	115
Marketable securities, at fair value	—	—	43	—	—	43
Other assets	—	4	12	28	(12)	32
Total current assets	33	460	2,929	2,994	(3,170)	3,246
Investments in affiliates	2,779	4,603	1,827	565	(8,946)	828
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	940	2,579	—	3,519
Deferred income taxes	—	—	251	22	(12)	261
Other assets	—	1,997	139	306	(2,110)	332
Goodwill	—	—	305	493	—	798
Intangible assets, net	—	—	71	74	—	145
Total assets	2,812	7,060	6,462	7,033	(14,238)	9,129
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Current Liabilities						
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	—	1,745	177	366	(2,131)	157
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	—	—	328	649	(187)	790
Other liabilities	—	37	295	437	(290)	479
Deferred income taxes	—	17	—	10	(17)	10
Income taxes payable	—	—	521	34	(481)	74
Total current liabilities	—	1,799	1,321	1,496	(3,106)	1,510
Noncurrent Liabilities						
Long-term debt	—	2,466	827	1,674	(2,086)	2,881
Deferred income taxes	—	8	—	224	(12)	220
Uncertain tax positions	—	6	7	145	—	158
Benefit obligations	—	—	919	228	—	1,147
Other liabilities	—	2	117	206	(32)	293
Total noncurrent liabilities	—	2,482	1,870	2,477	(2,130)	4,699
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	2,812	2,779	3,271	2,952	(9,002)	2,812
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	108	—	108
Total equity	2,812	2,779	3,271	3,060	(9,002)	2,920
Total liabilities and equity	2,812	7,060	6,462	7,033	(14,238)	9,129

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2013					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	—	—	284	700	—	984
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates	—	—	131	877	(141)	867
Non-trade receivables, net	33	482	2,166	586	(2,924)	343
Inventories, net	—	—	243	622	(61)	804
Deferred income taxes	—	—	74	58	(17)	115
Marketable securities, at fair value	—	—	41	—	—	41
Other assets	—	5	15	24	(16)	28
Total current assets	33	487	2,954	2,867	(3,159)	3,182
Investments in affiliates	2,667	4,458	1,677	594	(8,555)	841
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	969	2,456	—	3,425
Deferred income taxes	—	—	248	49	(8)	289
Other assets	—	1,965	144	285	(2,053)	341
Goodwill	—	—	305	493	—	798
Intangible assets, net	—	—	64	78	—	142
Total assets	2,700	6,910	6,361	6,822	(13,775)	9,018
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Current Liabilities						
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	—	1,713	122	373	(2,031)	177
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	—	—	312	628	(141)	799
Other liabilities	1	28	441	513	(442)	541
Deferred income taxes	—	17	—	10	(17)	10
Income taxes payable	—	—	460	32	(474)	18
Total current liabilities	1	1,758	1,335	1,556	(3,105)	1,545
Noncurrent Liabilities						
Long-term debt	—	2,468	825	1,646	(2,052)	2,887
Deferred income taxes	—	8	—	225	(8)	225
Uncertain tax positions	—	6	16	178	—	200
Benefit obligations	—	—	943	232	—	1,175
Other liabilities	—	3	91	202	(9)	287
Total noncurrent liabilities	—	2,485	1,875	2,483	(2,069)	4,774
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	2,699	2,667	3,151	2,783	(8,601)	2,699
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total equity	2,699	2,667	3,151	2,783	(8,601)	2,699
Total liabilities and equity	2,700	6,910	6,361	6,822	(13,775)	9,018

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014					Consolidated
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	
	(In \$ millions)					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	81	60	166	19	(162)	164
Investing Activities						
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(64)	(14)	—	(78)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets, net	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred proceeds from Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital expenditures related to Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital expenditures related to Fairway Methanol LLC	—	—	(26)	(44)	—	(70)
Return of capital from subsidiary	—	—	51	—	(51)	—
Contributions to subsidiary	—	—	(57)	—	57	—
Intercompany loan receipts (disbursements)	—	1	(23)	—	22	—
Other, net	—	—	(1)	(2)	—	(3)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	1	(120)	(60)	28	(151)
Financing Activities						
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	23	—	(3)	(23)	(3)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	—	—	—	25	—	25
Repayments of short-term borrowings	—	—	—	(40)	—	(40)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(3)	(1)	(3)	1	(6)
Refinancing costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	(53)	—	—	—	—	(53)
Dividends to parent	—	(81)	(81)	—	162	—
Contributions from parent	—	—	—	57	(57)	—
Stock option exercises	—	—	—	—	—	—
Series A common stock dividends	(28)	—	—	—	—	(28)
Return of capital to parent	—	—	—	(51)	51	—
Contribution from noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	109	—	109
Other, net	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(81)	(61)	(82)	94	134	4
Exchange rate effects on cash and cash equivalents	—	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	(36)	50	—	14
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	—	—	284	700	—	984
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	—	—	248	750	—	998

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1	(18)	90	76	(2)	147
Investing Activities						
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(33)	(33)	—	(66)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets, net	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred proceeds from Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital expenditures related to Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Capital expenditures related to Fairway Methanol LLC	—	—	(8)	—	—	(8)
Return of capital from subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contributions to subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intercompany loan receipts (disbursements)	—	1	(20)	—	19	—
Other, net	—	—	(4)	(6)	—	(10)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	1	(65)	(42)	19	(87)
Financing Activities						
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	20	(9)	(10)	(20)	(19)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	—	—	—	24	—	24
Repayments of short-term borrowings	—	—	—	(24)	—	(24)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	—	50	—	—	50
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(2)	(15)	(39)	1	(55)
Refinancing costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends to parent	—	(1)	(1)	—	2	—
Contributions from parent	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock option exercises	1	—	—	—	—	1
Series A common stock dividends	(12)	—	—	—	—	(12)
Return of capital to parent	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contribution from noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other, net	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(11)	17	25	(49)	(17)	(35)
Exchange rate effects on cash and cash equivalents	—	—	—	(6)	—	(6)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(10)	—	50	(21)	—	19
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	10	—	275	674	—	959
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	—	—	325	653	—	978

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

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Quarterly Report"), the term "Celanese" refers to Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and not its subsidiaries. The terms the "Company," "we," "our" and "us," refer to Celanese and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The term "Celanese US" refers to the Company's subsidiary, Celanese US Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and not its subsidiaries.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Celanese Corporation and Subsidiaries consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, originally filed on February 7, 2014 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as part of the Company's Annual Reporting on Form 10-K (the "2013 Form 10-K") and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

Investors are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained within this Quarterly Report involve both risk and uncertainty. Several important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these statements. Many of these statements are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond the control of management. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" below and at the beginning of our 2013 Form 10-K.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") and other parts of this Quarterly Report contain certain forward-looking statements and information relating to us that are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, us. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate to matters of a strictly factual or historical nature and generally discuss or relate to forecasts, estimates or other expectations regarding future events. Generally, words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "project," "may," "can," "could," "might," "will" and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views and beliefs with respect to future events at the time that the statements are made, are not historical facts or guarantees of future performance and are subject to significant risks, uncertainties and other factors that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate and, accordingly, should not have undue reliance placed upon them. All forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report are made as of the date hereof, and the risk that actual results will differ materially from expectations expressed in this Quarterly Report will increase with the passage of time. We undertake no obligation, and disclaim any duty, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in our expectations or otherwise.

See *Part I - Item 1A. Risk Factors* of our 2013 Form 10-K and subsequent periodic filings we make with the SEC for a description of risk factors that could significantly affect our financial results. In addition, the following factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate;
- the length and depth of product and industry business cycles particularly in the automotive, electrical, textiles, electronics and construction industries;
- changes in the price and availability of raw materials, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of ethylene, methanol, natural gas, wood pulp and fuel oil and the prices for electricity and other energy sources;
- the ability to pass increases in raw material prices on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases;
- the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions;
- the ability to reduce or maintain their current levels of production costs and to improve productivity by implementing technological improvements to existing plants;
- increased price competition and the introduction of competing products by other companies;
- market acceptance of our technology;
- the ability to obtain governmental approvals and to construct facilities on terms and schedules acceptable to the company;

- changes in the degree of intellectual property and other legal protection afforded to our products or technologies, or the theft of such intellectual property;
- compliance and other costs and potential disruption or interruption of production or operations due to accidents, interruptions in sources of raw materials, cyber security incidents, terrorism or political unrest, or other unforeseen events or delays in construction or operation of facilities, including as a result of geopolitical conditions, the occurrence of acts of war or terrorist incidents or as a result of weather or natural disasters;
- potential liability for remedial actions and increased costs under existing or future environmental regulations, including those relating to climate change;
- potential liability resulting from pending or future litigation, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate;
- changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- 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; and
- various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this Quarterly Report.

Many of these factors are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from those described in this Quarterly Report as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, planned or projected.

Overview

We are a global technology and specialty materials company. We are one of the world's largest producers of acetyl products, which are intermediate chemicals, for nearly all major industries, as well as a leading global producer of high performance engineered polymers that are used in a variety of high-value applications. As a recognized innovator in the chemicals industry, we engineer and manufacture a wide variety of products essential to everyday living. Our broad product portfolio serves a diverse set of end-use applications including paints and coatings, textiles, automotive applications, consumer and medical applications, performance industrial applications, filter media, paper and packaging, chemical additives, construction, consumer and industrial adhesives, and food and beverage applications. Our products enjoy leading global positions due to our large global production capacity, operating efficiencies, proprietary production technology and competitive cost structures.

Our large and diverse global customer base primarily consists of major companies in a broad array of industries. We hold geographically balanced global positions and participate in diversified end-use applications. We combine a demonstrated track record of execution, strong performance built on shared principles and objectives, and a clear focus on growth and value creation. Known for operational excellence and execution of our business strategies, we deliver value to customers around the globe with best-in-class technologies and solutions.

2014 Highlights:

- We received the final greenhouse gas permit from the US Environmental Protection Agency for the methanol unit at our Clear Lake, Texas facility and began construction.
- We announced our intent to explore plans to construct a methanol unit at our Bishop, Texas facility. We are preparing to apply for the necessary environmental permits and are seeking local economic incentives for this unit with an expected annual capacity of 1.3 million tons.
- We received the Best Supplier Award from Whirlpool based on outstanding performance on quality, delivery and customer service.
- Our engineered materials business introduced several differentiated polymer technologies that broaden our access to the utility industry, the oil and gas industry, original equipment manufacturers and companies that enhance supply chain efficiency. These include:
 - Composite technologies for the utility industry that deliver greater reliability, capacity and performance for utility transmission lines, as well as spoolable pipe systems that meet the harsh demands of deepwater operations in the oil and gas industry.
 - Anti-counterfeiting technologies that help original equipment manufacturers and suppliers ensure products contain components and parts that meet their specifications.
 - Polymers that feature excellent chemical and thermal resistance, high hardness, rigidity and dimensional stability to withstand extreme industrial environments required by the RFID (radio-frequency identification) industry.

Results of Operations

Financial Highlights

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2014	2013	
	(unaudited)		
	(In \$ millions)		
Statement of Operations Data			
Net sales	1,705	1,605	100
Gross profit	378	333	45
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(104)	(106)	2
Other (charges) gains, net	(1)	(4)	3
Operating profit (loss)	243	184	59
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	40	54	(14)
Interest expense	(39)	(43)	4
Dividend income - cost investments	29	24	5
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	273	218	55
Amounts attributable to Celanese Corporation			
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	196	141	55
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	1	(1)
Net earnings (loss)	196	142	54
Other Data			
Depreciation and amortization	75	76	(1)
Operating margin ⁽¹⁾	14.3%	11.5%	
Other (charges) gains, net			
Employee termination benefits	(2)	(2)	—
Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	(2)	2
Plant/office closures	1	—	1
Total other (charges) gains, net	(1)	(4)	3

⁽¹⁾ Defined as operating profit (loss) divided by net sales.

