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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, 2007
or
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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(Commission File Number)

CELANESE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
*(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)*

1601 West LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98-0420726
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.
Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-accelerated filer

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 May 3, 2007 was 157,538,428.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The consolidated statement of shareholders' equity of Celanese Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2006 included an incorrect presentation of the adoption impact of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans — An Amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)*. That presentation included the \$132 million charge for the impact of adoption as a component of current-period comprehensive income, rather than displaying the adoption impact as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes a revised consolidated statement of shareholders' equity for the year ended December 31, 2006. The revisions include presentation of the \$132 million adoption impact as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net, and a corresponding increase to 2006 comprehensive income. The revision did not change net income, total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net, or cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2006.

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UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006
(In \$ millions, except for share and per share data)		
Net sales	1,631	1,498
Cost of sales	(1,240)	(1,160)
Gross profit	391	338
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(116)	(138)
Amortization of intangible assets (customer related)	(18)	(14)
Research and development expenses	(17)	(17)
Other (charges) gains, net	(1)	—
Foreign exchange gain, net	1	—
Loss on disposition of assets, net	(1)	—
Operating profit	239	169
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	18	18
Interest expense	(72)	(71)
Interest income	14	8
Other income, net	5	6
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	204	130
Income tax provision	(60)	(34)
Earnings from continuing operations	144	96
Earnings from discontinued operations:		
Earnings from operation of discontinued operations	10	32
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	31	—
Income tax (provision) benefit	16	(11)
Earnings from discontinued operations	57	21
Net earnings	201	117
Cumulative preferred stock dividend	(2)	(3)
Net earnings available to common shareholders	199	114
Earnings per common share — basic:		
Continuing operations	0.89	0.59
Discontinued operations	0.36	0.13
Net earnings available to common shareholders	1.25	0.72
Earnings per common share — diluted:		
Continuing operations	0.83	0.57
Discontinued operations	0.32	0.11
Net earnings available to common shareholders	1.15	0.68
Weighted average shares — basic:	159,284,888	158,562,161
Weighted average shares — diluted:	174,442,332	171,487,669

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

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of March 31, 2007	As of December 31, 2006
	(In \$ millions, except share amounts)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,115	791
Restricted cash	—	46
Receivables:		
Trade receivables — third party and affiliates, net	910	1,001
Other receivables	510	475
Inventories	584	653
Deferred income taxes	75	76
Other assets	43	69
Total current assets	<u>3,237</u>	<u>3,111</u>
Investments	733	763
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$680 million and \$687 million as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	2,047	2,155
Deferred income taxes	63	22
Other assets	487	506
Goodwill	869	875
Intangible assets, net	451	463
Total assets	<u>7,887</u>	<u>7,895</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	184	309
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	731	823
Other current liabilities	716	787
Deferred income taxes	6	18
Income taxes payable	104	279
Total current liabilities	<u>1,741</u>	<u>2,216</u>
Long-term debt	3,305	3,189
Deferred income taxes	265	297
Benefit obligations	907	889
Other liabilities	685	443
Minority interests	5	74
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 9,600,000 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	—	—
Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized and 159,854,927 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2007 and 158,668,666 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2006	—	—
Series B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 0 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	388	362
Retained earnings	600	394
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	(9)	31
Total shareholders' equity	<u>979</u>	<u>787</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>7,887</u>	<u>7,895</u>

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

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UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Preferred Stock		Series A Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Number of Shares	Amount	Number of Shares	Amount				
	(In \$ millions, except share amounts)							
Balance at December 31, 2005	9,600,000	—	158,562,161	—	337	24	(126)	235
Issuance of Series A shares related to stock option exercises	—	—	106,505	—	2	—	—	2
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:								
Net earnings	—	—	—	—	—	406	—	406
Other comprehensive income (loss):								
Unrealized gain on securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	13
Unrealized gain on derivative contracts	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Pension and postretirement benefits (revised)	—	—	—	—	—	—	269	269
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Other comprehensive income (revised)	—	—	—	—	—	—	289	289
Comprehensive income (revised)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	695
Adjustment to initially apply FASB Statement No. 158, net of tax (revised)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(132)	(132)
Indemnification of demerger liability	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
Common stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(26)	—	(26)
Preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(10)	—	(10)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	20
Balance at December 31, 2006	<u>9,600,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>158,668,666</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>787</u>
Issuance of Series A common stock related to stock option exercises, including related tax benefits	—	—	1,178,861	—	23	—	—	23
Issuance of Series A common stock	—	—	7,400	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:								
Net earnings	—	—	—	—	—	201	—	201
Other comprehensive income (loss):								
Unrealized gain on securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Unrealized loss on derivative contracts	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3)	(3)
Pension and postretirement benefits	—	—	—	—	—	—	(45)	(45)
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(40)	(40)
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	161
Indemnification of demerger liability	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Common stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(6)	—	(6)
Preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Adoption of FIN 48	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	13
Balance at March 31, 2007	<u>9,600,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>159,854,927</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>979</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, 2007	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006
	(In \$ millions)	
Operating activities:		
Net earnings	201	117
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Other (charges) gains, net of amounts used	2	(14)
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	81	78
Deferred income taxes	(34)	10
Gain on disposition of assets, net	(30)	—
Other, net	14	2
Operating cash used in discontinued operations	(74)	(2)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables — third party and affiliates, net	34	(54)
Inventories	17	(3)
Other assets	24	(10)
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	(95)	(87)
Other liabilities	(128)	(38)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	12	(1)
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	(49)	(43)
Acquisitions and related fees, net of cash acquired	(269)	—
Net proceeds from sale of businesses and assets	578	—
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	32	27
Purchases of marketable securities	(1)	(29)
Changes in restricted cash	46	(42)
Investing cash used in discontinued operations	—	(14)
Other, net	(12)	(5)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	325	(106)
Financing activities:		
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	(40)	32
Proceeds from long-term debt	11	7
Repayments of long-term debt	(1)	(5)
Stock option exercises	19	—
Dividend payments on Series A common stock and preferred stock	(8)	(9)
Other, net	2	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(17)	25
Exchange rate effects on cash	4	4
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	324	(78)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	791	390
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,115	312

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

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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 an integrated global hybrid chemical 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.

Basis of Presentation

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

As used in this document, the term “CAG” refers to (i) prior to the Organizational Restructuring (as defined in Note 2 below), Celanese AG and Celanese Americas Corporation (“CAC”), their consolidated subsidiaries, their non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments, and (ii) following the Organizational Restructuring, Celanese AG, its consolidated subsidiaries, its non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments, except that with respect to shareholder and similar matters where the context indicates, “CAG” refers to Celanese AG.

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 contained in this Quarterly Report were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”) for all periods presented. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and other financial information included in this Quarterly Report, unless otherwise specified, have been presented to separately show the effects of discontinued operations.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheets and related unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations, cash flows, and shareholders’ equity include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring items, necessary for their fair presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted in accordance with rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Celanese Corporation and Subsidiaries consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, as filed on February 21, 2007 with the SEC as part of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K (the “2006 Form 10-K”).

Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses and allocated charges during the reporting period. Significant estimates pertain to purchase price allocations, impairments of intangible assets and other long-lived assets, restructuring costs and other (charges)

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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.

As noted in Note 3, the Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007. The Company considers many factors when evaluating and estimating its tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments and which may not accurately anticipate actual outcomes. Tax positions shall be recognized only when it is more likely than not (likelihood of greater than 50%), based on technical merits, that the positions will be sustained upon examination. Tax positions that meet the more likely than not threshold should be measured using a probability weighted approach as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. Whether the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met for a tax position is a matter of judgment based on the individual facts and circumstances of that position evaluated in light of all available evidence.

Restricted Cash

At December 31, 2006, the Company had \$46 million of restricted cash. The cash was paid in January 2007 to certain CAG shareholders pursuant to the terms of the Squeeze-Out as discussed in Note 4.

Reclassifications

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

2. Domination Agreement and Organizational Restructuring

Domination Agreement

The domination and profit and loss transfer agreement (the "Domination Agreement") was approved at the CAG extraordinary shareholders' meeting on July 31, 2004. The Domination Agreement between CAG and the Purchaser became effective on October 1, 2004. The Company's subsidiaries, Celanese Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A., formerly BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A ("Celanese Caylux") and BCP Crystal, have each agreed to provide the Purchaser with financing to strengthen the Purchaser's ability to fulfill its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement and to ensure that the Purchaser will perform all of its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement when such obligations become due, including, without limitation, the obligation to compensate CAG for any statutory annual loss incurred by CAG during the term of the Domination Agreement. If Celanese Caylux and/or BCP Crystal are obligated to make payments under such guarantees or other security to the Purchaser and/or the minority shareholders, the Company may not have sufficient funds for payments on its indebtedness when due. The Company has not had to compensate CAG for an annual loss for any period during which the Domination Agreement has been in effect. See additional discussion in the 2006 Form 10-K.

The Domination Agreement is further challenged in eight Null and Void actions pending in the Frankfurt District Court. These actions are seeking to have the shareholders' resolution approving the Domination Agreement declared null and void based on an alleged violation of formal requirements relating to the invitation for the shareholders' meeting. A court hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2007. See additional discussion in the 2006 Form 10-K.