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
	(unaudited)	
	(In \$ millions)	
Balance Sheet Data		
Cash and cash equivalents	998	984
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	157	177
Long-term debt	2,881	2,887
Total debt	3,038	3,064

Selected Data by Business Segment

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2014	2013	
(unaudited)			
(In \$ millions, except percentages)			
Net Sales			
Advanced Engineered Materials	373	329	44
Consumer Specialties	302	295	7
Industrial Specialties	312	288	24
Acetyl Intermediates	841	808	33
Other Activities	—	—	—
Inter-segment eliminations	(123)	(115)	(8)
Total	1,705	1,605	100
Other (Charges) Gains, Net			
Advanced Engineered Materials	—	(2)	2
Consumer Specialties	—	—	—
Industrial Specialties	—	(1)	1
Acetyl Intermediates	—	(1)	1
Other Activities	(1)	—	(1)
Total	(1)	(4)	3
Operating Profit (Loss)			
Advanced Engineered Materials	57	36	21
Consumer Specialties	99	78	21
Industrial Specialties	20	15	5
Acetyl Intermediates	97	75	22
Other Activities	(30)	(20)	(10)
Total	243	184	59
Earnings (Loss) From Continuing Operations Before Tax			
Advanced Engineered Materials	90	76	14
Consumer Specialties	129	104	25
Industrial Specialties	20	15	5
Acetyl Intermediates	98	78	20
Other Activities	(64)	(55)	(9)
Total	273	218	55
Depreciation and Amortization			
Advanced Engineered Materials	26	29	(3)
Consumer Specialties	11	10	1
Industrial Specialties	14	12	2
Acetyl Intermediates	21	21	—
Other Activities	3	4	(1)
Total	75	76	(1)
Operating Margin			
Advanced Engineered Materials	15.3%	10.9%	
Consumer Specialties	32.8%	26.4%	
Industrial Specialties	6.4%	5.2%	
Acetyl Intermediates	11.5%	9.3%	
Total	14.3%	11.5%	

Factors Affecting Business Segment Net Sales

The percentage increase (decrease) in net sales attributable to each of the factors indicated for each of our business segments is as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

	Volume	Price	Currency	Other	Total
			(unaudited)		
			(In percentages)		
Advanced Engineered Materials	14	(2)	1	—	13
Consumer Specialties	(1)	3	—	—	2
Industrial Specialties	6	—	2	—	8
Acetyl Intermediates	(3)	5	2	—	4
Total Company	3	2	1	—	6

Consolidated Results

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

Net sales increased \$100 million , or 6% , for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher volumes globally in our Advanced Engineered Materials segment fueled by growth in automotive, consumer, industrial and medical applications, higher volumes in our Industrial Specialties segment in both Europe and Asia and higher vinyl acetate monomer ("VAM") and acetic acid pricing in our Acetyl Intermediates segments due to permanent capacity reductions in Europe as well as temporary industry outages.

Operating profit increased \$59 million , or 32% , for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 . This increase was primarily due to higher volumes globally in our Advanced Engineered Materials segment, higher acetate tow pricing and productivity initiatives in our Consumer Specialties segment and higher pricing in our Acetyl Intermediates segment which more than offset lower volumes and higher raw material and energy costs. Operating profit for the three months ended March 31, 2014 also benefited from \$20 million of prior service credit amortization related to the elimination of eligibility for current and future employees and the elimination of benefits for certain participants under a US postretirement health care plan, which was allocated across all business segments and Other Activities. See [Note 11 - Benefit Obligations](#) in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for further information regarding this activity. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased from 7% to 6% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 .

Our effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was 29% compared to 35% for the three months ended March 31, 2013 . The decrease in the effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was primarily due to losses in jurisdictions without income tax benefit and valuation allowances against net deferred tax assets established in certain jurisdictions, which unfavorably impacted the effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2013 .

Business Segments

Advanced Engineered Materials

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2014	2013 (unaudited)	
	(In \$ millions, except percentages)		
Net sales	373	329	44
Net Sales Variance			
<i>Volume</i>	14 %		
<i>Price</i>	(2)%		
<i>Currency</i>	1 %		
<i>Other</i>	— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	—	(2)	2
Operating profit (loss)	57	36	21
Operating margin	15.3 %	10.9%	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	33	40	(7)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	90	76	14
Depreciation and amortization	26	29	(3)

Our Advanced Engineered Materials segment includes our engineered materials business which develops, produces and supplies a broad offering of high performance specialty polymers for application in automotive, medical and electronics products, as well as other consumer and industrial applications. Together with our strategic affiliates, our engineered materials business is a leading participant in the global specialty polymers industry.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

Net sales increased \$44 million, or 13%, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher volumes globally. Volumes in the Americas increased across nearly all product lines primarily driven by continued growth in automotive applications. In Asia, volumes for polyoxymethylene ("POM"), Celstran[®] and GUR[®] increased driven by growth in automotive and industrial applications. In Europe, the largest volume growth was in POM and GUR[®] used for industrial, automotive and medical applications. Unfavorable pricing impacts from POM and GUR[®] due to shifts in geographic sales mix were partially offset by favorable currency impacts.

Operating profit increased \$21 million, or 58%, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher volumes partially offset by lower pricing related to product mix. Operating profit also benefited from \$7 million of prior service credit amortization related to the elimination of eligibility for current and future employees and the elimination of benefits for certain participants under a US postretirement health care plan, which offset higher energy costs of \$5 million due to higher production volumes and energy prices.

Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates decreased \$7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in earnings from our National Methanol Company ("Ibn Sina") and Korea Engineering Plastics Co., Ltd. ("KEPCO") strategic affiliates of \$4 million and \$3 million, respectively. The decrease in Ibn Sina earnings was primarily the result of lower methyl tertiary-butyl ether ("MTBE") pricing partially offset by higher methanol pricing whereas the decrease in KEPCO earnings was primarily due to increased methanol costs.

Consumer Specialties

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2014	2013 (unaudited)	
	(In \$ millions, except percentages)		
Net sales	302	295	7
Net Sales Variance			
<i>Volume</i>	(1)%		
<i>Price</i>	3 %		
<i>Currency</i>	— %		
<i>Other</i>	— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	—
Operating profit (loss)	99	78	21
Operating margin	32.8 %	26.4%	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	1	2	(1)
Dividend income - cost investments	29	24	5
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	129	104	25
Depreciation and amortization	11	10	1

Our Consumer Specialties segment includes our cellulose derivatives and food ingredients businesses, which serve consumer-driven applications. Our cellulose derivatives business is a leading global producer and supplier of acetate flake, acetate film and acetate tow, primarily used in filter products applications. Our food ingredients business is a leading international supplier of premium quality ingredients for the food, beverage and pharmaceuticals industries.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

Net sales increased \$7 million , or 2% , for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher acetate tow pricing across all regions reflecting continued strong demand offset by commitments under a legacy acetate flake contract.

Operating profit increased \$21 million , or 27% , for the three months ended March 31, 2014 primarily due to higher acetate tow pricing and lower raw material and energy costs of \$8 million as a result of productivity initiatives in our cellulose derivatives business. Operating profit also benefited from \$4 million of prior service credit amortization related to the elimination of eligibility for current and future employees and the elimination of benefits for certain participants under a US postretirement health care plan.

Dividend income from cost investments increased \$5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher earnings from our cellulose derivatives ventures resulting from higher volumes and acetate tow pricing as well as lower energy costs.

Industrial Specialties

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2014	2013	
	(unaudited)		
	(In \$ millions, except percentages)		
Net sales	312	288	24
Net Sales Variance			
<i>Volume</i>	6%		
<i>Price</i>	—%		
<i>Currency</i>	2%		
<i>Other</i>	—%		
Other (charges) gains, net	—	(1)	1
Operating profit (loss)	20	15	5
Operating margin	6.4%	5.2%	
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	20	15	5
Depreciation and amortization	14	12	2

Our Industrial Specialties segment includes our emulsion polymers and EVA polymers businesses. Our emulsion polymers business is a leading global producer of vinyl acetate-based emulsions and develops products and application technologies to improve performance, create value and drive innovation in applications such as paints and coatings, adhesives, construction, glass fiber, textiles and paper. Our EVA polymers business is a leading North American manufacturer of a full range of specialty ethylene vinyl acetate ("EVA") resins and compounds as well as select grades of low-density polyethylene. EVA polymers products are used in many applications, including flexible packaging films, lamination film products, hot melt adhesives, medical products, automotive, carpeting and photovoltaic cells.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

Net sales increased \$24 million, or 8%, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 reflecting higher volumes and favorable currency impacts, due to a stronger Euro and Renminbi to the US dollar, slightly offset by lower pricing in our emulsion polymers business. Volumes increased in Europe reflecting higher demand for proprietary paints and coatings products primarily due to unseasonably warm weather conditions. In Asia, volumes increased primarily in adhesive and construction products. Lower pricing in our emulsion polymers business was reflective of unfavorable mix in Europe and Asia. In our EVA polymers business, higher pricing was offset by lower volumes.

Operating profit increased \$5 million, or 33%, for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher volumes in our emulsion polymers business partially offset by lower pricing. Operating profit also benefited from \$2 million of prior service credit amortization related to the elimination of eligibility for current and future employees and the elimination of benefits for certain participants under a US postretirement health care plan.

Acetyl Intermediates

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2014	2013	
(unaudited)			
(In \$ millions, except percentages)			
Net sales	841	808	33
Net Sales Variance			
<i>Volume</i>	(3)%		
<i>Price</i>	5 %		
<i>Currency</i>	2 %		
<i>Other</i>	— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	—	(1)	1
Operating profit (loss)	97	75	22
Operating margin	11.5 %	9.3%	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	1	3	(2)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	98	78	20
Depreciation and amortization	21	21	—

Our Acetyl Intermediates segment includes our intermediate chemistry business which produces and supplies acetyl products, including acetic acid, VAM, acetic anhydride and acetate esters. These products are generally used as starting materials for colorants, paints, adhesives, coatings and medicines. This business segment also produces organic solvents and intermediates for pharmaceutical, agricultural and chemical products.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

Net sales increased \$33 million , or 4% , during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher VAM pricing resulting from permanent capacity reductions in Europe and temporary industry outages, higher acetic acid pricing resulting from higher methanol costs and favorable currency impacts resulting from a stronger Euro to the US dollar. These increases to net sales were partially offset by lower acetic acid and downstream acetyl derivative product volumes in all regions. Acetic acid volumes decreased due to weak demand in Europe and an inventory build at our acetic acid unit in Clear Lake, Texas in anticipation of a second quarter turnaround. The decrease in downstream acetyl derivative product volumes reflects the closure of two European non-integrated units in late 2013.

Operating profit increased \$22 million , or 29% , during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 primarily due to higher VAM and acetic acid pricing and lower plant costs reflective of Celanese specific actions to improve plant operations. Operating profit also benefited from favorable currency impacts resulting from a stronger Euro to the US dollar and \$4 million of prior service credit amortization related to the elimination of eligibility for current and future employees and the elimination of benefits for certain participants under a US postretirement health care plan. These benefits were partially offset by lower sales volumes, higher raw material costs of \$18 million, mainly methanol, and higher energy costs of \$6 million.

Other Activities

Other Activities primarily consists of corporate center costs, including financing and administrative activities such as legal, accounting and treasury functions, interest income and expense associated with our financing and our captive insurance companies. Other Activities also includes certain components of our net periodic benefit cost (interest cost, expected return on plan assets and net actuarial gains and losses) for our defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement plans not allocated to our business segments.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

Operating loss of \$30 million for Other Activities increased \$10 million , or 50% , for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 driven by an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses of \$6 million . The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was primarily due to higher incentive compensation costs and higher pension and other postretirement benefit costs offset by a decrease in business optimization initiatives of \$5 million. The increase in pension and other postretirement benefit costs of \$5 million was primarily due to higher interest cost and a lower expected return on plan assets.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of liquidity is cash generated from operations, available cash and cash equivalents and dividends from our portfolio of strategic investments. In addition, as of March 31, 2014 , we have \$600 million available for borrowing under our revolving credit facility and \$17 million available under our accounts receivable securitization facility to assist , if required, in meeting our working capital needs and other contractual obligations.

While our contractual obligations, commitments and debt service requirements over the next several years are significant, we continue to believe we will have available resources to meet our liquidity requirements, including debt service, for the next twelve months. If our cash flow from operations is insufficient to fund our debt service and other obligations, we may be required to use other means available to us such as increasing our borrowings, reducing or delaying capital expenditures, seeking additional capital or seeking to restructure or refinance our indebtedness. There can be no assurance, however, that we will continue to generate cash flows at or above current levels.

In February 2014, together with Mitsui & Co., Ltd., of Tokyo, Japan ("Mitsui"), we formed a 50%-owned joint venture, Fairway Methanol LLC ("Fairway"), for the production of methanol at our integrated chemical plant in Clear Lake, Texas. The planned methanol unit will utilize natural gas in the US Gulf Coast region as a feedstock and will benefit from the existing infrastructure at our Clear Lake facility. As a result, the total shared capital and expense investment in the facility is estimated to be \$800 million. Our portion of the investment is estimated to be \$300 million, in addition to previously invested assets at our Clear Lake facility. The planned methanol unit will have an annual capacity of 1.3 million tons and is expected to be operational in the second half of 2015.

As a result of the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters ("Boiler MACT") regulations discussed in *Item 1A. Risk Factors* in our 2013 Form 10-K, we are required to make significant capital expenditures to comply with stricter emissions requirements for industrial boilers and process heaters at our Narrows, Virginia cellulose derivatives facility. In October 2012, we received approval to proceed with replacing the coal-fired boilers at our Narrows, Virginia facility with new, natural gas-fired boilers. We began construction during the first half of 2013 and anticipate the project will be completed in mid-2015. Our total investment is estimated at over \$150 million .

Total cash outflows for capital expenditures, including the specific projects above, are expected to be in the range of \$450 million to \$500 million in 2014 primarily due to the construction of the Clear Lake methanol unit and replacement of our coal-fired boilers with natural gas-fired boilers at our cellulose derivatives plant in Narrows, Virginia.

On a stand-alone basis, Celanese and its immediate 100% owned subsidiary, Celanese US Holdings LLC ("Celanese US"), have no material assets other than the stock of their subsidiaries and no independent external operations of their own. Accordingly, they generally depend on the cash flow of their subsidiaries and their ability to pay dividends and make other distributions to Celanese and Celanese US in order to meet their obligations, including their obligations under senior credit facilities and senior notes and to pay dividends on Celanese Series A common stock.

Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$14 million to \$998 million as of March 31, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013. As of March 31, 2014, \$716 million of the \$998 million of cash and cash equivalents was held by our foreign subsidiaries. If these funds are needed for our operations in the US, we may be required to accrue and pay US taxes to repatriate these funds. Our intent is to permanently reinvest these funds outside of the US, with the possible exception of funds that have been previously subject to US federal and state taxation. Our current plans do not demonstrate a need to repatriate cash held by our foreign subsidiaries in a taxable transaction to fund our US operations.

• *Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities*

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$17 million to \$164 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to \$147 million for the same period in 2013. Net cash provided by operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 increased primarily as a result of stronger earnings performance, an \$18 million increase in dividends received from our equity method investments, a \$5 million increase in dividends received from our cellulose derivatives ventures and a \$4 million decrease in cash used in trade working capital. These favorable impacts were offset by a \$29 million increase in pension and postretirement benefit plan contributions made during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 due to lump-sum buyout payments made to certain eligible US participants as a result of amendments made to a US postretirement health care plan in November 2013.

Trade working capital is calculated as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31, 2013	As of March 31, 2013	As of December 31, 2012
			(unaudited)	
			(In \$ millions)	
Trade receivables, net	986	867	916	827
Inventories	816	804	758	711
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	(790)	(799)	(659)	(649)
Trade working capital	<u>1,012</u>	<u>872</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>889</u>

• *Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$64 million to \$151 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to \$87 million for the same period in 2013. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, capital expenditures relating to Fairway amounted to \$70 million, \$62 million higher than in the same period in 2013. Cash outflows for capital expenditures, excluding capital expenditures relating to Fairway, were \$78 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$12 million higher than during the same period in 2013 and are primarily related to capacity expansions, major investments to reduce future operating costs, improve plant reliability and environmental and health and safety initiatives.

• *Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities*

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$39 million from a net cash outflow of \$35 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 to a net cash inflow of \$4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The change in cash used in financing activities is primarily due to a \$109 million contribution received from Mitsui during the three months ended March 31, 2014 in exchange for ownership in Fairway. This cash inflow was offset by an increase in stock repurchase transactions of \$53 million and higher Series A Common Stock dividends of \$16 million. We increased our Series A Common Stock quarterly cash dividend rate from \$0.075 as of March 31, 2013 to \$0.18 per share as of March 31, 2014.

Debt and Other Obligations

• *Senior Notes*

In November 2012, Celanese US completed an offering of \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.625% senior unsecured notes due 2022 (the "4.625% Notes") in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The 4.625% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and each of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US that guarantee its obligations under its senior secured credit facilities (the "Subsidiary Guarantors").

The 4.625% Notes were issued under an indenture, dated May 6, 2011, as amended by a second supplemental indenture, dated November 13, 2012 (the "Second Supplemental Indenture"), among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. Celanese US will pay interest on the 4.625% Notes on March 15 and September 15 of each year, which commenced on March 15, 2013. Prior to November 15, 2022, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 4.625% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the Second Supplemental Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The 4.625% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US.

In May 2011, Celanese US completed an offering of \$400 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.875% senior unsecured notes due 2021 (the "5.875% Notes") in a public offering registered under the Securities Act. The 5.875% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

The 5.875% Notes were issued under an indenture and a first supplemental indenture, each dated May 6, 2011 (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. Celanese US pays interest on the 5.875% Notes on June 15 and December 15 of each year, which commenced on December 15, 2011. Prior to June 15, 2021, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 5.875% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the First Supplemental Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The 5.875% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US.

In September 2010, Celanese US completed the private placement of \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the "6.625% Notes" and, together with the 4.625% Notes and the 5.875% Notes, collectively the "Senior Notes") under an indenture dated September 24, 2010 (the "Indenture") among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. In April 2011, Celanese US registered the 6.625% Notes under the Securities Act. Celanese US pays interest on the 6.625% Notes on April 15 and October 15 of each year, which commenced on April 15, 2011. The 6.625% Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after October 15, 2014 at the redemption prices specified in the Indenture. Prior to October 15, 2014, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 6.625% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The 6.625% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US. The 6.625% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

The Indenture, the First Supplemental Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture contain covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on our ability to incur indebtedness; grant liens on assets; merge, consolidate, or sell assets; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; engage in transactions with affiliates; or engage in other businesses.

- ***Senior Credit Facilities***

In September 2010, Celanese US, Celanese, and certain of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US entered into an amendment agreement with the lenders under Celanese US's existing senior secured credit facilities in order to amend and restate the corresponding Credit Agreement, dated April 2, 2007 (as previously amended, the "Existing Credit Agreement", and as amended and restated by the 2010 amendment agreement, the "2010 Amended Credit Agreement"). The 2010 Amended Credit Agreement consisted of the Term C loan facility due 2016, the Term B loan facility due on April 2, 2014, a \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2015 and a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating on April 2, 2014.

In September 2013, Celanese US, Celanese, and certain of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US entered into an amendment agreement with the lenders under Celanese US's existing senior secured credit facilities in order to amend and restate the corresponding 2010 Amended Credit Agreement (as amended and restated by the 2013 amendment agreement, the "Amended Credit Agreement"). The Amended Credit Agreement provides for a reduction in the interest rates payable in connection with certain borrowings and consists of the Term C-2 loan facility due 2016, the \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2015 and the \$81 million credit-linked revolving facility, which was terminated on March 28, 2014.

As of March 31, 2014, the margin for borrowings under the Term C-2 loan facility was 2.0% above LIBOR (for US dollars) and 2.0% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR") (for Euros), as applicable. As of March 31, 2014, the margin for borrowings under the revolving credit facility was 2.5% above LIBOR. The margin for borrowings under the revolving credit facility is subject to increase or decrease in certain circumstances based on changes in our corporate credit ratings.

Term loan borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement are subject to amortization at 1% of the initial principal amount per annum, payable quarterly. In addition, we pay quarterly commitment fees on the unused portions of the revolving credit facility of 0.25% per annum.

The Amended Credit Agreement is guaranteed by Celanese and certain domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US and is secured by a lien on substantially all assets of Celanese US and such guarantors, subject to certain agreed exceptions (including for certain real property and certain shares of foreign subsidiaries), pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated April 2, 2007.

As a condition to borrowing funds or requesting letters of credit be issued under the revolving credit facility, our first lien senior secured leverage ratio (as calculated as of the last day of the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements have been delivered under the revolving facility) cannot exceed the threshold as specified below. Further, our first lien senior secured leverage ratio must be maintained at or below that threshold while any amounts are outstanding under the revolving credit facility.

Our amended first lien senior secured leverage ratios under the revolving credit facility are as follows:

As of March 31, 2014		
Maximum	Estimate (unaudited)	Estimate, If Fully Drawn
3.90	0.81	1.27

The Amended Credit Agreement contains covenants including, but not limited to, restrictions on our ability to incur indebtedness; grant liens on assets; merge, consolidate, or sell assets; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; make investments; prepay or modify certain indebtedness; engage in transactions with affiliates; enter into sale-leaseback transactions or hedge transactions; or engage in other businesses.

The Amended Credit Agreement also maintains a number of events of default, including a cross default to other debt of Celanese, Celanese US, or their subsidiaries, including the Senior Notes, in an aggregate amount equal to more than \$40 million and the occurrence of a change of control. Failure to comply with these covenants, or the occurrence of any other event of default, could result in acceleration of the borrowings and other financial obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement.

We are in compliance with all of the covenants related to our debt agreements as of March 31, 2014 .

• ***Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility***

In August 2013, we entered into a \$135 million US accounts receivable securitization facility pursuant to (i) a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Sale Agreement") among certain of our US subsidiaries (each an "Originator"), Celanese International Corporation ("CIC") and CE Receivables LLC, a newly formed, wholly-owned, "bankruptcy remote" special purpose subsidiary of an Originator (the "Transferor") and (ii) a Receivables Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), among CIC, as servicer, the Transferor, various third-party purchasers (collectively, the "Purchasers") and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., New York Branch, as administrator (the "Administrator").

Under the Sale Agreement, each Originator will sell or contribute, on an ongoing basis, substantially all of its accounts receivable to the Transferor. Under the Purchase Agreement, the Transferor may obtain up to \$135 million (in the form of cash and/or letters of credit for our benefit) from the Purchasers through the sale of undivided interests in certain US accounts receivable. The borrowing base of the accounts receivable securitization facility is subject to downward adjustment based on the evaluation of eligible accounts receivables pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. As of March 31, 2014 , the borrowing base was \$132 million .

The Purchase Agreement expires in 2016 , but may be extended for successive one year terms by agreement of the parties. We account for the securitization facility as secured borrowings, and the accounts receivables sold pursuant to the facility are included in the accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet as Trade receivables - third party and affiliates. Borrowings under this facility are classified as short-term borrowings in the accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet. Once sold to the Transferor, the accounts receivable are legally separate and distinct from our other assets and are not available to our creditors should we become insolvent. All of the Transferor's assets have been pledged to the Administrator in support of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, Celanese US paid \$15 million of borrowings outstanding under the accounts receivable securitization facility using cash on hand.

As of March 31, 2014, the outstanding amount of accounts receivable transferred by the Originators to the Transferor was \$217 million.

Balances available for borrowing are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2014
	(unaudited)
	(In \$ millions)
Revolving Credit Facility	
Borrowings outstanding	—
Letters of credit issued	—
Available for borrowing	600
Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility	
Borrowings outstanding	35
Letters of credit issued	80
Available for borrowing	17

Share Capital

Our Board of Directors follows a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of our Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") unless the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. The amount available to pay cash dividends is restricted by our Amended Credit Agreement and the Senior Notes.

Our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of Common Stock as follows:

	Authorized Amount
	(unaudited)
	(In \$ millions)
February 2008	400
October 2008	100
April 2011	129
October 2012	264
February 2014	172
As of March 31, 2014	<u>1,065</u>

The authorization gives management discretion in determining the timing and conditions under which shares may be repurchased. The repurchase program does not have an expiration date.

The share repurchase activity pursuant to this authorization is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Total From February 2008 Through March 31, 2014
	2014	2013	
	(unaudited)		
Shares repurchased	1,035,374	—	17,364,081 ⁽¹⁾
Average purchase price per share	\$ 51.30	\$ —	\$ 41.36
Amount spent on repurchased shares (in millions)	\$ 53	\$ —	\$ 718

⁽¹⁾ Excludes 11,844 shares withheld from an executive officer to cover statutory minimum withholding requirements for personal income taxes related to the vesting of restricted stock. Restricted stock is considered outstanding at the time of issuance and therefore, the shares withheld are treated as treasury shares.

The purchase of treasury stock reduces the number of shares outstanding and the repurchased shares may be used by us for compensation programs utilizing our stock and other corporate purposes. We account for treasury stock using the cost method and include treasury stock as a component of stockholders' equity.

Contractual Obligations

Except as otherwise described in this report, there have been no material revisions outside the ordinary course of business to our contractual obligations as described in our 2013 Form 10-K.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

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

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements are based on the selection and application of significant accounting policies. The preparation of unaudited interim consolidated financial statements in conformity with US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("US GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses and allocated charges during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. However, we are not currently aware of any reasonably likely events or circumstances that would result in materially different results.