If legal challenges of the Domination Agreement by dissenting shareholders of CAG are successful, some or all actions taken under the Domination Agreement, including the transfer of CAC (see *Organizational Restructuring* below for discussion regarding CAC's transfer) may be required to be reversed and the Company may be required to compensate CAG for damages caused by such actions, which could have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

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Organizational Restructuring

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

3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes — an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109* (“FIN 48”), which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions. The interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for financial statement recognition of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 requires that the Company recognize in its financial statements, the impact of a tax position, if that position is more likely than not of being sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting interim periods, disclosure and transition. The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. The Company recorded the initial impact of FIN 48 as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle recorded as an adjustment to opening retained earnings and as an adjustment to Goodwill. See the unaudited interim consolidated statements of shareholders’ equity and Note 15 for additional information related to the impact of the adoption of FIN 48.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (“SFAS No. 157”), which defines fair value, establishes guidelines for measuring fair value and expands disclosures regarding fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements but rather eliminates inconsistencies in guidance found in various prior accounting pronouncements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157 on the Company’s financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

On February 15, 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities — Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115* (“SFAS No. 159”). This standard permits companies to choose to measure many financial assets and liabilities and certain other items at fair value. A company will report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option may be applied on an instrument-by-instrument basis, with several exceptions, such as those investments accounted for by the equity method, and once elected, the option is irrevocable unless a new election date occurs. The fair value option can be applied only to entire instruments and not to portions thereof. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of a company’s first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS No. 159 on the Company’s financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

4. Acquisitions, Ventures and Divestitures*Acquisitions*

On January 31, 2007, the Company completed the acquisition of the cellulose acetate flake, tow and film business of Acetate Products Limited (“APL”), a subsidiary of Corsadi B.V. The purchase price for the transaction was approximately £57 million (\$112 million), in addition to direct acquisition costs of approximately £4 million (\$7 million). Pro forma financial information has not been provided as the acquisition did not have a material impact on the Company’s results of operations. As contemplated prior to closing, the Company announced on March 14,

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2007, plans to close its tow production plant at Little Heath, United Kingdom during 2007. In accordance with the Company's sponsor services agreement dated January 26, 2005, as amended, the Company paid the Advisor \$1 million in connection with the acquisition of APL.

The following table presents the preliminary allocation of APL acquisition costs to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, based on their fair values. This preliminary allocation is subject to change when the final valuations are obtained.

	(In \$ millions)
Accounts receivable	34
Inventories	29
Property, plant, and equipment	48
Goodwill	57
Intangible assets	2
Other current assets/liabilities, net	(43)
Non-current liabilities	(8)
Net assets acquired	119

On April 6, 2004, the Company acquired 84% of CAG (the "Acquisition"). During 2005, the Company acquired an additional 14% of CAG. See additional discussion of these acquisitions in the 2006 Form 10-K. On May 30, 2006, CAG's shareholders' approved a transfer to the Purchaser of all shares owned by minority shareholders against payment of cash compensation in the amount of €66.99 per share (the "Squeeze-Out"). The Squeeze-Out was registered in the commercial register in Germany on December 22, 2006, after several lawsuits by minority shareholders challenging the shareholders' resolution approving the Squeeze-Out were withdrawn pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into between plaintiff shareholders, the Purchaser and CAG on the same day. An aggregate purchase price of approximately €62 million was paid to minority shareholders in January 2007 as fair cash compensation for the acquisition of their shares in CAG, excluding direct acquisition costs of approximately €2 million. As a result of this acquisition, the Company recorded an increase to Goodwill of approximately \$5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2007. The amount of the fair cash compensation of €66.99 per share could increase based on the outcome of award proceedings pending in German courts. As of March 31, 2007, the Company's ownership percentage was 100%.

Ventures

On March 28, 2007, the Company announced that it entered into a strategic partnership with Accsys Technologies PLC ("Accsys"), and its subsidiary Titan Wood, to become the exclusive supplier of acetyl products to Titan Wood's technology licensees for use in wood acetylation. In conjunction with this partnership, the Company will make an investment of approximately \$30 million during the second quarter of 2007 contingent on the approval of the transaction by Accsys' shareholders.

Divestitures

In connection with the Company's strategy to optimize its portfolio and divest non-core operations, the Company announced on December 13, 2006 its agreement to sell its Chemical Products segments' oxo products and derivatives businesses, including European Oxo GmbH ("EOXO"), a 50/50 venture between Celanese AG and Degussa AG ("Degussa"), to Advent International, for a purchase price of €480 million subject to final agreement adjustments and the successful exercise of the Company's option to purchase Degussa's 50% interest in EOXO. On February 23, 2007, the option was exercised and the Company acquired Degussa's interest in the venture for a purchase price of €30 million (\$39 million), in addition to €22 million (\$29 million) paid to extinguish EOXO's debt

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upon closing of the transaction. The Company completed the sale of its oxo products and derivatives businesses, including the acquired 50% interest in EOXO, on February 28, 2007. The sale included the oxo and derivatives businesses at the Oberhausen, Germany, and Bay City, Texas facilities as well as portions of its Bishop, Texas facility. Also included were EOXO's facilities within the Oberhausen and Marl, Germany plants. The former oxo and derivatives businesses acquired by Advent International was renamed Oxea. Taking into account agreed deductions by the buyer for pension and other employee benefits and various costs for separation activities, the Company received proceeds of approximately €443 million (\$85 million) at closing. The transaction resulted in the recognition of a \$31 million pre-tax gain in the first quarter of 2007. Additional revisions to the gain amount are expected in 2007 related to working capital and other adjustments as specified in the sale agreement. Due to certain lease-back arrangements between the Company and the buyer and related environmental obligations of the Company, approximately \$49 million of the transaction proceeds attributable to the fair value of the underlying land at Bay City and Oberhausen is deferred as an other long-term liability, and divested land with a book value of \$14 million remains on the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

Subsequent to closing, the Company and Oxea will have certain site service and product supply arrangements. The site services include, but are not limited to, administrative, utilities, health and safety, waste water treatment and maintenance activities for terms which range from one to fifteen years. Product supply agreements contain initial terms of up to fifteen years. The Company has no contractual ability through these agreements or any other arrangements to significantly influence the operating or financial policies of Oxea. The Company concluded, based on the nature and limited projected magnitude of the continuing business relationship between the Company and Oxea, that the divestiture of the oxo products and derivatives businesses should be accounted for as a discontinued operation.

Third party sales include \$5 million and \$9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, that would have been eliminated upon consolidation were the divestiture not accounted for as a discontinued operation. These amounts relate to sales from the continuing operations of the Company to the divested business.

In accordance with the Company's sponsor services agreement dated January 26, 2005, as amended, the Company paid the Advisor \$6 million in connection with the sale of the oxo products and derivatives businesses.

During the third quarter of 2006, the Company discontinued its Pentaerythritol ("PE") operations, which were included in the Chemical Products segment. As a result, the earnings (loss) from operations related to the PE operation is reflected as a component of discontinued operations in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

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The following table summarizes the results of the discontinued operations for the periods presented in the unaudited interim consolidated statement of operations:

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2007 ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2006</u>
	(In \$ millions)	
Net sales	119	163
Cost of sales	(103)	(133)
Gross profit	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>
Operating profit	10	32
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	31	—
Income tax provision from operation of discontinued operations	(3)	(11)
Income tax benefit from gain on disposal of discontinued operations	<u>19⁽²⁾</u>	<u>—</u>
Earnings from discontinued operations	<u><u>57</u></u>	<u><u>21</u></u>

(1) The three months ended March 31, 2007 includes only two months of operations for the oxo products and derivatives businesses as these businesses were sold on February 28, 2007.

(2) Income tax benefit on gain from disposal of discontinued operations of \$19 million is comprised of \$30 million tax expense related to the divestiture of facilities in the U.S., offset by \$49 million tax benefit on the divestiture of facilities and investments in Germany.

The following table presents the major classes of assets and liabilities of the oxo products and derivatives businesses divested during the first quarter of 2007:

	(In \$ millions)
Trade receivables — third party and affiliates, net	147
Inventories	75
Other assets — current	8
Investments ⁽¹⁾	125
Property, plant and equipment	139
Other assets	23
Goodwill	42
Intangible assets, net	<u>10</u>
Total assets	<u><u>569</u></u>
Current liabilities	4
Other liabilities	<u>19</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>23</u></u>

(1) Includes the Company's 50% investment in EOXO and the 50% interest in EOXO purchased from Degussa in February 2007 (See Note 4).

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Cost Method Investment

In February 2007, the Company wrote-off its remaining €1 million (\$1 million) cost investment in European Pipeline Development Company B.V. (“EPDC”). In addition, the Company expensed €7 million (\$9 million) associated with contingent liabilities that became payable due to the Company’s decision to exit the pipeline development project. The investment in EPDC relates to the construction of a pipeline system, solely dedicated to the transportation of propylene, which was to connect Rotterdam via Antwerp with the Company’s Oberhausen and Marl production facilities in Germany. However, on February 15, 2007, EPDC shareholders decided to stop the building of the pipeline project as originally envisaged and go into liquidation. The Company was a 12.5% shareholder of EPDC.

5. Receivables, net

	<u>As of March 31, 2007</u>	<u>As of December 31, 2006</u>
	(In \$ millions)	
Trade receivables — third party and affiliates	924	1,017
Allowance for doubtful accounts — third party and affiliates	(14)	(16)
Subtotal	910	1,001
Reinsurance receivables	88	85
Other	422	390
Net receivables	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,476</u>

6. Inventories

	<u>As of March 31, 2007</u>	<u>As of December 31, 2006</u>
	(In \$ millions)	
Finished goods	425	500
Work-in-process	24	33
Raw materials and supplies	135	120
Total inventories	<u>584</u>	<u>653</u>

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7. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill

	<u>Chemical Products</u>	<u>Acetate Products</u>	<u>Ticona</u>	<u>Performance Products</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(In \$ millions)					
As of December 31, 2006	368	156	256	84	11	875
Acquisition of CAG ⁽¹⁾	(5)	(12)	(9)	1	—	(25)
Acquisition of APL	—	57	—	—	—	57
Sale of oxo and derivatives businesses	(42)	—	—	—	—	(42)
Adoption of FIN 48 ⁽²⁾	(23)	(5)	15	11	—	(2)
Exchange rate changes	3	—	2	1	—	6
As of March 31, 2007	<u>301</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>869</u>

⁽¹⁾ The adjustments recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2007 consist primarily of additional goodwill recorded related to the purchase of the remaining outstanding CAG shares during the Squeeze-Out of \$5 million offset by reversals of certain pre-acquisition tax valuation allowances of \$30 million.

⁽²⁾ See Note 15 for additional discussion of FIN 48.