We describe our significant accounting policies in Note 2 - Summary of Accounting Policies, of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2013 Form 10-K. We discuss our critical accounting policies and estimates in the MD&A of our 2013 Form 10-K.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See [Note 2 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements](#) in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risk for our Company has not changed materially from the foreign exchange, interest rate and commodity risks disclosed in Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk in our 2013 Form 10-K. See also [Note 16 - Derivative Financial Instruments](#), in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our market risk management and the related impact on our financial position and results of operations.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, as of March 31, 2014, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the period covered by this report, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in a number of legal and regulatory proceedings, lawsuits and claims incidental to the normal conduct of our business, relating to such matters as product liability, land disputes, contracts, antitrust, intellectual property, workers' compensation, chemical exposure, asbestos exposure, trade compliance, prior acquisitions and divestitures, past waste disposal practices and release of chemicals into the environment. The Company is actively defending those matters where it is named as a defendant. Due to the inherent subjectivity of assessments and unpredictability of outcomes of legal proceedings, the Company's litigation accruals and estimates of possible loss or range of possible loss may not represent the ultimate loss to the Company from legal proceedings. See [Note 12 - Environmental](#) and [Note 18 - Commitments and Contingencies](#) in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for a discussion of material environmental matters and commitments and contingencies related to legal and regulatory proceedings. There have been no significant developments in the "Legal Proceedings" described in our 2013 Form 10-K other than those disclosed in [Note 12 - Environmental](#) and [Note 18 - Commitments and Contingencies](#) in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors under Part I, Item 1A of our 2013 Form 10-K.

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

The table below sets forth information regarding repurchases of our Common Stock during the three months ended March 31, 2014 :

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program (unaudited)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares Remaining that may be Purchased Under the Program ⁽²⁾
January 1-31, 2014	588 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 55.22	—	\$ 400,000,000
February 1-28, 2014	1,035,752 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 51.30	1,035,374	\$ 347,000,000
March 1-31, 2014	—	\$ —	—	\$ 347,000,000
Total	<u>1,036,340</u>		<u>1,035,374</u>	

⁽¹⁾ January and February include 588 and 378 shares, respectively, withheld from employees to cover their statutory minimum withholding requirements for personal income taxes related to the vesting of restricted stock units.

⁽²⁾ Our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of our Common Stock as follows:

	<u>Authorized Amount</u> (In \$ millions)
February 2008	400
October 2008	100
April 2011	129
October 2012	264
February 2014	172
As of March 31, 2014	<u>1,065</u>

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 11, 2011).
3.2	Third Amended and Restated By-laws, effective as of October 23, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on July 19, 2013).
10.1*‡	Form of 2014 Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement.
10.2*‡	Form of 2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement.
10.3*‡	Form of 2014 Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement.
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

* Filed herewith

‡ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

SIGNATURES

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

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARK C. ROHR

Mark C. Rohr

Chairman of the Board of Directors and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 22, 2014

By: /s/ STEVEN M. STERIN

Steven M. Sterin

Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 22, 2014

[Form of 2014 PRSU]



**CELANESE CORPORATION
2009 GLOBAL INCENTIVE PLAN**

**PERFORMANCE-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT
DATED <<date>>**

<<NAME>>

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Celanese Corporation 2009 Global Incentive Plan, you have been awarded Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units, subject to the restrictions described in this Agreement:

Performance RSU Target Award

<<Target Units>> Units

This grant is made pursuant to the Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement dated as of <<date>>, between Celanese and you, which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**CELANESE CORPORATION
2009 GLOBAL INCENTIVE PLAN**

PERFORMANCE-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

This Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of <<date>> (the “Grant Date”), by and between Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and <<NAME>> (the “Participant”). Capitalized terms used, but not otherwise defined, herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Celanese Corporation 2009 Global Incentive Plan (as amended from time to time, the “2009 Plan”).

1. **Performance RSU Award** : In order to encourage the Participant’s contribution to the successful performance of the Company, the Company hereby grants to the Participant as of the Grant Date, pursuant to the terms of the 2009 Plan and this Agreement, an award (the “Award”) of <<# Units>> performance-based Restricted Stock Units (“Performance RSUs”) representing the right to receive, subject to the attainment of the performance goals set forth in Appendix A, the number of Common Shares to be determined in accordance with the formula set forth in Appendix A. The Participant hereby acknowledges and accepts such Award upon the terms and subject to the performance requirements and other conditions, restrictions and limitations contained in this Agreement and the 2009 Plan.

2. **Performance-Based Adjustment and Vesting** :

(a) Subject to Section 3 and Section 6 of this Agreement, the Performance RSUs are subject to adjustment for performance during the Performance Period in accordance with the performance measures, targets and methodology set forth in Appendix A. The number of Performance RSUs determined after the Performance Period based on such performance is referred to as the “Performance-Adjusted RSUs.”

(b) Subject to Section 3 and Section 6 of this Agreement, the Performance-Adjusted RSUs shall vest fifty percent (50%) on February 1, 2016 and fifty percent (50%) on January 1, 2017 (each, a “Vesting Date”). Each period between the Grant Date and a Vesting Date shall be referred to as a “Vesting Period.”

3. **Effects of Certain Events** :

(a) If the Participant’s employment with the Company is terminated by the Company without Cause or due to the Participant’s Retirement prior to the final Vesting Date (other than as provided in Section 3(b)), then:

(i) in all such cases the Performance RSUs shall remain subject to adjustment for performance as provided in Section 2(a) above, including if such termination of employment occurs during the Performance Period; and

(ii) a prorated number of the Performance-Adjusted RSUs will vest on each Vesting Date that occurs after such termination of employment in an amount equal to (x) the unvested Performance-Adjusted RSUs in each applicable Vesting Period multiplied by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months from the Grant Date to the date of termination, and the denominator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months in each applicable Vesting Period, such product to be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Such prorated Performance-Adjusted RSUs will be settled following the applicable Vesting Date(s) in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, subject to any applicable taxes under Section 7 upon such vesting and settlement. The remaining portion of the Award shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment. To the extent permitted by applicable country, state or province law, as consideration for the vesting provisions upon Retirement contained in this Section 3(a), upon Retirement, the Participant shall enter into a departure and general release of claims agreement with the Company that includes two-year noncompetition and non-solicitation covenants in a form acceptable to the Company.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if the Participant's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company in connection with a Qualifying Disposition, as determined by the Company, other than for Cause, and regardless of whether the Participant is then eligible for Retirement or is offered employment with the acquiror or successor, then:

(i) a prorated number of the unvested Performance RSUs determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(a) had those provisions applied shall remain subject to adjustment for performance as provided in Section 2(a) above, including if such termination of employment occurs during the Performance Period, and shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(a); and

(ii) the remaining number of the unvested Performance RSUs that would have otherwise been forfeited had the provisions of Section 3(a) applied shall remain subject to adjustment for performance as provided in Section 2(a) above, including if such termination of employment occurs during the Performance Period, and any such Performance-Adjusted RSUs will vest and be settled within thirty (30) days following the later of (A) the last day of the Performance Period or (B) the date of such termination of employment, subject to any applicable taxes under Section 7 upon such vesting and settlement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of a termination of employment covered by this Section 3(b), if the Committee determines that the Participant has been offered employment with the acquiror or successor and in connection with that employment will receive a substitute award from the acquiror or successor with an equivalent (or greater) economic value and no less favorable vesting conditions as this Award, the Committee in its discretion may determine not to provide for the additional vesting under clause (ii) of this Section 3(b).

(c) If the Participant's employment with the Company is terminated due to the Participant's death or Disability prior to the final Vesting Date, then a prorated number of Performance RSUs will vest in an amount equal to:

(i) either (x) the Target number of Performance RSUs granted hereby if such termination of employment occurs prior to the first Vesting Date as set forth in Section 4 below, or (y) the number of Performance-Adjusted RSUs if such termination of employment occurs on or after such Vesting Date, in either case multiplied by

(ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months from the Grant Date to the date of termination, and the denominator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months in each applicable Vesting Period, such product to be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

The prorated number of Performance RSUs shall immediately vest and a number of Common Shares equal to such prorated number of Performance RSUs described above shall be delivered to the Participant or beneficiary within thirty (30) days following the date of termination, subject to the provisions of Section 7. The remaining portion of the Award shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment for death or Disability.

(d) Upon the termination of a Participant's employment with the Company for any other reason prior to the final Vesting Date, the portion of the Award that shall not have been vested shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment.

4. **Settlement of Performance RSUs** : The Committee shall determine the Performance-Adjusted RSUs as soon as administratively practicable following the computation of the Company's performance during the Performance Period (but not later than 2 ½ months after the first Vesting Date). The date of such determination is referred to as the "Performance Certification Date." Subject to Sections 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of this Agreement, the Company shall deliver to the Participant (or to a Company-designated brokerage firm or plan administrator) as soon as administratively practicable after each Vesting Date (but in no event later than 2 ½ months after such Vesting Date, and not before the Performance Certification Date in connection with the first Vesting Date), in complete settlement of the Performance-Adjusted RSUs vesting on such Vesting Date, a number of Common Shares equal to fifty percent (50%) of the Performance-Adjusted RSUs determined in accordance with this Agreement.

5. **Rights as a Stockholder** : The Participant shall have no voting, dividend or other rights as a stockholder with respect to the Award until the Performance RSUs have vested and Common Shares have been delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

6. **Change in Control; Dissolution** :

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, with respect to any unvested Performance RSUs granted pursuant to this Agreement that have not previously been forfeited:

(i) If (i) a Participant's rights to the unvested portion of the Award are not adversely affected in connection with the Change in Control, or, if adversely affected, a substitute award with an equivalent (or greater) economic value and no less favorable vesting conditions is granted to the Participant upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, and (ii) the Participant's employment is terminated by the Company (or its successor) without Cause within two years following the Change in Control, then Performance RSUs in an amount equal to the higher of (A) the Target number of Performance RSUs granted hereby (or, as applicable, the substitute award) or (B) the number of Performance RSUs payable based on estimated Company performance during the Performance Period through the Change in Control as determined by the Committee in accordance with this Agreement, shall immediately vest and a number of Common Shares equal to the number of Performance RSUs so determined shall be delivered to the Participant within thirty (30) days following the date of termination, subject to the provisions of Section 7.

(ii) If a Participant's right to the unvested portion of the Award is adversely affected in connection with the Change in Control and a substitute award is not made pursuant to Section 6(a)(i) above, then upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, a number of Performance RSUs equal to the higher of (A) the Target number of Performance RSUs granted hereby or (B) the number of Performance RSUs payable based on estimated

Company performance during the Performance Period through the Change in Control as determined by the Committee in accordance with this Agreement, shall immediately vest and a number of Common Shares equal to the number of Performance RSUs so determined shall be delivered to the Participant within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the Change in Control, subject to the provisions of Section 7.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in the event of a corporate dissolution of the Company that is taxed under Section 331 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(ix)(A), this Agreement shall terminate and any Performance RSUs granted pursuant to this Agreement that have not previously been forfeited shall immediately become Common Shares and shall be delivered to the Participant within thirty (30) days following such dissolution.

7. **Income and Other Taxes** : The Company shall not deliver Common Shares in respect of any vested Performance RSUs unless and until the Participant has made arrangements satisfactory to the Committee to satisfy applicable withholding tax obligations for U.S. federal, state, and local income taxes (or the foreign counterpart thereof) and applicable employment taxes. Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, withholding shall be effected at the minimum statutory rates by withholding Performance RSUs in connection with the vesting and/or settlement of Performance-Adjusted RSUs. The Participant acknowledges that the Company shall have the right to deduct any taxes required to be withheld by law in connection with the vesting or settlement of Performance-Adjusted RSUs from any amounts payable by it to the Participant (including, without limitation, future cash wages). The Participant acknowledges and agrees that amounts withheld by the Company for taxes may be less than amounts actually owed for taxes by the Participant in respect of the Award. Any vested Performance-Adjusted RSUs shall be reflected in the Company's records as issued on the respective dates of issuance set forth in this Agreement, irrespective of whether delivery of such Common Shares is pending the Participant's satisfaction of his or her withholding tax obligations.

8. **Securities Laws** : The Company may impose such restrictions, conditions or limitations as it determines appropriate as to the timing and manner of any resales by the Participant or other subsequent transfers by the Participant of any Common Shares issued as a result of the vesting or settlement of the Performance RSUs, including without limitation (a) restrictions under an insider trading policy, and (b) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers. Upon the acquisition of any Common Shares pursuant to the vesting or settlement of the Performance-Adjusted RSUs, the Participant will make or enter into such written representations, warranties and agreements as the Company may reasonably request in order to comply with applicable securities laws or with this Agreement and the 2009 Plan. All accounts in which such Common Shares are held or any certificates for Common Shares shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Company may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange or quotation system upon which the Common Shares are then listed or quoted, and any applicable federal or state securities law, and the Company may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates (or other appropriate restrictions and/or notations to be associated with any accounts in which such Common Shares are held) to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

9. **Non-Transferability of Award** : The Performance RSUs may not be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company; provided, that the Participant may designate a beneficiary, on a form provided by the Company, to receive any portion of the Award payable hereunder following the Participant's death.