Other Intangible Assets

	<u>As of March 31, 2007</u>	<u>As of December 31, 2006</u>
	(In \$ millions)	
Trademarks and tradenames	82	79
Customer related intangible assets	523	523
Developed technology	13	13
Covenants not to compete and other	12	12
Total intangible assets, gross	630	627
Less: accumulated amortization	(179)	(164)
Total intangible assets, net	<u>451</u>	<u>463</u>

Aggregate amortization expense charged against earnings for intangible assets with finite lives during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 totaled \$18 million and \$17 million, respectively.

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8. Debt

	As of March 31, 2007	As of December 31, 2006
	(In \$ millions)	
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates		
Current installments of long-term debt	41	127
Short-term borrowings, principally comprised of amounts due to affiliates	<u>143</u>	<u>182</u>
Total short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	<u>184</u>	<u>309</u>
Long-term debt		
Senior Credit Facilities: Term Loan facility	1,626	1,622
Senior Subordinated Notes 9.625%, due 2014	799	799
Senior Subordinated Notes 10.375%, due 2014	173	171
Senior Discount Notes 10.5%, due 2014	347	339
Senior Discount Notes 10%, due 2014	83	81
Term notes 7.125%, due 2009	14	14
Pollution control and industrial revenue bonds, interest rates ranging from 5.2% to 6.7%, due at various dates through 2030	191	191
Obligations under capital leases and other secured borrowings due at various dates through 2023	32	30
Other borrowings	<u>81</u>	<u>69</u>
Subtotal	3,346	3,316
Less: Current installments of long-term debt	<u>41</u>	<u>127</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>3,305</u>	<u>3,189</u>

As of March 31, 2007, the amended and restated (January 2005) senior credit facilities consist of a term loan facility, a revolving credit facility and a credit-linked revolving facility. The \$600 million revolving credit facility provides for the availability of letters of credit in U.S. dollars and Euros and for borrowings on same-day notice. As of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, there were no letters of credit issued or outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility; accordingly, \$600 million remained available for borrowing.

The Company has an approximate \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility available for the issuance of letters of credit, which matures in 2009. As of March 31, 2007, there were \$172 million of letters of credit issued under the credit-linked revolving facility and \$56 million was available for borrowing. As of December 31, 2006, there were \$218 million of letters of credit issued under the credit-linked revolving facility and \$10 million was available for borrowing.

The Company is in compliance with all of the financial covenants related to its debt agreements as of March 31, 2007.

Debt Refinancing

In March 2007, the Company announced a comprehensive recapitalization strategy to refinance its debt and repurchase shares. On April 2, 2007, the Company, through certain of its subsidiaries, entered into a new senior credit agreement. The new senior credit agreement consists of \$2,280 million of U.S. dollar denominated and

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€400 million of Euro denominated term loans due 2014, a \$650 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2013 and a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2014. Borrowings under the new senior credit agreement bear interest at a variable interest rate based on LIBOR (for U.S. dollars) or EURIBOR (for Euros), as applicable, or, for U.S. dollar denominated loans under certain circumstances, a base rate, in each case plus an applicable margin. The applicable margin for the term loans and any loans under the credit-linked revolving facility is 1.75%, subject to potential reductions as defined in the senior credit agreement. The term loans under the new senior credit agreement are subject to amortization at 1% of the initial principal amount per annum, payable quarterly. The remaining principal amount of the term loans will be due on April 2, 2014.

The new senior credit agreement is guaranteed by Celanese Holdings LLC and certain domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US Holdings LLC (formerly BCP Crystal) (“Celanese US”), and is secured by a lien on substantially all assets of Celanese US and such guarantors, subject to certain agreed exceptions, pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of April 2, 2007, by and among Celanese Holdings LLC, Celanese US, certain subsidiaries of Celanese US and Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, as Administrative Agent and as Collateral Agent. The new senior credit agreement contains various covenants, including financial, as defined in the new senior credit agreement.

Proceeds from the new senior credit agreement, together with available cash, were used to retire the Company’s existing \$2,454 million debt facility, which consisted of \$1,626 million in term loans due 2011, a \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2009 and an approximate \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2009 and to retire portions of the Company’s Senior Subordinated Notes and Senior Discount Notes as discussed below.

On March 6, 2007, the Company commenced cash tender offers (the “Tender Offers”) with respect to any and all of the outstanding 10% senior discount notes due 2014 and 10^{1/2}% senior discount notes due 2014 (the “Senior Discount Notes”), and any and all of the outstanding 9^{5/8}% senior subordinated notes due 2014 and 10^{3/8}% senior subordinated notes due 2014 (the “Senior Subordinated Notes”). The Tender Offers expired on April 2, 2007. All of the 10% senior discount notes and 99.7% of the 10^{1/2}% senior discount notes were tendered under the Tender Offers, resulting in a reduction of debt of \$83 million and \$346 million, respectively. Additionally, 93.7% of the 10^{3/8}% senior subordinated notes and 99.6% of the 9^{5/8}% senior subordinated notes were tendered under the Tender Offers, resulting in a reduction of debt of €122 million (approximately \$163 million) and \$793 million, respectively. The Company paid approximately \$220 million of tender costs in connection with the Tender Offers.

As a result of the refinancing, the Company expects to incur approximately \$215 million – \$225 million of interest expense related to tender costs and costs incurred to acquire the new senior credit facility in the second quarter of 2007. In addition, the Company will expense approximately \$45 million of unamortized deferred financing costs related to the existing \$2,454 million credit facility, Senior Discount Notes and Senior Subordinated Notes.

Interest Rate Risk Management

In March 2007, in anticipation of the debt refinancing, the Company entered into various U.S. dollar and Euro interest rate swaps, which became effective on April 2, 2007, with notional amounts of \$1.6 billion and €150 million, respectively. The U.S. dollar interest rate swaps have a maturity date of January 3, 2012. The notional amount of the U.S. dollar swaps will reduce over time according to an amortization schedule. The Euro interest rate swap has a maturity date of April 2, 2011. The notional amount of the Euro swap will remain at its original level throughout the term of the swap. On March 29, 2007, the Company terminated its existing interest rate swap with a notional value of \$300 million and recorded a gain of \$2 million.

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9. Other Current Liabilities and Other Liabilities

The components of other current liabilities are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2007	As of December 31, 2006
	(In \$ millions)	
Salaries and benefits	131	198
Environmental	27	26
Restructuring	32	34
Insurance	66	68
Sorbates litigation	151	148
Other	309	313
Total other current liabilities	<u>716</u>	<u>787</u>

The components of other liabilities are as follows:

	As of March 31, 2007	As of December 31, 2006
	(In \$ millions)	
Environmental	96	88
Insurance	85	86
Uncertain tax positions ⁽¹⁾	191	—
Other ⁽²⁾	313	269
Total other liabilities	<u>685</u>	<u>443</u>

(1) At December 31, 2006, the liability was primarily recorded as a component of Income taxes payable.

(2) The increase is primarily attributed to \$49 million of deferred transaction proceeds from the sale of the oxo products and derivatives businesses to Advent International (see Note 4). The proceeds are deferred due to certain lease-back arrangements between the Company and the buyer and related environmental obligations of the Company.

10. Benefit Obligations

The components of net periodic benefit costs recognized are as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006
	(In \$ millions)			
Components of net periodic benefit cost				
Service cost	9	10	—	1
Interest cost	44	46	5	5
Expected return on plan assets	(50)	(51)	—	—
Recognized actuarial loss	—	—	—	—
Special termination charge	—	—	—	—
Curtailement loss	—	—	—	—
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

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The Company expects to contribute \$49 million to its defined benefit pension plans in 2007. As of March 31, 2007, \$11 million of contributions have been made. The Company's estimates of its defined benefit pension plan contributions reflect the provisions of the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 and the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The Company expects to make benefit payments of \$38 million under the provisions of its other postretirement benefit plans in 2007. As of March 31, 2007, \$13 million of benefit payments have been made.

Contributions to the defined contribution plans are based on specified percentages of employee contributions and aggregated \$3 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006.

As a result of the sale of the oxo products and derivatives businesses in February 2007 (see Note 4), there was a reduction of approximately 1,076 employees triggering a settlement and remeasurement of the affected pension plans due to certain changes in actuarial valuation assumptions. The settlement and remeasurement resulted in a net increase in the projected benefit obligation of \$44 million with an offset to Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net (net of tax of \$1 million) and a settlement gain of \$11 million (included in Gain on disposal of discontinued operations) for the pension plan during the three months ended March 31, 2007.

11. Shareholders' Equity

See table below for share activity:

	<u>Preferred Stock</u>	<u>Series A Common Stock</u>
	(Number of shares)	
Balance as of December 31, 2006	9,600,000	158,668,666
Issuance of common stock related to the exercise of stock options	—	1,178,861
Issuance of common stock	—	7,400
Balance as of March 31, 2007	<u>9,600,000</u>	<u>159,854,927</u>

The Company has \$240 million aggregate liquidation preference of outstanding preferred stock. Holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Company's Board of Directors, out of funds legally available therefore, cash dividends at the rate of 4.25% per annum of liquidation preference, payable quarterly in arrears commencing on May 1, 2005. Dividends on the preferred stock are cumulative from the date of initial issuance. Accumulated but unpaid dividends accumulate at an annual rate of 4.25%. The preferred stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time into approximately 1.25 shares of Series A common stock, subject to adjustments, per \$25.00 liquidation preference of preferred stock and upon conversion will be recorded in Shareholders' equity.

During the three months ended March 31, 2007, the Company declared and paid cash dividends to holders of its Series A common shares of \$6 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2007, the Company declared and paid cash dividends on its 4.25% convertible perpetual preferred stock amounting to approximately \$2 million.

In conjunction with the April 2007 refinancing discussed in Note 8, the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Celanese International Holdings Luxembourg S.à r.l., repurchased 2,021,775 shares of its outstanding Series A common stock in a modified "Dutch Auction" tender offer from public shareholders, which expired on April 3, 2007, at a purchase price of \$30.50 per share. The total price paid for these shares was approximately \$62 million. The number of shares purchased in the tender offer represents approximately 1.3% of the Company's current outstanding Series A common stock. The Company also separately purchased, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Celanese International Holdings Luxembourg S.à r.l., 329,011 shares of Series A common stock at

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\$30.50 per share from the investment funds associated with The Blackstone Group L.P. The total price paid for these shares was approximately \$10 million. The number of shares purchased from Blackstone represents approximately 0.2% of the Company's current outstanding Series A common stock.

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Other comprehensive income (loss) totaled \$(40) million and \$(7) million, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006. These amounts were net of tax expense of \$1 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006.

12. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is involved in a number of legal proceedings, lawsuits and claims incidental to the normal conduct of business, relating to such matters as product liability, antitrust, past waste disposal practices and release of chemicals into the environment. While it is impossible at this time to determine with certainty the ultimate outcome of these proceedings, lawsuits and claims, the Company believes, based on the advice of legal counsel, that adequate provisions have been made and that the ultimate outcomes 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 accounting period.

The following disclosure should be read in conjunction with the 2006 Form 10-K.

Plumbing Actions

At both March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company has remaining accruals of \$66 million for cases related to the plumbing actions, of which \$4 million is included in current liabilities. The Company believes that the plumbing actions are adequately provided for in the Company's consolidated financial statements and that they will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position. However, if the Company were to incur an additional charge for this matter, such a charge would not be expected to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or cash flows in any given accounting period. The Company continuously monitors this matter and assesses the adequacy of this reserve.

The Company has reached settlements with CNA Holdings' insurers specifying their responsibility for these claims. As a result, the Company has recorded receivables relating to the anticipated recoveries from certain third party insurance carriers. These receivables are based on the probability of collection, an opinion of external counsel, the settlement agreements with the Company's insurance carriers whose coverage level exceeds the receivables and the status of current discussions with other insurance carriers. At March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company has \$17 million and \$23 million, respectively, of receivables related to a settlement with an insurance carrier. This receivable is recorded within other current assets.

Plumbing Insurance Indemnifications

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

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

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

The Company has reserves associated with these product liability claims.

Sorbates Antitrust Actions

Based on the advice of external counsel and a review of the existing facts and circumstances relating to the sorbates antitrust matters, including the status of government investigations, as well as civil claims filed and settled, the Company has remaining accruals at March 31, 2007 of \$151 million, included in current liabilities. At December 31, 2006, the accrual was \$148 million. The change in the accrual amounts is primarily due to fluctuations in the currency exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Euro. Although the outcome of this matter cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company's best estimate of the range of possible additional future losses and fines (in excess of amounts already accrued), including any that may result from the above noted governmental proceedings, as of March 31, 2007 is between \$0 and \$9 million. The estimated range of such possible future losses is based on the advice of external counsel taking into consideration potential fines and claims, both civil and criminal that may be imposed or made in other jurisdictions.

Pursuant to the Demerger Agreement with Hoechst AG ("Hoechst"), Celanese AG was assigned the obligation related to the sorbates antitrust matter. However, Hoechst agreed to indemnify Celanese AG for 80% of any costs Celanese may incur relative to this matter. Accordingly, Celanese AG has recognized a receivable from Hoechst and a corresponding contribution of capital, net of tax, from this indemnification. As of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company has receivables, recorded within other current assets, relating to the sorbates indemnification from Hoechst totaling \$120 million and \$118 million, respectively. The Company believes that any resulting liabilities, net of amounts recoverable from Hoechst, will not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on its financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given period.

Shareholder Litigation

On May 30, 2006, CAG's shareholders approved a transfer to the Purchaser of all shares owned by minority shareholders against payment of cash compensation in the amount of €66.99 per share. The Squeeze-Out was registered in the commercial register in Germany on December 22, 2006, after several lawsuits by minority shareholders challenging the shareholders' resolution approving the Squeeze-Out were withdrawn pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into between plaintiff shareholders, the Purchaser and CAG on the same day. An aggregate purchase price of approximately €62 million was paid to minority shareholders in January 2007 as fair cash compensation for the acquisition of their shares in CAG, excluding direct acquisition costs of approximately €2 million.

Several minority shareholders of CAG initiated special award proceedings seeking the court's review of the amounts of the fair cash compensation and of the guaranteed annual payment offered under the Domination Agreement. On March 14, 2005, the Frankfurt District Court dismissed on grounds of inadmissibility the motions of all minority shareholders regarding the initiation of these special award proceedings. In January 2006, the Frankfurt Higher District Court ruled that the appeals were admissible, and the proceedings would therefore continue. On December 2, 2006, the Frankfurt District Court appointed an expert to help determine the value of CAG. In the first quarter of 2007, the minority shareholders that received €66.99 per share as fair cash compensation also filed award proceedings challenging the amount they received as fair cash compensation.

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As a result of the special proceedings discussed above, amounts paid as fair cash compensation to certain minority shareholders of CAG could be increased by the court so that such minority shareholders could be awarded a higher amount.

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.

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 (See Note 21).

These known obligations include the following:

Demerger Obligations

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

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

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

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

The aggregate maximum amount of environmental indemnifications under the remaining divestiture agreements that provide for monetary limits is €750 million. Three of the divested agreements do not provide for monetary limits.

Based on the estimate of the probability of loss under this indemnification, the Company has reserves of \$32 million and \$33 million as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively, for this contingency. Where the Company is unable to reasonably determine the probability of loss or estimate such loss under an indemnification, the Company has not recognized any related liabilities (See Note 21).

The Company has also undertaken in the Demerger Agreement to indemnify Hoechst to the extent that Hoechst is required to discharge liabilities, including tax liabilities, associated with businesses that were included in the demerger where such liabilities were not demerged, due to legal restrictions on the transfers of such items. These indemnities do not provide for any monetary or time limitations. The Company has not provided for any reserves associated with this indemnification. The Company has not made any payments to Hoechst during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, in connection with this indemnification.

Divestiture Obligations

The Company and its predecessor companies agreed to indemnify third party purchasers of former businesses and assets for various pre-closing conditions, as well as for breaches of representations, warranties and covenants. Such liabilities also include environmental liability, product liability, antitrust and other liabilities. These indemnifications and guarantees represent standard contractual terms associated with typical divestiture agreements and,

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other than environmental liabilities, the Company does not believe that they expose the Company to any significant risk.

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, ranging from one year to thirty years. The aggregate amount of guarantees provided for under these agreements is approximately \$2.3 billion as of March 31, 2007. Other agreements do not provide for any monetary or time limitations.

Based on historical claims experience and its knowledge of the sites and businesses involved, the Company believes that it is adequately reserved for these matters. As of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company has reserves in the aggregate of \$42 million and \$44 million, respectively, for these environmental matters.

Polyester Staple Antitrust Litigation

CNA Holdings, the successor in interest to Hoechst Celanese Corporation (“HCC”), CAC and CAG (collectively, the “Celanese Entities”) and Hoechst AG (“HAG”), the former parent of HCC, were named as defendants in two actions (involving 25 individual participants) filed in September 2006 by U.S. purchasers of polyester staple fibers manufactured and sold by HCC. The actions allege that the defendants participated in a conspiracy to fix prices, rig bids and allocate customers of polyester staple sold in the United States. These actions have been consolidated for pre-trial discovery by a Multi-District Litigation Panel in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and are styled *In re Polyester Staple Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1516. Already pending in that consolidated proceeding are five other actions commenced by five other alleged U.S. purchasers of polyester staple fibers manufactured and sold by the Celanese Entities, which also allege the defendants’ participation in the conspiracy.

In 1998, HCC sold its polyester staple business as part of its sale of its Film & Fibers Division to KoSa, Inc. In a complaint now pending against the Celanese Entities and HAG in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Koch Industries, Inc., KoSa B.V. (“KoSa”), Arteva Specialties, S.A.R.L. (“Arteva Specialties”) and Arteva Services, S.A.R.L. seek, among other things, indemnification under the asset purchase agreement pursuant to which KoSa and Arteva Specialties agreed to purchase defendants’ polyester business for all damages related to the defendants’ participation in, and failure to disclose, the alleged conspiracy, or alternatively, rescission of the agreement.

The Company does not believe that the Celanese Entities engaged in any conduct that should result in liability in these actions. However, the outcome of the foregoing actions cannot be predicted with certainty. The Company believes that any resulting liabilities from an adverse result will not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on its results of operations in any given period.

Other Obligations

- The Company is secondarily liable under a lease agreement pursuant to which the Company has assigned a direct obligation to a third party. The lease assumed by the third party expires on April 30, 2012. The lease liability for the period from April 1, 2007 to April 30, 2012 is estimated to be approximately \$40 million.
- The Company has agreed to indemnify various insurance carriers, for amounts not in excess of the settlements received, from claims made against these carriers subsequent to the settlement. The aggregate amount of guarantees under these settlements is approximately \$10 million, which is unlimited in term.

As indemnification obligations often depend on the occurrence of unpredictable future events, the future costs associated with them cannot be determined at this time. However, if the Company were to incur additional charges

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for these matters, such charges may have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company in any given accounting period.

Other Matters

As of March 31, 2007, Celanese Ltd. and/or CNA Holdings, Inc., both U.S. subsidiaries of the Company, are defendants in approximately 658 asbestos cases. During the three months ended March 31, 2007, 26 new cases were filed against the Company and 15 cases were resolved. Because many of these cases involve numerous plaintiffs, the Company is subject to claims significantly in excess of the number of actual cases. The Company has reserves for defense costs related to claims arising from these matters. The Company believes that there is not significant exposure related to these matters.

13. Other (Charges) Gains, Net

The components of other (charges) gains, net are as follows:

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2006</u>
	(In \$ millions)	
Employee termination benefits	—	(2)
Plant/office closures	—	2
Total restructuring	—	—
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	1
Other	(1)	(1)
Total other (charges) gains, net	<u>(1)</u>	<u>—</u>

The components of the March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 restructuring reserves are as follows:

	<u>Employee</u> <u>Termination</u> <u>Benefits</u>	<u>Plant/Office</u> <u>Closures</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(In \$ millions)		
Restructuring reserve at December 31, 2006	28	7	35
Restructuring additions	3	—	3
Cash uses	(5)	—	(5)
Restructuring reserve at March 31, 2007	<u>26</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>33</u>

14. Stock-based and Other Management Compensation Plans

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

These plans allow for the issuance or delivery of up to 16,250,000 shares of the Company's Series A common stock through a discounted share purchase program, stock options and restricted stock issuances.