10. **Other Agreements; Release of Claims** : Subject to Sections 10(a), 10(b) and 10(c) of this Agreement, this Agreement and the 2009 Plan constitute the entire understanding between the Participant and the Company regarding the Award, and any prior agreements, commitments or negotiations concerning the Award are superseded.

(a) The Participant acknowledges that as a condition to the receipt of the Award, the Participant:

(1) shall have delivered to the Company an executed copy of this Agreement;

(2) shall be subject to the Company's stock ownership guidelines, to the extent applicable to the Participant;

(3) shall be subject to policies and agreements adopted by the Company from time to time, and applicable laws and regulations, requiring the repayment by the Participant of incentive compensation under certain circumstances, without any further act or deed or consent of the Participant; and

(4) shall have delivered to the Company an executed copy of the Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement (if a current version of such Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement is not already on file, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion). For purposes hereof, "Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement" means an agreement between the Company and the Participant associated with the grant of long-term incentives of the Company, which contains terms, conditions, restrictions and provisions regarding one or more of (i) noncompetition by the Participant with the Company, and its customers and clients; (ii) non-solicitation and non-hiring by the Participant of the Company's employees, former employees or consultants; (iii) maintenance of confidentiality of the Company's and/or clients' information, including intellectual property; (iv) nondisparagement of the Company; and (v) such other matters deemed necessary, desirable or appropriate by the Company for such an agreement in view of the rights and benefits conveyed in connection with an award.

(b) On or before the first Settlement Date, the Participant shall sign a full and final release, in a form prescribed by the Company, of any and all claims regarding calculation of the Performance-Adjusted RSUs under this Award as a condition to receiving payment on this Award.

(c) If the Participant is a non-resident of the U.S., there may be an addendum containing special terms and conditions applicable to awards in the Participant's country. The issuance of the Award to any such Participant is contingent upon the Participant executing and returning any such addendum in the manner directed by the Company.

11. **Not a Contract for Employment; No Acquired Rights; Agreement Changes** : Nothing in the 2009 Plan, this Agreement or any other instrument executed in connection with the Award shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the Company's employ or service nor limit in any way the Company's right to terminate the Participant's employment at any time for any reason. The grant of Performance RSUs hereunder, and any future grant of awards to the Participant under the 2009 Plan, is entirely voluntary and at the complete and sole discretion of the Company. Neither the grant of these Performance RSUs nor any future grant of awards by the Company shall be deemed to create any obligation to grant any further awards, whether or not such a reservation is expressly stated at the time of such grants. The Company has the right, at any time and for any reason, to amend, suspend or terminate the 2009 Plan; provided, however, that no such amendment, suspension, or termination shall adversely affect the Participant's rights hereunder.

12. **Severability** : Should any provision of this Agreement be declared or held to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, (a) such provision shall either be reformed, if possible, to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid and enforceable, or otherwise severed, (b) the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected except to the extent necessary to reform or sever such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision, and (c) in no event should such partial invalidity affect the remainder of this Agreement, which shall still be enforced.

13. **Further Assurances** : Each party shall cooperate and take such action as may be reasonably requested by either party hereto in order to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Agreement.

14. **Binding Effect** : The Award and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective permitted heirs, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

15. **Electronic Delivery** : By executing this Agreement, the Participant hereby consents to the delivery of any and all information (including, without limitation, information required to be delivered to the Participant pursuant to applicable securities laws), in whole or in part, regarding the Company and its subsidiaries, the 2009 Plan, and the Award via electronic mail, the Company's or a plan administrator's web site, or other means of electronic delivery.

16. **Personal Data** : By accepting the Award under this Agreement, the Participant hereby consents to the Company's use, dissemination and disclosure of any information pertaining to the Participant that the Company determines to be necessary or desirable for the implementation, administration and management of the 2009 Plan.

17. **Miscellaneous** :

(a) **Governing Law** . Notwithstanding the place where this Agreement may be executed by any of the parties hereto, the parties expressly agree that all the terms and provisions hereof shall be governed by, construed under and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to its conflicts of laws rules.

(b) The Participant is reminded to read the following carefully and after consulting with counsel of their choice:

The Participant agrees that the following provisions requiring arbitration, prohibiting recovery of attorneys' fees, waiving class actions and mass actions, waiving the right to a jury trial, waiving any right to seek punitive damages, limiting actual damages, and limiting remedies by waiving any right to injunctive or other equitable or legal relief are and were an important part of the Company's decision to adopt the Operative Documents and for Participant to be offered this Agreement. The Participant understands and agrees that absent the foregoing provisions, the Operative Documents would not have been offered or entered into or would have materially changed. The Participant acknowledges the benefits of receiving potential incentive awards. In reliance on the Participant's intent to abide by and enter into the following provisions, the parties have entered into the Operative Documents.

(c) **MANDATORY ARBITRATION** . All disputes arising out of or related in any manner to the Operative Documents shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration to be conducted only in the county and state of Dallas, Texas in accordance with the rules of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution ("CPR") applying the laws of Delaware. The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator. The parties agree that the following arbitrators shall be requested to serve as the single arbitrator, in the following order, until an arbitrator is seated to preside over this matter: (1) Rob Walters, (2) Brian Lidji, (3) Craig Budner, (4) George Bowles, and (5) Ray Guy. Should all the selected arbitrators refuse to serve, the parties shall request that CPR select a retired

judge with at least 10 years of judicial experience. Discovery shall be as provided by the CPR rules. The arbitration award shall be in writing and shall include a reasoned opinion by the Arbitrator. Consistent with the waiver of all claims to punitive or exemplary damages, the Arbitrator shall have no authority to award such damages. The parties understand that their right to appeal or to seek modification of any ruling or award of the arbitrator is severely limited, if any. Awards issued by the arbitrator shall be final and binding, and judgment may be entered on it in any court of competent jurisdiction. All parties shall keep confidential the fact of the arbitration, the dispute being arbitrated, and the decision of the arbitrator. Any and all disputes regarding this arbitration provision and its enforceability shall be exclusively submitted to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, if it has jurisdiction, and failing that, to the Delaware state court in Wilmington, Delaware.

(d) **No Recovery of Attorneys' Fees and Costs**. Each party agrees that in any litigation or proceeding between the parties arising out of, connected with, related to, or incidental to the relationship between them in connection with the Operative Documents, each party shall bear all of its own attorneys' fees and costs regardless of which party prevails.

(e) **CLASS ACTION AND MASS ACTION WAIVER**. Any claim, whether brought in a court of law or in arbitration, must be brought in the Participant's individual capacity, and not as a representative of any purported class or as a "mass action" (involving multiple plaintiffs) ("Class/Mass Action"). The parties expressly waive any ability to maintain any Class/Mass Action in any forum. The arbitrator shall not have authority to combine or aggregate similar claims or conduct any Class/Mass Action nor make an award to any person or entity not a party to the arbitration. Any claim that all or part of this Class/Mass Action waiver is unenforceable, unconscionable, void, or voidable may be determined only by a court of competent jurisdiction and not by an arbitrator. The Participant understands that but for this Agreement, he or she would have had a right to litigate through a court, to have a judge or jury decide the case and to be party to a Class/Mass Action. However, in exchange for the potential incentive awards provided herein and the receipt of the benefit of arbitration, the Participant understands and chooses to have only his or her individual claims decided, each in a separate case, by an arbitrator.

(f) **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**. To the extent permitted by applicable law and expressly because of the complexity of the matters in the Operative Documents, each party waives any right to have a jury participate in resolving any dispute arising out of or relating to the Operative Documents.

(g) **WAIVER OF PUNITIVE AND EXEMPLARY DAMAGE CLAIMS**. The Participant waives, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any claims or rights to recover punitive, exemplary or similar damages.

(h) **LIMIT ON ACTUAL DAMAGES**. In no event may the actual damages awarded to the Participant in a dispute arising out of or relating to the Operative Documents exceed the Fair Market Value of the Performance RSU Target Award set forth on the first page of this Agreement as of the vesting date, reduced by the value of any shares or payments previously received under this Agreement (the "Damages Limit"). The Participant knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably waives and releases any claim to damages in excess of this Damages Limit.

(i) **LIMITATION OF REMEDIES**. The procedures and remedies set forth in this Agreement shall constitute the sole remedies available to the Participant. In no event shall the Participant seek equitable relief, injunctive relief, or otherwise bring claims directly or derivatively for ultra vires, corporate waste, breach of fiduciary duty, or any other claim or cause of action, whether legal or equitable, sounding in contract or tort. Nothing in this clause is intended to waive

or limit any claim brought pursuant to any federal or state statute related to the protection of civil rights.

18. **Performance RSUs Subject to Plan** : By entering into this Agreement the Participant agrees and acknowledges that the Participant has received and read a copy of the 2009 Plan and the 2009 Plan's prospectus. The Performance RSUs and the Common Shares issued upon vesting of such Performance RSUs are subject to the 2009 Plan, which is hereby incorporated by reference. In the event of any conflict between any term or provision of this Agreement and a term or provision of the 2009 Plan, the applicable terms and provisions of the 2009 Plan shall govern and prevail.

19. **Validity of Agreement** : This Agreement shall be valid, binding and effective upon the Company on the Grant Date. However, the Performance RSUs granted pursuant to this Agreement shall be forfeited by the Participant and this Agreement shall have no force and effect if it is not duly executed by the Participant and delivered to the Company on or before <<cut-off date>>.

20. **Headings** : The headings preceding the text of the sections hereof are inserted solely for convenience of reference, and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

21. **Compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code** : Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement will be interpreted and applied so that the Agreement does not fail to meet, and is operated in accordance with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. The Company reserves the right to change the terms of this Agreement and the 2009 Plan without the Participant's consent to the extent necessary or desirable to comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A. Further, in accordance with the restrictions provided by Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(j)(2), any subsequent amendments to this Agreement or any other agreement, or the entering into or termination of any other agreement, affecting the Performance RSUs provided by this Agreement shall not modify the time or form of issuance of the Performance RSUs set forth in this Agreement. In addition, if the Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A, as determined by the Company, any payment made in connection with the Participant's separation from service shall not be made earlier than six (6) months and one day after the date of such separation from service to the extent required by Code Section 409A.

22. **Definitions** : The following terms shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding any contrary definition in the 2009 Plan:

(a) "*Adjusted EBIT*" means a measure used by the Company's management to measure performance, defined as net earnings (loss) less interest income plus loss (earnings) from discontinued operations, interest expense, and taxes, and further adjusted for noncontrolling interests and certain items as determined by the Company (consistent with the provisions of Section 13(b) of the 2009 Plan) and as approved by the Committee, as publicly reported by the Company as a non-GAAP financial measure.

(b) "*Cause*" means (i) the Participant's willful failure to perform the Participant's duties to the Company (other than as a result of total or partial incapacity due to physical or mental illness) for a period of 30 days following written notice by the Company to the Participant of such failure, (ii) conviction of, or a plea of nolo contendere to, (x) a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or any similar criminal act in a jurisdiction outside the United States or (y) a crime involving moral turpitude, (iii) the Participant's willful malfeasance or willful misconduct which is demonstrably injurious to the Company or its affiliates, (iv) any act of fraud by the Participant, (v) any material violation of the Company's business conduct policy, (vi) any material violation of the Company's policies concerning harassment or discrimination, (vii) the Participant's

conduct that causes material harm to the business reputation of the Company or its affiliates, or (viii) the Participant's breach of any confidentiality, intellectual property, noncompetition or non-solicitation provisions applicable to the Participant under the Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement or any other agreement between the Participant and the Company.

(c) “*Change in Control*” means:

(i) any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) (a “Person”) becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 50% or more of either (A) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the “Outstanding Company Common Stock”) or (B) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that, for purposes of this subparagraph, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any Affiliate, or (iv) any acquisition pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (A), (B) or (C) in paragraph (iii) of this definition; or

(ii) individuals who, as of the effective date of this Agreement, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board”) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual was a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(iii) consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a “Business Combination”), in each case unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such

Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation, except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if it is determined that an Award hereunder is subject to the requirements of Section 409A and the Change in Control is a “payment event” under Section 409A for such Award, the Company will not be deemed to have undergone a Change in Control unless the Company is deemed to have undergone a “change in control event” pursuant to the definition of such term in Section 409A.

(d) “*Disability*” has the same meaning as “Disability” in the Celanese Corporation 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan or such other meaning as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, provided that in all events a “Disability” under this Agreement shall constitute a “disability” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(4).

(e) “*Net Sales*” means sales of the Company less sales returns, allowances and discounts.

(f) “*Operating EBITDA*” means a measure used by the Company’s management to measure performance and is defined as net earnings less interest income plus loss (earnings) from discontinued operations, interest expense, taxes, and depreciation and amortization, and further adjusted for noncontrolling interests and certain items as determined by the Company (consistent with the provisions of Section 13(b) of the 2009 Plan) and as approved by the Committee, as publicly reported by the Company as a non-GAAP financial measure.

(g) “*Operative Documents*” means the 2009 Plan and this Agreement.

(h) “*Performance Period*” means the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

(i) “*Qualifying Disposition*” means a sale or other disposition by the Company or one or more subsidiaries of all or part of a business, business unit, segment or subsidiary in a stock, asset, merger or other similar transaction or combination thereof, and determined by the Committee to be a Qualifying Disposition.

(j) “ *Retirement* ” of the Participant shall mean a voluntary separation from service on or after the date when the Participant is both {55 years of age and has ten years} ¹ of service with the Company, as determined by the Company in its discretion based on payroll records. Retirement shall not include voluntary separation from service in which the Company could have terminated the Participant’s employment for Cause.

(k) “ *Settlement Date* ” means the date that Common Shares are delivered to the Participant following a Vesting Date.

[Signatures on following page]

¹ For the CEO, replace bracketed language with “65 years of age and has five years”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer and the Participant has also executed this Agreement in duplicate.

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARK C. ROHR
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

This Agreement has been accepted and agreed to by the undersigned Participant.

PARTICIPANT

By: _____

Name: <<NAME>>

Employee ID: << Personnel Number>>

Date: _____

APPENDIX A
CALCULATION OF THE PERFORMANCE-BASED VESTING

Name of Participant:	<<NAME>>		
Grant Date:	<<date>>		
	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Performance RSUs subject to the Award:	<<Threshold units>>	<<Target Units>>	<<Max Units>>

Performance-Based Vesting Calculation

The Performance RSUs are subject to adjustment based on the achievement of specified levels of (i) the Company’s Adjusted EBIT during the Performance Period and (ii) under certain circumstances, the Company’s Operating EBITDA and Net Sales during the Performance Period. The number of Performance RSUs determined after such adjustment (and subject further to the additional vesting requirements of Section 2(b) of the Agreement) are referred to as the “Performance-Adjusted RSUs.” The potential performance-based adjustments are summarized as follows:

A. Calculation of Performance Adjustment based on the Adjusted EBIT Results

The following table outlines the percentage of the Performance PRSUs that may become earned based on Adjusted EBIT performance during the Performance Period.

Adjusted EBIT	Result	Goal Achievement for Performance Period (in Millions)*	Performance Adjustment Percentage
	Below Threshold		0%
	Threshold		34%
	Target		100%
	Superior		200%

* To the extent not otherwise included as an adjustment to Adjusted EBIT (as defined), if (a) the historic financial statements of the Company for period(s) ending prior to the Performance Period are retrospectively recast in connection with a change in accounting principle or method adopted during the Performance Period, (b) the Company effects an acquisition, disposition, merger, spin-off or other similar transaction, or enters/exits a joint venture, affecting the Company or any subsidiary or any portion thereof, during the Performance Period, (c) the Company suffers or incurs items of gain, loss or expense determined to be unusual in nature, or charges for restructurings, discontinued operations, extraordinary items, or any other unusual or infrequent items, (d) there are changes in tax law or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results, (e) the Company establishes accruals or reserves, or impairs assets, for reorganization or restructuring programs, and/or (f) the Company incurs or is adversely affected by any other eventuality contemplated by the last sentence of Section 13(b) of the 2009 Plan, then in each such case where the amount is significant to the Company, the Committee, in conformity with IRC § 162(m), shall adjust the Goal Achievement for the Performance Period to include or exclude these items, matters or amounts.

The Performance Adjustment Percentage for the Performance Period shall be calculated by straight-line interpolation for results achieved between Threshold and Target, or for results achieved between Target and Superior. No Performance RSUs will be earned for the Performance Period if Goal Achievement is Below Threshold, except as provided in Section B below.

As an example, for an award of 100 Target Performance RSUs, the number of Performance-Adjusted RSUs for the Performance Period will equal 34 for Goal Achievement at Threshold, 100 for Goal Achievement at Target and 200 for Goal Achievement at or above Superior.

B. Alternative Calculation of Performance Adjustment if Threshold Adjusted EBIT is not Achieved

If Adjusted EBIT for the Performance Period is below Threshold, the number of Performance-Adjusted RSUs will equal 34% of the Target number of Performance RSUs if Operating EBITDA for the Performance Period is greater than ____ percent (___%) of Net Sales for the Performance Period.

[Form of 2014 Time-RSU]



**CELANESE CORPORATION
2009 GLOBAL INCENTIVE PLAN**

**TIME-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT
DATED <<Grant Date>>**

<<NAME>>

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Celanese Corporation 2009 Global Incentive Plan, you have been awarded Time-Based Restricted Stock Units, subject to the restrictions described in this Agreement:

RSU Award

<<Units>> **Units**

This grant is made pursuant to the Time-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement dated as of <<Grant Date>>, between Celanese and you, which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**CELANESE CORPORATION
2009 GLOBAL INCENTIVE PLAN**

TIME-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

This Time-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of <<Grant Date>> (the “Grant Date”), by and between Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and <<NAME>> (the “Participant”). Capitalized terms used, but not otherwise defined, herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Celanese Corporation 2009 Global Incentive Plan (as amended from time to time, the “2009 Plan”).

1. **Time-Based RSU Award** : In order to encourage the Participant’s contribution to the successful performance of the Company, the Company hereby grants to the Participant as of the Grant Date, pursuant to the terms of the 2009 Plan and this Agreement, an award (the “Award”) of time-based Restricted Stock Units (“RSUs”) representing the right to receive an equal number of Common Shares upon vesting. The Participant hereby acknowledges and accepts such Award upon the terms and subject to the conditions, restrictions and limitations contained in this Agreement and the 2009 Plan.

2. **Time-Based Vesting** : Subject to Section 3 and Section 6 of this Agreement, «Number_Units__33» RSUs shall vest on <<vesting 1>>; «Number_Units__33» RSUs shall vest on <<vesting 2>>; and «Number_Units__34» RSUs shall vest on <vesting 3>, for a total of <<Units>> RSUs . Each such date shall be referred to as a “Vesting Date”. Each period between the Grant Date and a Vesting Date shall be referred to as a “Vesting Period”.

3. **Effects of Certain Events Prior to Vesting** :

(a) Upon the termination of the Participant’s employment by the Company without Cause or due to the Participant’s [Retirement,]¹ death or Disability (other than as provided in Section 3(c)), a prorated portion of the RSUs that remain unvested will vest in an amount equal to (i) the unvested RSUs in each Vesting Period multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months from the Grant Date to the date of termination without Cause or due to the Participant’s [Retirement,]¹ death or Disability, and the denominator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months in each applicable Vesting Period, such product to be rounded up to the nearest whole number. In any such case, such prorated number of unvested RSUs that vest in accordance with the preceding sentence will be subject to any applicable taxes under Section 7 upon such vesting, which may be rounded up in each case to avoid fractional shares. In the case of termination of the Participant’s employment by the Company without Cause [or due to the Participant’s Retirement]¹, the prorated RSUs will be settled in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 following the applicable Vesting Date(s). In the case of termination of the Participant’s employment due to the Participant’s death or Disability and notwithstanding any provision of Section 4 to the contrary, the prorated RSUs will be settled as soon as administratively practicable (but in no event later than 2 ½ months) after the date of such termination of employment due to death or Disability by delivery of a number of Common Shares equal to the number of such prorated RSUs.

¹ Remove all bracketed verbiage relating to “Retirement” and the effects thereof from award agreements given for retention or in other special circumstances; the verbiage should be retained (without brackets) for new hire awards.

[To the extent permitted by applicable country, state or province law, as consideration for the vesting provisions upon Retirement contained above in this Section 3(a), upon Retirement, the Participant shall enter into a departure and general release of claims agreement with the Company that includes two-year noncompetition and non-solicitation covenants in a form acceptable to the Company.]¹

(b) The remaining unvested portion of the Award shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment without Cause or due to the Participant's [Retirement,]¹ death or Disability.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if the Participant's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company in connection with a Qualifying Disposition, as determined by the Company, other than for Cause, and regardless of whether the Participant is [then eligible for Retirement or is] offered employment with the acquiror or successor, then the entire unvested portion of the RSUs shall vest as of the date of such termination of employment and shall be settled as follows, subject to any applicable taxes under Section 7:

(i) a prorated number of the unvested RSUs determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(a) had those provisions applied shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 following the applicable Vesting Date(s); and

(ii) the remaining number of the unvested RSUs shall be settled as soon as administratively practicable (but in no event later than 2 ½ months) after the date of such termination of employment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of a termination of employment covered by this Section 3(c), if the Committee determines that the Participant has been offered employment with the acquiror or successor and in connection with that employment will receive a substitute award from the acquiror or successor with an equivalent (or greater) economic value and no less favorable vesting conditions as this Award, the Committee in its discretion may determine not to provide for the additional vesting under clause (ii) of Section 3(c).

(d) Upon the termination of the Participant's employment for any other reason, the unvested portion of the Award shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment.

4. **Settlement of RSUs** : Subject to Sections 3, 6 and 7 of this Agreement, the Company shall deliver to the Participant (or to a Company-designated brokerage firm or plan administrator) as soon as administratively practicable following the applicable Vesting Date (but in no event later than 2 ½ months after the applicable Vesting Date), in complete settlement of all RSUs vesting on such Vesting Date, a number of Common Shares equal to the number of RSUs vesting on such Vesting Date.

5. **Rights as a Stockholder** : The Participant shall have no voting, dividend or other rights as a stockholder with respect to the Award until the RSUs have vested and Common Shares have been delivered pursuant to this Agreement

6. **Change in Control; Dissolution** :

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control with respect to any unvested RSUs granted pursuant to this Agreement that have not previously been forfeited:

(1) If (i) a Participant's rights to the unvested portion of the Award are not adversely affected in connection with the Change in Control, or, if adversely affected, a substitute award with an equivalent (or greater) economic value and no less favorable vesting conditions is granted to the Participant upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, and (ii) the Participant's employment is terminated by the Company (or its successor) without Cause within two years following the Change in Control, then the unvested portion of the Award (or, as applicable, the substitute award) shall immediately vest and a number of Common Shares equal to the number of unvested RSUs shall be delivered to the Participant within thirty (30) days following the date of termination, subject to the provisions of Section 7.

(2) If a Participant's right to the unvested portion of the Award is adversely affected in connection with the Change in Control and a substitute award is not made pursuant to Section 6(a)(1) above, then upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, the unvested portion of the Award shall immediately vest and a number of Common Shares equal to the number of unvested RSUs shall be delivered to the Participant within thirty (30) days following the Change in Control, subject to the provisions of Section 7; and

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in the event of a corporate dissolution of the Company that is taxed under Section 331 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(j)(4)(ix)(A), this Agreement shall terminate and any RSUs granted pursuant to this Agreement that have not previously been forfeited shall immediately become Common Shares and shall be delivered to the Participant within thirty (30) days following such dissolution.

7. **Income and Other Taxes** : The Company shall not deliver Common Shares in respect of any vested RSUs unless and until the Participant has made arrangements satisfactory to the Committee to satisfy applicable withholding tax obligations for US federal, state, and local income taxes (or the foreign counterpart thereof) and applicable employment taxes. Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, withholding shall be effected at the minimum statutory rates by withholding RSUs in connection with the vesting and/or settlement of RSUs. The Participant acknowledges that the Company shall have the right to deduct any taxes required to be withheld by law in connection with the delivery of Common Shares issued in respect of any vested RSUs from any amounts payable by it to the Participant (including, without limitation, future cash wages). The Participant acknowledges and agrees that amounts withheld by the Company for taxes may be less than amounts actually owed for taxes by the Participant in respect of the Award. Any vested RSUs shall be reflected in the Company's records as issued on the respective dates of issuance set forth in this Agreement, irrespective of whether delivery of such Common Shares is pending the Participant's satisfaction of his or her withholding tax obligations.

8. **Securities Laws** : The Company may impose such restrictions, conditions or limitations as it determines appropriate as to the timing and manner of any resales by the Participant or other subsequent transfers by the Participant of any Common Shares issued as a result of the vesting or settlement of the RSUs, including without limitation (a) restrictions under an insider trading policy, and (b) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers. Upon the acquisition of any Common Shares pursuant to the vesting or settlement of the RSUs, the Participant will make or enter into such written representations, warranties and agreements as the Company may reasonably request in order to comply with applicable securities laws or with this Agreement and the 2009 Plan. All accounts in which such Common

Shares are held or any certificates for Common Shares shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Company may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange or quotation system upon which the Common Shares are then listed or quoted, and any applicable federal or state securities law, and the Company may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates (or other appropriate restrictions and/or notations to be associated with any accounts in which such Common Shares are held) to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

9. **Non-Transferability of Award** : The RSUs may not be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company; provided, that the Participant may designate a beneficiary, on a form provided by the Company, to receive any portion of the Award payable hereunder following the Participant's death.