Deferred compensation

The deferred compensation plan provided an aggregate maximum amount payable of \$196 million. The initial component of the deferred compensation plan vested in 2004 and was paid in the first quarter of 2005. The

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remaining aggregate maximum amount payable of \$142 million is subject to downward adjustment if the price of the Company's Series A common stock falls below the initial public offering price of \$16 per share and vests subject to both (1) continued employment or the achievement of certain performance criteria and (2) the disposition by three of the four Original Shareholders of at least 90% of their equity interest in the Company with at least a 25% cash internal rate of return on their equity interest (an "Exit Event"). During the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company recorded compensation expense of \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively, associated with this plan. Upon the occurrence of an Exit Event, as defined above, the amount vested and payable under the plan as of March 31, 2007 would be approximately \$74 million, exclusive of the \$18 million accrued at March 31, 2007 and payable in 2007 due to the accelerated vesting of certain plan participants. See Note 22 for additional information.

Long-term incentive plan

Effective January 1, 2004, the Company adopted a long-term incentive plan (the "LTIP Plan") which covers certain members of management and other key employees of the Company. The LTIP Plan is a three-year cash based plan in which awards are based on annual and three-year cumulative targets (as defined in the LTIP Plan). On February 16, 2007, approximately \$26 million was paid to the LTIP plan participants. During the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company recorded expense of \$5 million related to the LTIP Plan. There are no additional amounts due under the LTIP plan.

Stock-based compensation

The Company has a stock-based compensation plan that makes awards of stock options to certain employees. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R). The Company elected the modified prospective transition method as permitted by SFAS No. 123(R) and, accordingly, prior periods have not been restated to reflect the impact of SFAS No. 123(R). Under this transition method, compensation cost recognized includes: (i) compensation cost for all stock-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, January 1, 2006 (based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123 and previously presented in the pro forma footnote disclosures), and (ii) compensation cost for all stock-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006 (based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the new provisions of SFAS No. 123(R)).

It is the Company's policy to grant options with an exercise price equal to the price of the Company's Series A common stock on the grant date. The options issued have a ten-year term with vesting terms pursuant to a schedule, with all vesting to occur no later than the eighth anniversary of the date of the grant. Accelerated vesting depends on meeting specified performance targets. The estimated value of the Company's stock-based awards less expected forfeitures is amortized over the awards' respective vesting period on the applicable graded or straight-line basis, subject to acceleration as discussed above.

The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing method. The weighted average assumptions used in the model are outlined in the following table:

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2007</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2006</u> ⁽²⁾
Risk free interest rate	4.62%	—
Estimated life in years	7.3	—
Dividend yield	0.50%	—
Volatility	26.3%	—
Expected annual forfeiture rate	5.9%	5.0%

(1) During the three months ended March 31, 2007, 45,000 stock options were granted to certain employees.

(2) No stock options were granted during the three months ended March 31, 2006.

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The computation of the expected volatility assumption used in the Black-Scholes calculations for new grants is based on historical volatilities and volatilities of peer companies. When establishing the expected life assumptions, the Company reviews annual historical employee exercise behavior of option grants with similar vesting periods and the expected life assumptions of peer companies. The Company utilized the review of peer companies based on its own lack of extensive history.

A summary of changes in stock options outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2007 is presented below:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007			
	Number of Options (In millions)	Weighted- Average Grant Price in \$	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In \$ millions)
Outstanding at beginning of period	12.5	16.81	7.0	113
Granted	—	27.98		
Exercised	(1.2)	16.00		
Forfeited	(0.1)	17.21		
Outstanding at end of period	11.2	16.89	6.6	156
Exercisable and expected to exercise in the future at				
March 31, 2007	7.1	17.02	6.6	98
Options exercisable at end of period	6.2	16.11	7.3	92

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2007 was \$10.53 per option. At March 31, 2007, the Company had approximately \$25 million of total unrecognized compensation expense, net of the estimated forfeitures, related to stock options to be recognized over the remaining vesting periods of the options. Cash received from stock option exercises was approximately \$19 million during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and the related tax benefit was \$4 million.

15. Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 are recorded based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. As of March 31, 2007, the estimated annualized tax rate is 30%, which is less than the combination of the statutory federal rate and state income tax rates in the U.S. The estimated annual effective tax rate for 2007 reflects earnings in low tax jurisdictions and a partial benefit for reversal of valuation allowance on 2007 projected U.S. income, offset by higher tax rates in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. Reversals of the valuation allowance established at the Acquisition resulting from positive earnings or a change in judgment regarding the realizability of the net deferred tax asset are primarily reflected as a reduction of Goodwill.

For the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company recorded tax expense of \$60 million and \$34 million, respectively, which resulted in an effective tax rate of 29% and 26%, respectively. The higher effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2007 was due to the increase in the estimated annual effective rate from the prior year.

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. The Company made a comprehensive review of its portfolio of uncertain tax positions in each of the jurisdictions in which it operates. As a result of this review, the Company adjusted the estimated value of its uncertain tax positions by recognizing an increase to retained earnings of \$13 million and reduced the carrying value of Goodwill by \$2 million for uncertain tax positions relating to periods prior to the Acquisition. The total amount of the Company's estimated uncertain tax positions at the date of adoption was \$193 million. Of this amount, \$167 million is classified as other long-term

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liabilities. If the tax positions are settled in the Company's favor, approximately \$133 million would be treated as a reduction of Goodwill and \$41 million would reduce the Company's effective tax rate.

The Company continues to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in the provision for income taxes. As of January 1, 2007, the Company had recorded a liability of approximately \$22 million for the payment of interest and penalties. The liability for the payment of interest increased approximately \$2 million as of March 31, 2007.

The Company operates in the United States (including multiple state jurisdictions), Germany, and approximately 40 other foreign jurisdictions, including Mexico, Canada, Singapore and France. Examinations are ongoing in a number of those jurisdictions, including, most significantly, in Germany for the years 2001 to 2004 for numerous subsidiaries. During the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the Company received final assessments for the prior examination period, 1997 to 2000. The effective settlement of those examinations resulted in a reduction to Goodwill of approximately \$42 million with a net expected cash outlay of \$4 million. The Company's U.S. federal income tax returns for 2003 and beyond are open tax years, but not currently under examination. The Company previously concluded an examination of tax year 2000 to 2003 in 2005 with no material impact on the financial position of the Company. The Company reasonably expects to pay approximately \$10 million of the liability within the next twelve months.

On May 17, 2006, the President signed into law the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (TIPRA), which among other things, provided for a new temporary exception to certain U.S. taxed foreign passive income inclusion rules for 2006 to 2008. This change reduced the expected amount of foreign income taxed currently in the U.S.

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16. Business Segments

	<u>Chemical Products</u>	<u>Ticona</u>	<u>Acetate Products</u>	<u>Performance Products</u>	<u>Total Segments</u>	<u>Other Activities</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
	(In \$ millions)							
As of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007								
Sales to external customers	1,042	262	223	45	1,572	59	—	1,631
Inter-segment revenues	36	—	—	—	36	—	(36)	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	185	50	29	15	279	(75)	—	204
Depreciation and amortization	34	17	7	4	62	6	—	68
Capital expenditures	32	6	9	—	47	2	—	49
Total assets	3,021	1,607	888	375	5,891	1,996	—	7,887
For the three months ended March 31, 2006								
Sales to external customers	990	231	167	49	1,437	61	—	1,498
Inter-segment revenues	25	—	—	—	25	—	(25)	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	140	56	23	15	234	(104)	—	130
Depreciation and amortization	34	16	7	4	61	5	—	66
Capital expenditures	21	5	16	—	42	1	—	43
Total assets as of December 31, 2006	3,489	1,584	711	361	6,145	1,750	—	7,895

17. Transactions and Relationships with Affiliates and Related Parties

Upon closing of the Acquisition, the Company entered into a transaction and monitoring fee agreement with the Advisor, an affiliate of the Sponsor. Under the agreement, the Advisor agreed to provide monitoring services to the Company for a 12 year period. Also, the Advisor may receive additional compensation for providing investment banking or other advisory services provided to the Company by the Advisor or any of its affiliates, and may be reimbursed for certain expenses, in connection with any acquisition, divestiture, refinancing, recapitalization, or similar transaction. In connection with the completion of the initial public offering, the parties amended and restated the transaction and monitoring fee agreement to terminate the monitoring services and all obligations to pay future monitoring fees. The transaction based agreement remains in effect.

In connection with the recent debt refinancing (see Note 8), certain Blackstone managed funds that market collateralized loan obligations to institutional investors invested an aggregate of \$50 million in the Company's term loan under the new senior credit agreement.

For the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company made payments to the Advisor of \$7 million and \$0 million, respectively, in accordance with the sponsor services agreement dated January 26, 2005, as amended. These payments were related to the sale of the oxo products and derivatives businesses and the acquisition of APL (see Note 4).

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18. Consolidating Guarantor Financial Information

The following unaudited consolidating financial statements are presented in the provided form because:

(i) Crystal U.S. Holdings 3 LLC and Crystal U.S. Sub 3 Corp (the “Issuers”) are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Celanese Corporation (the “Parent Guarantor”); (ii) the guarantee is considered to be full and unconditional, that is, if the Issuers fail to make a scheduled payment, the Parent Guarantor is obligated to make the scheduled payment immediately and, if they do not, any holder of notes may immediately bring suit directly against the Parent Guarantor for payment of all amounts due and payable.

Separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning the Parent Guarantor are not presented because management does not believe that such information is material to investors.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007				
	<u>Parent</u> <u>Guarantor</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Non-</u> <u>Guarantors</u> <u>(In \$ millions)</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Net sales	—	—	1,631	—	1,631
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,240)	—	(1,240)
Gross profit	—	—	391	—	391
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(116)	—	(116)
Amortization of intangibles assets (customer related)	—	—	(18)	—	(18)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(17)	—	(17)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Foreign exchange gain, net	—	—	1	—	1
Loss on disposition of assets, net	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Operating profit	—	—	239	—	239
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	201	209	18	(410)	18
Interest expense	—	(11)	(61)	—	(72)
Interest income	—	—	14	—	14
Other income, net	—	—	5	—	5
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	201	198	215	(410)	204
Income tax benefit (provision)	—	3	(63)	—	(60)
Earnings from continuing operations	201	201	152	(410)	144
Earnings from discontinued operations	—	—	57	—	57
Net earnings	<u>201</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>(410)</u>	<u>201</u>

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006				
	<u>Parent</u> <u>Guarantor</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Non-</u> <u>Guarantors</u> (In \$ millions)	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Net sales	—	—	1,498	—	1,498
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,160)	—	(1,160)
Gross profit	—	—	338	—	338
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(4)	—	(134)	—	(138)
Amortization of intangible assets (customer related)	—	—	(14)	—	(14)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(17)	—	(17)
Operating profit (loss)	(4)	—	173	—	169
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	121	127	18	(248)	18
Interest expense	—	(10)	(61)	—	(71)
Interest income	—	—	8	—	8
Other income, net	—	—	6	—	6
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	117	117	144	(248)	130
Income tax benefit (provision)	—	4	(38)	—	(34)
Earnings from continuing operations	117	121	106	(248)	96
Earnings from discontinued operations	—	—	21	—	21
Net earnings	<u>117</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>(248)</u>	<u>117</u>

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

	As of March 31, 2007				
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Non- Guarantors (In \$ millions)	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	23	—	1,092	—	1,115
Receivables:					
Trade receivables — third party and affiliates, net	—	—	910	—	910
Other receivables	1	—	528	(19)	510
Inventories	—	—	584	—	584
Deferred income taxes	—	—	75	—	75
Other assets	—	—	43	—	43
Total current assets	24	—	3,232	(19)	3,237
Investments	972	1,376	733	(2,348)	733
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	2,047	—	2,047
Deferred income taxes	—	3	60	—	63
Other assets	—	7	480	—	487
Goodwill	—	—	869	—	869
Intangible assets, net	—	—	451	—	451
Total assets	996	1,386	7,872	(2,367)	7,887
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	—	—	184	—	184
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	—	—	731	—	731
Other current liabilities	17	1	717	(19)	716
Deferred income taxes	—	—	6	—	6
Income taxes payable	—	(17)	121	—	104
Total current liabilities	17	(16)	1,759	(19)	1,741
Long-term debt	—	430	2,875	—	3,305
Deferred income taxes	—	—	265	—	265
Benefit obligations	—	—	907	—	907
Other liabilities	—	—	685	—	685
Minority interests	—	—	5	—	5
Commitments and contingencies Shareholders' equity	979	972	1,376	(2,348)	979
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	996	1,386	7,872	(2,367)	7,887

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CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

	As of December 31, 2006				
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Non- Guarantors (In \$ millions)	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	1	—	790	—	791
Restricted cash	—	—	46	—	46
Receivables:					
Trade receivables, — third party and affiliates, net	—	—	1,001	—	1,001
Other receivables	1	—	488	(14)	475
Inventories	—	—	653	—	653
Deferred income taxes	—	—	76	—	76
Other assets	—	—	69	—	69
Total current assets	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,123</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>3,111</u>
Investments	798	1,195	763	(1,993)	763
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	2,155	—	2,155
Deferred income taxes	—	—	22	—	22
Other assets	—	6	500	—	506
Goodwill	—	—	875	—	875
Intangible assets, net	—	—	463	—	463
Total assets	<u>800</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>7,901</u>	<u>(2,007)</u>	<u>7,895</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	—	—	309	—	309
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	—	—	823	—	823
Other current liabilities	13	—	788	(14)	787
Deferred income taxes	—	—	18	—	18
Income taxes payable	—	(17)	296	—	279
Total current liabilities	<u>13</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>2,234</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>2,216</u>
Long-term debt	—	420	2,769	—	3,189
Deferred income taxes	—	—	297	—	297
Benefit obligations	—	—	889	—	889
Other liabilities	—	—	443	—	443
Minority interests	—	—	74	—	74
Commitments and contingencies	—	—	—	—	—
Shareholders' equity	787	798	1,195	(1,993)	787
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>800</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>7,901</u>	<u>(2,007)</u>	<u>7,895</u>

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007				Consolidated
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Non- Guarantors (In \$ millions)	Eliminations	
Net cash provided by operating activities	3	—	9	—	12
Investing activities:					
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(49)	—	(49)
Acquisitions and related fees, net of cash acquired	—	—	(269)	—	(269)
Net proceeds from sale of businesses and assets	—	—	578	—	578
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	—	—	32	—	32
Purchases of marketable securities	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Change in restricted cash	—	—	46	—	46
Other, net	—	—	(12)	—	(12)
Net cash provided by investing activities	—	—	325	—	325
Financing activities:					
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	—	(40)	—	(40)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	—	11	—	11
Repayments of long-term debt	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Dividends from subsidiary	8	8	—	(16)	—
Dividends to parent	—	(8)	(8)	16	—
Stock option exercises	19	—	—	—	19
Dividend payments on Series A common stock and preferred stock	(8)	—	—	—	(8)
Other, net	—	—	2	—	2
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	19	—	(36)	—	(17)
Exchange rate effects on cash	—	—	4	—	4
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	22	—	302	—	324
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1	—	790	—	791
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	23	—	1,092	—	1,115

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006				
	<u>Parent Guarantor</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Non- Guarantors</u> (In \$ millions)	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Investing activities:					
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(43)	—	(43)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	—	—	27	—	27
Purchases of marketable securities	—	—	(29)	—	(29)
Change in restricted cash	—	—	(42)	—	(42)
Investing cash used in discontinued operations	—	—	(14)	—	(14)
Other, net	—	—	(5)	—	(5)
Net cash used in investing activities	—	—	(106)	—	(106)
Financing activities:					
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	—	32	—	32
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	—	7	—	7
Repayments of long-term debt	—	—	(5)	—	(5)
Dividends to parent	—	(9)	(9)	18	—
Dividends from subsidiary	9	9	—	(18)	—
Dividend payments on Series A common stock and preferred stock	(9)	—	—	—	(9)
Net cash provided by financing activities	—	—	25	—	25
Exchange rate effects on cash	—	—	4	—	4
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	(78)	—	(78)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1	—	389	—	390
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1	—	311	—	312

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19. Earnings Per Share

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007			Three Months Ended March 31, 2006		
	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net Earnings	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net Earnings
	(In \$ millions, except for share and per share data)					
Net earnings(loss)	144	57	201	96	21	117
Less: cumulative declared preferred stock dividends	(2)	—	(2)	(3)	—	(3)
Earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	<u>142</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>114</u>
Basic earnings per common share	<u>0.89</u>	<u>0.36</u>	<u>1.25</u>	<u>0.59</u>	<u>0.13</u>	<u>0.72</u>
Diluted earnings per common share	<u>0.83</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>1.15</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>0.68</u>
Weighted-average shares — basic	159,284,888	159,284,888	159,284,888	158,562,161	158,562,161	158,562,161
Dilutive stock options	3,116,731	3,116,731	3,116,731	919,625	919,625	919,625
Assumed conversion of preferred stock	<u>12,040,713</u>	<u>12,040,713</u>	<u>12,040,713</u>	<u>12,005,883</u>	<u>12,005,883</u>	<u>12,005,883</u>
Weighted-average shares — diluted	<u>174,442,332</u>	<u>174,442,332</u>	<u>174,442,332</u>	<u>171,487,669</u>	<u>171,487,669</u>	<u>171,487,669</u>

20. Relocation of Ticona Plant in Kelsterbach

On November 29, 2006, the Company reached a settlement with the Frankfurt, Germany, Airport (“Fraport”) to relocate its Kelsterbach, Germany, business, resolving several years of legal disputes related to the planned Frankfurt airport expansion. The final settlement agreement was approved by the Fraport supervisory board on May 8, 2007 at an extraordinary board meeting. The Company expects the final settlement agreement to be signed shortly. As a result of the settlement, the Company will transition Ticona’s administration and operations from Kelsterbach to another location in Germany by mid-2011. In March 2007, the Company announced that it would relocate the Kelsterbach, Germany, business to one of two sites in the Rhine Main area with the final site selection likely to occur during the second quarter of 2007. Over a five-year period, Fraport will pay Ticona a total of €670 million to offset the costs associated with the transition of the business from its current location and the closure of the Kelsterbach plant. The payment amount was increased by €20 million from €650 million in consideration of the Company’s agreement to waive certain obligations of Fraport set forth in the settlement relating to the hiring of Ticona employees in the event the Ticona Plant relocated out of the Rhine Main area. From the settlement date through March 31, 2007, Fraport has paid the Company a total of €20 million towards the transition. The amount has been accounted for as deferred income and is included in Other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2007.

21. Environmental

General — The Company is subject to environmental laws and regulations worldwide which 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 divestiture of certain businesses by the Company or one of

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its predecessor companies. The Company's environmental reserves for remediation matters were \$123 million and \$114 million as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. The increase in 2007 was primarily due to environmental liabilities assumed related to the APL acquisition.

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, orphan or U.S. Superfund sites. In addition, as part of the demerger agreement between the Company and Hoechst, a specified portion of the responsibility for environmental liabilities from a number of Hoechst divestitures was transferred to the Company. 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 accounting period.

German InfraServs — On January 1, 1997, coinciding with a reorganization of the Hoechst businesses in Germany, real estate service companies ("InfraServs") were created to own directly the land and property and to provide various technical and administrative services at each of the manufacturing locations. The Company has manufacturing operations at three InfraServ locations in Germany: Oberhausen, Frankfurt am Main-Hoechst and Kelsterbach, and holds interests in the companies which own and operate the former Hoechst sites in Gendorf, Knapsack and Wiesbaden.

InfraServs are liable for any residual contamination and other pollution because they own the real estate on which the individual facilities operate. In addition, Hoechst, as the responsible party under German public law, is liable to third parties for all environmental damage that occurred while it was still the owner of the plants and real estate. The contribution agreements entered into in 1997 between Hoechst and the respective operating companies, as part of the divestiture of these companies, provide that the operating companies indemnify Hoechst against environmental liabilities resulting from the transferred businesses. Additionally, the InfraServs have agreed to indemnify Hoechst against any environmental liability arising out of or in connection with environmental pollution of any site. Likewise, in certain circumstances the Company could be responsible for the elimination of residual contamination on a few sites that were not transferred to InfraServ companies, in which case Hoechst must reimburse the Company for two-thirds of any costs so incurred.

The InfraServ partnership agreements provide that, as between the partners, each partner is responsible for any contamination caused predominantly by such partner. Any liability, which cannot be attributed to an InfraServ partner and for which no third party is responsible, is required to be borne by the InfraServ Partnership. In view of this potential obligation to eliminate residual contamination, the InfraServs, primarily relating to equity and cost affiliates which are not consolidated by the Company, have reserves of \$77 million and \$78 million as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

U.S. Superfund Sites — In the U.S., the Company may be subject to substantial claims brought by U.S. 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 U.S. 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 approximately 50 sites. At most of these sites, numerous companies, including certain companies comprising the Company, or one of its predecessor companies, have been notified that the Environmental Protection Agency, 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 most of these proceedings is uncertain. Consequently, the Company cannot determine accurately its ultimate liability for investigation or cleanup costs at these sites. As of both March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company had provisions totaling \$15 million for U.S. Superfund sites.

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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.

Additional information relating to environmental remediation activity is contained in the footnotes to the Company's consolidated financial statements included in the 2006 Form 10-K.

22. Subsequent Events

On April 5, 2007, the Company declared a cash dividend on its 4.25% convertible perpetual preferred stock amounting to approximately \$3 million and a cash dividend of \$0.04 per share on its Series A common stock amounting to approximately \$7 million. Both cash dividends are for the period February 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007 and were paid on May 1, 2007 to holders of record as of April 15, 2007.

In April 2007, the Company completed a refinancing of its outstanding debt, which will lower net interest expense, extended debt maturities and improved flexibility. In addition, the refinancing allowed the Company to modify and simplify its global corporate and capital structure. In conjunction with the refinancing, the Company also repurchased a total of approximately 2,350,775 shares of Series A common stock for a total purchase price of \$72 million. See Notes 8 and 11 for additional information.

In April 2007, the Company entered into a 50/50 venture with Tainjin Shield Fine Chemical Company Limited to manufacture, distribute and sell the vinyl ester of neodecanoic acid, a monomer used to enhance vinyl-based emulsions systems. Commercial production of the venture is expected to begin in late 2007 or early 2008.

On April 25, 2007, the Company granted 25,000 stock options to a newly appointed member of the Board of Directors and 55,000 stock options to certain employees at an exercise price of \$32.68 per option. The stock options expire in ten years and vest 25% per year with the first 25% vesting on January 1, 2009.

Deferred compensation

On April 2, 2007, certain participants in the Company's deferred compensation plan elected to participate in a revised program. Under the revised program, participants relinquished their cash awards of up to \$30 million that would have contingently accrued from 2007-2009 under the previous plan. In lieu of these awards, the revised deferred compensation program provides for a future cash award in an amount equal to 90% of the maximum potential payout under the existing plan, plus growth pursuant to one of three participant-selected notional investment vehicles, as defined in the associated agreements. Participants must remain employed through 2010 to vest in the new award. The Company will make award payments under the revised program in the first quarter of 2011, unless participants elect to further defer the payment of their individual awards. Based on current participation in the revised program, the award, which will be expensed between April 2, 2007 and December 31, 2010, aggregates approximately \$27 million plus notional earnings. The Company will expense approximately \$6 million in 2007 related to the revised program.

Participants' 2005 and 2006 contingent cash awards under the previous deferred compensation plan are not affected by the revised program. These awards, together with all contingent awards of participants who elected not to participate in the revised program, remain subject to the vesting requirements as discussed in Note 14.

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Restricted Stock

Participants in the revised deferred compensation program also received an award of performance-based restricted stock units (“RSU”s). The RSUs, which were granted on April 2, 2007, generally cliff vest on December 31, 2010. The number of RSUs that ultimately vest depends on performance targets measured by comparison of the Company’s stock performance versus a defined peer group. The initial award of approximately 219,000 RSUs may increase by up to 20% based on the performance measurement. Likewise, if the performance measure falls below certain threshold amounts, the number of awards that ultimately vest may decrease to zero. Dividends on RSUs are reinvested in additional RSUs.

In addition to the RSUs granted to participants in the revised deferred compensation program, the Company granted approximately 612,000 RSUs to certain employees. The RSUs generally vest annually in equal tranches beginning September 30, 2008 through September 30, 2011. The RSUs contain the same performance criteria as those described in the previous paragraph; however, based on performance, the number of awards that ultimately vest may increase by up to 50%. Likewise, if the performance measure falls below certain threshold amounts, the number of awards that ultimately vest may decrease to zero. The awards include a catch-up provision that provides for vesting on September 30, 2012 of previously unvested amounts, subject to certain maximums. Dividends on RSUs are reinvested in additional RSUs. Further, the Company granted approximately 26,000 RSUs to its non-management Board of Directors. The Director RSUs will vest on April 26, 2008. The Company estimates compensation expense associated with all RSUs of approximately \$6 million in 2007.

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

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the term "Celanese" refers to Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and not its subsidiaries. The terms the "Company," "we," "our," and "us," refer to Celanese and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The term "BCP Crystal" refers to our subsidiary, BCP Crystal US Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation, and not its subsidiaries. The term "Purchaser" refers to our subsidiary, Celanese Europe Holding GmbH & Co. KG, formerly known as BCP Crystal Acquisition GmbH & Co. KG, a German limited partnership, and not its subsidiaries, except where otherwise indicated.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") and other parts of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q 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. When used in this document, words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan" and "project" and similar expressions, as they relate to us are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the subsection entitled "Factors That May Affect Future Results and Financial Condition" below. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our 2006 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 21, 2007 and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We assume no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law.

Overview

We are an integrated global hybrid producer of value-added industrial chemicals and engineered polymers. We are the world's largest producer of acetyl products, including acetic acid and vinyl acetate monomer ("VAM"), polyacetal products ("POM"), as well as a leading global producer of high-performance engineered polymers used in consumer and industrial products and designed to meet highly technical customer requirements. We believe that approximately 95% of our differentiated intermediate and specialty products hold first or second market positions globally. Our operations are located in North America, Europe and Asia. We believe we are one of the lowest-cost producers of key building block chemicals in the acetyls chain, such as acetic acid and VAM, due to our economies of scale, operating and purchasing efficiencies and proprietary production technologies. In addition, we have a significant portfolio of strategic investments, including a number of ventures in North America, Europe and Asia. Collectively, these strategic investments create value for us and contribute significantly to earnings and cash flow. These investments play an integral role in our strategy for growth and expansion of our global reach. We have entered into these strategic investments in order to gain access to local markets, minimize costs and accelerate growth in areas we believe have significant future business potential.

We operate principally through four business segments: Chemical Products, Technical Polymers Ticona ("Ticona"), Acetate Products and Performance Products. For further detail on the business segments, see below "Summary by Business Segment" in the "Results of Operations" section of MD&A.

Sale of Oxo Products and Derivative Businesses

In connection with our strategy to optimize our portfolio and divest non-core operations, we announced on December 13, 2006 our agreement to sell our oxo products and derivatives businesses, including European Oxo GmbH ("EOXO"), a 50/50 venture between Celanese AG and Degussa AG ("Degussa"), to Advent International, for a purchase price of €480 million subject to final agreement adjustments and the successful exercise of our option to purchase Degussa's 50% interest in EOXO. On February 23, 2007, the option was exercised and we acquired Degussa's interest in the venture for a purchase price of €30 million (\$39 million), in addition to €2 million (\$29 million) paid to extinguish EOXO's debt upon closing of the transaction. We completed the sale of our oxo products and derivatives businesses, including the acquired 50% interest in EOXO, on February 28, 2007. The transaction resulted in the recognition of a \$31 million pre-tax gain in the first quarter of 2007. Additional revisions

to the gain amount are expected in 2007 related to working capital adjustments and other adjustments as specified in the sale agreement. See Note 4 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for additional information.

Acquisition of Acetate Products Limited

On January 31, 2007, we completed the acquisition of the cellulose acetate flake, tow and film business of Acetate Products Limited (“APL”), a subsidiary of Corsadi B.V. The purchase price for the transaction was approximately £57 million (\$112 million), in addition to direct acquisition costs of approximately £4 million (\$7 million). As contemplated prior to closing, on March 14, 2007, we announced plans to close the acquired tow production plant at Little Heath, United Kingdom during 2007.

Relocation of Ticona Plant in Kelsterbach

On November 29, 2006, we reached a settlement with the Frankfurt, Germany, Airport (“Fraport”) to relocate our Kelsterbach, Germany, business, resolving several years of legal disputes related to the planned Frankfurt airport expansion. The final settlement agreement was approved by the Fraport supervisory board on May 8, 2007 at an extraordinary board meeting. We expect the final settlement agreement to be signed shortly. As a result of the settlement, we will transition Ticona’s administration and operations from Kelsterbach to another location in Germany by mid-2011. In March 2007, we announced that we would relocate the Kelsterbach, Germany, business to one of two sites in the Rhine Main area with the final site selection likely to occur during the second quarter of 2007. Over a five-year period, Fraport will pay Ticona a total of €670 million to offset the costs associated with the transition of the business from its current location and the closure of the Kelsterbach plant. The payment amount was increased by €20 million from €650 million in consideration of our agreement to waive certain obligations of Fraport set forth in the settlement relating to the hiring of Ticona employees in the event the Ticona Plant relocated out of the Rhine Main area. From the settlement date through March 31, 2007, Fraport has paid us a total of €20 million towards the transition. The amount has been accounted for as deferred income and is included in Other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2007.