10. **Other Agreements** : Subject to Sections 10(a) and 10(b) of this Agreement, this Agreement and the 2009 Plan constitute the entire understanding between the Participant and the Company regarding the Award, and any prior agreements, commitments or negotiations concerning the Award are superseded.

(a) The Participant acknowledges that as a condition to the receipt of the Award, the Participant:

(1) shall have delivered to the Company an executed copy of this Agreement;

(2) shall be subject to the Company's stock ownership guidelines, to the extent applicable to the Participant;

(3) shall be subject to policies and agreements adopted by the Company from time to time, and applicable laws and regulations, requiring the repayment by the Participant of incentive compensation under certain circumstances, without any further act or deed or consent of the Participant; and

(4) shall have delivered to the Company an executed copy of the Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement (if a current version of such Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement is not already on file, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion). For purposes hereof, "Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement" means an agreement between the Company and the Participant associated with the grant of long-term incentives of the Company, which contains terms, conditions, restrictions and provisions regarding one or more of (i) noncompetition by the Participant with the Company, and its customers and clients; (ii) non-solicitation and non-hiring by the Participant of the Company's employees, former employees or consultants; (iii) maintenance of confidentiality of the Company's and/or clients' information, including intellectual property; (iv) nondisparagement of the Company; and (v) such other matters deemed necessary, desirable or appropriate by the Company for such an agreement in view of the rights and benefits conveyed in connection with an award.

(b) If the Participant is a non-resident of the U.S., there may be an addendum containing special terms and conditions applicable to awards in the Participant's country. The issuance of the Award to any such Participant is contingent upon the Participant executing and returning any such addendum in the manner directed by the Company.

11. **Not a Contract for Employment; No Acquired Rights; Agreement Changes** : Nothing in the 2009 Plan, this Agreement or any other instrument executed in connection with the Award shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the Company's employ or service nor limit in any way the Company's right to terminate the Participant's employment at any time for any reason. The grant of RSUs hereunder, and any future grant of awards to the Participant under the 2009 Plan, is entirely voluntary and at the complete and sole discretion of the Company. Neither the grant of these RSUs nor any future grant of awards by the Company shall be deemed to create any obligation to grant any further awards, whether or not such a reservation is expressly stated at the time of such grants. The Company has the right, at any time and for any reason, to amend, suspend or terminate the 2009 Plan; provided, however, that no such amendment, suspension, or termination shall adversely affect the Participant's rights hereunder.

12. **Severability** : In the event that any provision of this Agreement is declared to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be reformed, if possible, to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid and enforceable, or otherwise deleted, and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected except to the extent necessary to reform or delete such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision.

13. **Further Assurances** : Each party shall cooperate and take such action as may be reasonably requested by either party hereto in order to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Agreement.

14. **Binding Effect** : The Award and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective permitted heirs, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

15. **Electronic Delivery** : By executing this Agreement, the Participant hereby consents to the delivery of any and all information (including, without limitation, information required to be delivered to the Participant pursuant to applicable securities laws), in whole or in part, regarding the Company and its subsidiaries, the 2009 Plan, and the Award via electronic mail, the Company's or a plan administrator's web site, or other means of electronic delivery.

16. **Personal Data** : By accepting the Award under this Agreement, the Participant hereby consents to the Company's use, dissemination and disclosure of any information pertaining to the Participant that the Company determines to be necessary or desirable for the implementation, administration and management of the 2009 Plan.

17. **Governing Law** : The Award and this Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Delaware and applicable federal law.

18. **Restricted Stock Units Subject to Plan** : By entering into this Agreement the Participant agrees and acknowledges that the Participant has received and read a copy of the 2009 Plan and the 2009 Plan's prospectus. The RSUs and the Common Shares issued upon vesting of such RSUs are subject to the 2009 Plan, which is hereby incorporated by reference. In the event of any conflict between any term or provision of this Agreement and a term or provision of the 2009 Plan, the applicable terms and provisions of the 2009 Plan shall govern and prevail.

19. **Validity of Agreement** : This Agreement shall be valid, binding and effective upon the Company on the Grant Date. However, the RSUs granted pursuant to this Agreement shall be forfeited by the Participant and this Agreement shall have no force and effect if it is not duly executed by the Participant and delivered to the Company on or before <<Validity Date>>.

20. **Headings** : The headings preceding the text of the sections hereof are inserted solely for convenience of reference, and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

21. **Compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code** : Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement will be interpreted and applied so that the Agreement does not fail to meet, and is operated in accordance with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. The Company reserves the right to change the terms of this Agreement and the 2009 Plan without the Participant's consent to the extent necessary or desirable to comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A. Further, in accordance with the restrictions provided by Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(j)(2), any subsequent amendments to this Agreement or any other agreement, or the entering into or termination of any other agreement, affecting the RSUs provided by this Agreement shall not modify the time or form of issuance of the RSUs set forth in this Agreement. In addition, if the Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A, as determined by the Company, any payment made in connection with the Participant's separation from service shall not be made earlier than six (6) months and one day after the date of such separation from service to the extent required by Code Section 409A.

22. **Definitions** : The following terms shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding any contrary definition in the 2009 Plan:

(a) "*Cause*" means (i) the Participant's willful failure to perform the Participant's duties to the Company (other than as a result of total or partial incapacity due to physical or mental illness) for a period of 30 days following written notice by the Company to the Participant of such failure, (ii) conviction of, or a plea of nolo contendere to, (x) a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or any similar criminal act in a jurisdiction outside the United States or (y) a crime involving moral turpitude, (iii) the Participant's willful malfeasance or willful misconduct which is demonstrably injurious to the Company or its affiliates, (iv) any act of fraud by the Participant, (v) any material violation of the Company's business conduct policy, (vi) any material violation of the Company's policies concerning harassment or discrimination, (vii) the Participant's conduct that causes material harm to the business reputation of the Company or its affiliates, or (viii) the Participant's breach of any confidentiality, intellectual property, noncompetition or non-solicitation provisions applicable to the Participant under the Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement or any other agreement between the Participant and the Company.

(b) "*Change in Control*" means:

(i) Any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 50% or more of either (A) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this subparagraph, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any Affiliate, or (iv) any acquisition pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (A), (B) or (C) in paragraph (iii) of this definition; or

(ii) Individuals who, as of the effective date of this Agreement, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's

stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual was a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(iii) Consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a “Business Combination”), in each case unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company’s assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation, except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) Approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if it is determined that an Award hereunder is subject to the requirements of Section 409A and the Change in Control is a “payment event” under Section 409A for such Award, the Company will not be deemed to have undergone a Change in Control unless the Company is deemed to have undergone a “change in control event” pursuant to the definition of such term in Section 409A.

(c) “*Disability*” has the same meaning as “Disability” in the Celanese Corporation 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan or such other meaning as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, provided that in all events a “Disability” under this Agreement shall constitute a “disability” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(4).

(d) “*Qualifying Disposition*” means a sale or other disposition by the Company or one or more subsidiaries of all or part of a business, business unit, segment or subsidiary in a stock, asset, merger or other similar transaction or combination thereof, and determined by the Committee to be a Qualifying Disposition.

(e) “*Retirement*” of the Participant shall mean a voluntary separation from service on or after the date when the Participant is both {55 years of age and has ten years} ² of service with the Company, as determined by the Company in its discretion based on payroll records. Retirement shall not include voluntary separation from service in which the Company could have terminated the Participant’s employment for Cause.] ¹

[signature page follows]

² For the CEO, replace bracketed language with “65 years of age and has five years”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer and the Participant has also executed this Agreement in duplicate.

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARK C. ROHR
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

This Agreement has been accepted and agreed to by the undersigned Participant.

PARTICIPANT

By: _____

Name: <<NAME>>

Employee ID: << Personnel Number>>

Date: _____

[Form of 2014 Stock Option Award]



**CELANESE CORPORATION
2009 GLOBAL INCENTIVE PLAN**

**NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AWARD AGREEMENT
DATED <<Grant Date>>**

<<NAME>>

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Celanese Corporation 2009 Global Incentive Plan, you have been awarded Nonqualified Stock Options with respect to Celanese Common Stock, subject to the restrictions described in this Agreement:

Stock Option Award

<<# Shares>> Shares

This grant is made pursuant to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement dated as of <<Grant Date>>, between Celanese and you, which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

CELANESE CORPORATION
2009 GLOBAL INCENTIVE PLAN
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AWARD AGREEMENT

This Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of <<Grant Date>> (the “Grant Date”) by and between Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and <<NAME>> (the “Participant”). Capitalized terms used, but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Celanese Corporation 2009 Global Incentive Plan (as amended from time to time, the “2009 Plan”).

1. **Grant of Option** : In order to encourage the Participant’s contribution to the successful performance of the Company, the Company hereby grants to the Participant as of the Grant Date, pursuant to the terms of the 2009 Plan and this Agreement, an award (the “Award”) of nonqualified stock options (the “Option”) to purchase all or any part of the number of Common Shares that are covered by such Option at the Exercise Price per share, in each case as specified below. The Participant hereby acknowledges and accepts such Award upon the terms and subject to the performance requirements and other conditions, restrictions and limitations contained in this Agreement and the 2009 Plan.

Number of Common Shares Subject to Option	<<# Shares>>
Grant Date:	<<Grant Date>>
Exercise Price Per Share:	<<Exercise Price>>
Expiration Date:	<<Expiration Date>>
Vesting Schedule (each date on which a portion of the Option vests and become exercisable, a “Vesting Date”, and each period between the Grant Date and a Vesting Date, a “Vesting Period”)	<<Vesting Schedule>>

2. **Non-Qualified Stock Option** : The Option is not intended to be an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code and this Agreement will be interpreted accordingly.

3. **Exercise of Option** :

(a) The Option shall not be exercisable as of the Grant Date. After the Grant Date, to the extent not previously exercised, and subject to termination or acceleration as provided in this Agreement or in the 2009 Plan, the Option shall be exercisable to the extent it becomes vested, as described in this Agreement, to purchase up to that number of Common Shares as set forth above, subject to the Participant’s continued employment with the Company (except as set forth in Section 4 below). The vesting period and/or exercisability of the Option may be adjusted by the Committee to reflect the decreased level of employment during any period in which the Participant is on an approved leave of absence or is employed on a less than full time basis.

(b) To exercise the Option (or any part thereof), the Participant shall notify the Company and its designated stock plan administrator or agent, as specified by the Company (the “Administrator”), and indicate both (i) the number of whole shares of Common Stock the Participant wishes to purchase pursuant to such Option, and (ii) how the Participant wishes the shares of Common Stock to be registered (*i.e.* – in the Participant’s name or in the Participant’s and the Participant’s spouse’s name as community property or as joint tenants with rights of survivorship).

(c) The exercise price (the “Exercise Price”) of the Option is set forth in Section 1. The Company shall not be obligated to issue any Common Shares until the Participant shall have paid the total Exercise Price for that number of Common Shares. The Exercise Price may be paid in any of the following forms, or in a combination thereof: (i) cash or its equivalent, (ii) by means of tendering to the Company Common Shares owned by the Participant without reference to this Option, (iii) if there is a public market for the Common Shares at the time of exercise, subject to such rules as may be established by the Committee, through delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell the Common Shares otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the Option and deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price, or (iv) any other method approved by the Committee.

(d) Common Shares will be issued as soon as practical following exercise of the Option. Notwithstanding the above, the Company shall not be obligated to deliver any Common Shares during any period in which the Company determines that the exercisability of the Option or the delivery of Common Shares pursuant to this Agreement would violate any federal, state or other applicable laws.

4. **Effects of Certain Events :**

(a) Upon the termination of the Participant’s employment by the Company without Cause or due to the Participant’s death or Disability (other than as provided in Section 4(b)), a prorated portion of the unvested portion of the Option will vest in an amount equal to (i) the unvested Option in each Vesting Period multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months from the Grant Date to the date of termination without Cause or due to the Participant’s death or Disability, and the denominator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months in each applicable Vesting Period, such product to be rounded up to the nearest whole number. The Participant (or the Participant's estate, beneficiary or legal representative) may exercise the vested portion of the Option until the earlier of (1) the twelve-month anniversary of the date of such termination of employment or (2) the Expiration Date. The remaining portion of the Option shall be forfeited and cancelled without consideration.

[Upon the termination of the Participant’s employment with the Company upon Retirement, a prorated number of the unvested portion of the Option will vest on the normal Vesting Dates in an amount equal to (i) the unvested Option in each Vesting Period multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months from the Grant Date to the date of termination for Retirement, and the denominator of which is the number of complete and partial calendar months in each applicable Vesting Period, such product to be rounded up to the nearest whole number. To the extent permitted by applicable country, state or province law, as consideration for the vesting provisions upon Retirement contained in this paragraph, upon Retirement, the Participant shall enter into a departure and general release of claims agreement with the Company that includes two-year noncompetition and non-solicitation covenants in a form acceptable to the Company. The Participant (or the Participant's estate, beneficiary or legal representative) may exercise the vested portion of the Option until the Expiration Date. The remaining portion of the Option shall be forfeited and cancelled without consideration.]¹

¹ Remove all bracketed verbiage relating to “Retirement” and the effects thereof from award agreements given for retention or in other special circumstances; the verbiage should be retained (without brackets) for new hire awards.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if the Participant's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company in connection with a Qualifying Disposition, as determined by the Company, other than for Cause, and regardless of whether the Participant is [then eligible for Retirement or is] ¹ offered employment with the acquiror or successor, then the unexercisable portion of the Option shall immediately vest and become exercisable, and shall remain exercisable until the Expiration Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of a termination of employment covered by this Section 4(b), if the Committee determines that the Participant has been offered employment with the acquiror or successor and in connection with that employment will receive a substitute award from the acquiror or successor with an equivalent (or greater) economic value and no less favorable vesting conditions as this Award, the Committee in its discretion may determine that (i) the additional vesting of the Option under this Section 4(b) shall be limited to a prorated number of the unvested Option as determined under Section 4(a), (ii) the remaining portion of the Option shall be forfeited and cancelled without consideration, and (iii) the vested portion of the option shall remain exercisable until the Expiration Date.

(c) Upon the termination of a Participant's employment with the Company by reason of the Participant's voluntary resignation [(other than Retirement)] ¹, (i) the unvested portion of the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment, and (ii) the Participant may exercise the vested portion of the Option until the earlier of (1) 90 days following the date of such termination of employment and (2) the Expiration Date.

(d) Upon the termination of a Participant's employment with the Company for "Cause", the vested and unvested portion of the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled without consideration as of the date of the Participant's termination of employment.

5. **Rights as a Stockholder** : The Participant shall have no voting, dividend or other rights as a stockholder with respect to the Award until the Options have been exercised and Common Shares have been delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

6. **Change in Control** : Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, with respect to any unexercised Options granted pursuant to this Agreement that have not previously been forfeited:

(a) If (i) the Participant's rights to the unexercisable portion of the Option is not adversely affected in connection with the Change in Control, or, if adversely affected, a substitute award with an equivalent (or greater) economic value and no less favorable vesting conditions is granted to the Participant upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, and (ii) the Participant's employment is terminated by the Company (or its successor) without Cause within two years following the Change in Control, then the unexercisable portion of the Option (or, as applicable, the substitute award) shall immediately vest and become exercisable, and shall remain exercisable for such period (not less than 12 months, or through the Expiration Date if earlier) as specified by the Committee and communicated to the Participant.

(b) If the Participant's rights to the unexercisable portion of the Option is adversely affected in connection with the Change in Control and a substitute award is not made pursuant to Section 6(a) above, then upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, the unexercisable portion of the Option shall immediately vest and become exercisable, and shall remain exercisable for such period (not less than 12 months, or through the Expiration Date if earlier) as specified by the Committee and communicated to the Participant.

7. **Income and Other Taxes** : The Company shall not deliver Common Shares in respect of the exercise of the Option unless and until the Participant has made arrangements satisfactory to the Committee to satisfy applicable withholding tax obligations for US federal, state, and local income taxes (or the foreign counterpart thereof) and applicable employment taxes. Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, withholding shall be effected at the minimum statutory rates by withholding Common Shares issuable in connection with the exercise of the Option. The Participant acknowledges that the Company shall have the right to deduct any taxes required to be withheld by law in connection with the delivery of Common Shares issued in respect to the exercise of the Option from any amounts payable by it to the Participant (including, without limitation, future cash wages). The Participant acknowledges and agrees that amounts withheld by the Company for taxes may be less than amounts actually owed for taxes by the Participant in respect of the Award.

8. **Securities Laws** : The Company may impose such restrictions, conditions or limitations as it determines appropriate as to the timing and manner of any resales by the Participant or other subsequent transfers by the Participant of any Common Shares issued as a result of the exercise of the Option, including without limitation (a) restrictions under an insider trading policy, and (b) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers. Upon the acquisition of any Common Shares pursuant to the exercise of the Option, the Participant will make or enter into such written representations, warranties and agreements as the Company may reasonably request in order to comply with applicable securities laws or with this Agreement and the 2009 Plan. All accounts in which such Common Shares are held or any certificates for Common Shares shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Company may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange or quotation system upon which the Common Shares are then listed or quoted, and any applicable federal or state securities law, and the Company may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates (or other appropriate restrictions and/or notations to be associated with any accounts in which such Common Shares are held) to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

9. **Non-Transferability of Award** : The Option may not be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company; provided, that the Participant may designate a beneficiary, on a form provided by the Company, to receive any portion of the Award payable hereunder following the Participant's death.

10. **Other Agreements** : Subject to Sections 10(a) and 10(b) of this Agreement, this Agreement and the 2009 Plan constitute the entire understanding between the Participant and the Company regarding the Award, and any prior agreements, commitments or negotiations concerning the Award are superseded.

(a) The Participant acknowledges that as a condition to the receipt of the Award, the Participant:

- (1) shall have delivered to the Company an executed copy of this Agreement;
- (2) shall be subject to the Company's stock ownership guidelines, to the extent applicable to the Participant;
- (3) shall be subject to policies and agreements adopted by the Company from time to time, and applicable laws and regulations, requiring the repayment by the Participant of incentive compensation under certain circumstances, without any further act or deed or consent of the Participant; and

(4) shall have delivered to the Company an executed copy of the Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement (if a current version of such Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement is not already on file, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion). For purposes hereof, "Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement" means an agreement between the Company and the Participant associated with the grant of long-term incentives of the Company, which contains terms, conditions, restrictions and provisions regarding one or more of (i) noncompetition by the Participant with the Company, and its customers and clients; (ii) non-solicitation and non-hiring by the Participant of the Company's employees, former employees or consultants; (iii) maintenance of confidentiality of the Company's and/or clients' information, including intellectual property; (iv) nondisparagement of the Company; and (v) such other matters deemed necessary, desirable or appropriate by the Company for such an agreement in view of the rights and benefits conveyed in connection with an award.

(b) If the Participant is a non-resident of the U.S., there may be an addendum containing special terms and conditions applicable to awards in the Participant's country. The issuance of the Award to any such Participant is contingent upon the Participant executing and returning any such addendum in the manner directed by the Company.

11. **Not a Contract for Employment; No Acquired Rights** : Nothing in the 2009 Plan, this Agreement or any other instrument executed in connection with the Award shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the Company's employ or service nor limit in any way the Company's right to terminate the Participant's employment at any time for any reason. The grant of Options hereunder, and any future grant of awards to the Participant under the 2009 Plan, is entirely voluntary and at the complete and sole discretion of the Company. Neither the grant of these Options nor any future grant of awards by the Company shall be deemed to create any obligation to grant any further awards, whether or not such a reservation is expressly stated at the time of such grants. The Company has the right, at any time and for any reason, to amend, suspend or terminate the 2009 Plan; provided, however, that no such amendment, suspension, or termination shall adversely affect the Participant's rights hereunder.

12. **Severability** : In the event that any provision of this Agreement is declared to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be reformed, if possible, to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid and enforceable, or otherwise deleted, and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected except to the extent necessary to reform or delete such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision.

13. **Further Assurances** : Each party shall cooperate and take such action as may be reasonably requested by either party hereto in order to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Agreement.

14. **Binding Effect** : The Award and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective permitted heirs, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

15. **Electronic Delivery** : By executing this Agreement, the Participant hereby consents to the delivery of any and all information (including, without limitation, information required to be delivered to the Participant pursuant to applicable securities laws), in whole or in part, regarding the Company and its subsidiaries, the 2009 Plan, and the Award via electronic mail, the Company's or a plan administrator's web site, or other means of electronic delivery.

16. **Personal Data** : By accepting the Award under this Agreement, the Participant hereby consents to the Company's use, dissemination and disclosure of any information pertaining to the Participant

that the Company determines to be necessary or desirable for the implementation, administration and management of the 2009 Plan.

17. **Governing Law** : The Award and this Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Delaware and applicable federal law.

18. **Option Subject to Plan** : By entering into this Agreement the Participant agrees and acknowledges that the Participant has received and read a copy of the 2009 Plan and the 2009 Plan's prospectus. The Option and the Common Shares issued upon exercise of such Option are subject to the 2009 Plan, which is hereby incorporated by reference. In the event of any conflict between any term or provision of this Agreement and a term or provision of the 2009 Plan, the applicable terms and provisions of the 2009 Plan shall govern and prevail.

19. **Validity of Agreement** : This Agreement shall be valid, binding and effective upon the Company on the Grant Date. However, the Option granted pursuant to this Agreement shall be forfeited by the Participant and this Agreement shall have no force and effect if it is not duly executed by the Participant and delivered to the Company on or before <<Validity Date>>.

20. **Headings** : The headings preceding the text of the sections hereof are inserted solely for convenience of reference, and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

21. **Definitions** : The following terms shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding any contrary definition in the Plan:

(a) “ *Cause* ” means (i) the Participant's willful failure to perform the Participant's duties to the Company (other than as a result of total or partial incapacity due to physical or mental illness) for a period of 30 days following written notice by the Company to the Participant of such failure, (ii) conviction of, or a plea of nolo contendere to, (x) a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or any similar criminal act in a jurisdiction outside the United States or (y) a crime involving moral turpitude, (iii) the Participant's willful malfeasance or willful misconduct which is demonstrably injurious to the Company or its affiliates, (iv) any act of fraud by the Participant, (v) any material violation of the Company's business conduct policy, (vi) any material violation of the Company's policies concerning harassment or discrimination, (vii) the Participant's conduct that causes material harm to the business reputation of the Company or its affiliates, or (viii) the Participant's breach of any confidentiality, intellectual property, noncompetition or non-solicitation applicable to the Participant under the Long-Term Incentive Claw-Back Agreement or any other agreement between the Participant and the Company.

(b) “ *Change in Control* ” means:

(i) Any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) (a “Person”) becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 50% or more of either (A) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the “Outstanding Company Common Stock”) or (B) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that, for purposes of this subparagraph, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any Affiliate, or (iv) any acquisition

pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (A), (B) or (C) in paragraph (iii) of this definition; or

(ii) Individuals who, as of the effective date of this Agreement, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board”) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual was a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(iii) Consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a “Business Combination”), in each case unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company’s assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation, except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) Approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if it is determined that an Award hereunder is subject to the requirements of Section 409A and the Change in Control is a “payment event” under Section 409A for such Award, the Company will not be deemed to have undergone a Change in Control unless the Company is deemed to have undergone a “change in control event” pursuant to the definition of such term in Section 409A.

(c) “*Disability*” has the same meaning as “Disability” in the Celanese Corporation 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan or such other meaning as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

(d) “*Qualifying Disposition*” means a sale or other disposition by the Company or one or more subsidiaries of all or part of a business, business unit, segment or subsidiary in a stock, asset, merger or other similar transaction or combination thereof, and determined by the Committee to be a Qualifying Disposition.

(e) “*Retirement*” of the Participant shall mean a voluntary separation from service on or after the date when the Participant is both {55 years of age and has ten years} ² of service with the Company, as determined by the Company in its discretion based on payroll records. Retirement shall not include voluntary separation from service in which the Company could have terminated the Participant’s employment for Cause.] ¹

² For the CEO, if applicable, replace bracketed language with “65 years of age and has five years”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer and the Participant has also executed this Agreement in duplicate.

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARK C. ROHR
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

This Agreement has been accepted and agreed to by the undersigned Participant.

PARTICIPANT

By: _____

Name: <<NAME>>

Employee ID: << Personnel Number>>

Date: _____

**CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 17 CFR 240.13a-14
PROMULGATED UNDER
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Mark C. Rohr, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Celanese Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ MARK C. ROHR

Mark C. Rohr

Chairman of the Board of Directors and

Chief Executive Officer

April 22, 2014

**CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 17 CFR 240.13a-14
PROMULGATED UNDER
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Steven M. Sterin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Celanese Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ STEVEN M. STERIN

Steven M. Sterin

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

April 22, 2014

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Celanese Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Mark C. Rohr, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ MARK C. ROHR

Mark C. Rohr

Chairman of the Board of Directors and

Chief Executive Officer

April 22, 2014

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Celanese Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven M. Sterin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ STEVEN M. STERIN

Steven M. Sterin

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

April 22, 2014