Results of Operations

Financial Highlights

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31, 2007	% of Net Sales	March 31, 2006	% of Net Sales
(Unaudited)				
(In \$ millions)				
Statement of Operations Data:				
Net sales	1,631	100.0%	1,498	100.0%
Gross profit	391	24.0%	338	22.6%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(116)	(7.1)%	(138)	(9.2)%
Operating profit	239	14.7%	169	11.3%
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	18	1.1%	18	1.2%
Interest expense	(72)	(4.4)%	(71)	(4.7)%
Other income, net	5	0.3%	6	0.4%
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	204	12.5%	130	8.7%
Earnings from continuing operations	144	8.8%	96	6.4%
Earnings from discontinued operations	57	3.5%	21	1.4%
Net earnings	201	12.3%	117	7.8%
Other Data:				
Depreciation and amortization	68	4.2%	66	4.4%

As of March 31, 2007	As of December 31, 2006
(Unaudited) (In \$ millions)	

Balance Sheet Data:

Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	184	309
Plus: Long-term debt	<u>3,305</u>	<u>3,189</u>
Total debt	<u><u>3,489</u></u>	<u><u>3,498</u></u>

Summary of Consolidated Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2006*Net Sales*

Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2007 increased 9% to \$1,631 million compared to the same period in 2006. An increase in pricing of 3% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 driven by overall strong demand for acetyls and emulsions in the Chemicals Products segment as well as higher tow and flake prices in the Acetate Products segment contributed to the improvement in net sales. In addition, an increase in volumes of 1% for the three months ended March 31, 2007, driven by our Ticona and Acetate Products business segments contributed to the increase in net sales. The volume increases are the result of increased market penetration from several of Ticona's key products, continuing improvement in the business environment in Europe and increased volumes in the Acetate Products segment mainly resulting from the APL acquisition. Favorable currency impacts of 3%, primarily in the Chemicals Products and Ticona business segments, also contributed to the increase in net sales.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased to 24.0% of net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2007 from 22.6% of net sales for the same period in 2006. The increase is primarily due to higher volumes, higher pricing and favorable currency impacts more than offsetting higher overall raw material costs. Volumes increased for products such as acetyl derivative products, emulsions and POM, while pricing increased for acetyls, emulsions and Acetate Products' tow and flake products.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$22 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The decrease is primarily due to the absence of executive severance and legal costs associated with the squeeze-out of \$13 million and long-term incentive plan expenses of \$5 million recorded during the first quarter of 2006. In addition, there was a \$3 million decrease in stock-based compensation expense recorded in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006.

Operating Profit

Operating profit increased by 41% to \$239 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. This is principally driven by higher overall volumes and pricing, productivity improvements and a \$22 million decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Equity in Net Earnings of Affiliates, Interest Expense and Other Income (Expense), Net

Equity in net earnings of affiliates, interest expense and other income (expense), net were flat for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006.

Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 are recorded based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. As of March 31, 2007, the estimated annualized tax rate is 30%, which is less than the combination of the statutory federal rate and state income tax rates in the U.S. The estimated annual effective tax rate for 2007 reflects earnings in low tax jurisdictions and a partial benefit for reversal of valuation allowance on 2007 projected U.S. income, offset by higher tax rates in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. Reversals of the valuation allowance established at the Acquisition (as defined in Note 4 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements) resulting from positive earnings or a change in judgment regarding the realizability of the net deferred tax asset are primarily reflected as a reduction of goodwill.

For the three months ended March 31, 2007, we recorded tax expense of \$60 million, which resulted in an effective tax rate of 29%. The higher effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2007 was due to the increase in the estimated annual effective rate from the prior year. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, we recorded tax expense of \$34 million, which resulted in an effective tax rate of 26%.

Earnings from Discontinued Operations

Earnings from discontinued operations primarily relate to Chemical Products' sale of its oxo products and derivatives businesses in February 2007 and its Pentaerythritol operations, which were discontinued during the third quarter of 2006. As a result, revenues and expenses related to these businesses are reflected as a component of discontinued operations.

Selected Data by Business Segment

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)	Change in \$
(In \$ millions)			
Net Sales			
Chemical Products	1,078	1,015	63
Technical Polymers Ticona	262	231	31
Acetate Products	223	167	56
Performance Products	45	49	(4)
Other Activities	59	61	(2)
Inter-segment Eliminations	(36)	(25)	(11)
Total Net Sales	<u>1,631</u>	<u>1,498</u>	<u>133</u>
Other (Charges) Gains, Net			
Chemical Products	—	1	(1)
Technical Polymers Ticona	—	2	(2)
Acetate Products	(1)	—	(1)
Performance Products	—	—	—
Other Activities	—	(3)	3
Total Other Charges, Net	<u>(1)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Operating Profit (Loss)			
Chemical Products	181	134	47
Technical Polymers Ticona	36	41	(5)
Acetate Products	29	23	6
Performance Products	16	17	(1)
Other Activities	(23)	(46)	23
Total Operating Profit	<u>239</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>70</u>
Earnings (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Tax			
Chemical Products	185	140	45
Technical Polymers Ticona	50	56	(6)
Acetate Products	29	23	6
Performance Products	15	15	—
Other Activities	(75)	(104)	29
Total Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Tax	<u>204</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>74</u>
Depreciation & Amortization			
Chemical Products	34	34	—
Technical Polymers Ticona	17	16	1
Acetate Products	7	7	—
Performance Products	4	4	—
Other Activities	6	5	1
Total Depreciation & Amortization	<u>68</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>2</u>

Factors Affecting First Quarter 2007 Segment Net Sales Compared to First Quarter 2006

The charts below set forth the percentage increase (decrease) in net sales from the 2006 period attributable to each of the factors indicated in each of our business segments.

	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(In percentages)				
Chemical Products	—	3	3	—	6
Technical Polymers Ticona	9	(2)	5	1	13
Acetate Products	2	8	—	24 ^(b)	34
Performance Products	(11)	(1)	4	—	(8)
Total Company ^(a)	1	3	3	2	9

(a) Includes the effects of AT Plastics and the captive insurance companies.

(b) Includes net sales from the APL acquisition.

Summary by Business Segment for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2006

Chemical Products

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Change in \$</u>
	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	
	(Unaudited)		
	(In \$ millions)		
Net sales	1,078	1,015	63
Net sales variance:			
<i>Volume</i>	0%		
<i>Price</i>	3%		
<i>Currency</i>	3%		
<i>Other</i>	0%		
Operating profit	181	134	47
Operating margin	16.8%	13.2%	
Other (charges) gains, net	—	1	(1)
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	185	140	45
Depreciation and amortization	34	34	—

Our Chemical Products segment produces and supplies acetyl products, including acetic acid, acetate esters, VAM, polyvinyl alcohol and emulsions. These products are generally used as building blocks for value-added products or in intermediate chemicals used in the paints, coatings, inks, adhesives, films, textiles and building products industries. Other chemicals produced in this segment are organic solvents and intermediates for pharmaceutical, agricultural and chemical products.

Chemical Products' net sales increased 6% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. Pricing increased for acetyls and emulsions products primarily driven by higher methanol costs and an overall strong demand in all regions for these products. Net sales also increased 3% as a result of favorable currency impacts.

Operating profit increased 35% to \$181 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, principally driven by higher prices for acetyls and emulsion products and lower overall raw material costs. This increase was also due to slightly higher volumes in Acetyls, PVOH and Emulsions and the

benefits of a favorable methanol production contract entered into in January 2007 and expired by the end of the first quarter in 2007.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax increased 32% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The increases are primarily due to the increases in operating profit and higher dividend income of \$8 million from cost investments during the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006.

Technical Polymers Ticona

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006	Change in \$
	(Unaudited)		
	(In \$ millions)		
Net sales	262	231	31
Net sales variance:			
<i>Volume</i>	9%		
<i>Price</i>	(2)%		
<i>Currency</i>	5%		
<i>Other</i>	1%		
Operating profit	36	41	(5)
Operating margin	13.7%	17.7%	
Other (charges) gains, net	—	2	(2)
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	50	56	(6)
Depreciation and amortization	17	16	1

Our Ticona segment develops, produces and supplies a broad portfolio of high performance technical polymers for application in automotive and electronics products and in other consumer and industrial applications, often replacing metal or glass. The primary products of Ticona are POM, polybutylene terephthalate (“PBT”) and GUR, an ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene. POM and PBT are used in a broad range of products including automotive components, electronics and appliances. GUR is used in battery separators, conveyor belts, filtration equipment, coatings and medical devices.

Ticona’s net sales increased 13% to \$262 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The increase for the quarter is driven by 9% higher volumes and a 5% favorable currency impact, partially offset by 2% lower pricing. Volumes increased in all product lines, particularly in POM, due to increased market penetration and continued strong business environment in Europe. Ticona experienced a decline in average pricing driven by a larger mix of sales from lower priced products.

Operating profit decreased to \$36 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 from \$41 million in the same period last year as higher volumes and favorable currency impacts were more than offset by higher raw material costs and an increase in energy costs based on higher volumes and higher European energy prices.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax decreased 11% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The decrease is principally driven by the decrease in operating profit. Equity in net earnings of affiliates remained flat for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same periods in 2006.

Acetate Products

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006	Change in \$
	(Unaudited) (In \$ millions)		
Net sales	223	167	56
Net sales variance:			
<i>Volume</i>	2%		
<i>Price</i>	8%		
<i>Currency</i>	0%		
<i>Other</i>	24%		
Operating profit	29	23	6
Operating margin	13.0%	13.8%	
Other (charges) gains, net	(1)	—	(1)
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	29	23	6
Depreciation and amortization	7	7	—

Our Acetate Products segment primarily produces and supplies acetate tow, which is used in the production of filter products. We also produce acetate flake which is processed into acetate fiber in the form of a tow band. The successful completion of the acquisition of APL on January 31, 2007 further increases our global position and enhances our ability to service our customers.

Acetate Products' net sales increased 34% to \$223 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. This increase is primarily driven by additional net sales from the APL acquisition completed during the three months ended March 31, 2007 as well as higher flake and tow prices. Total sales for APL during the period from January 31, 2007 (acquisition date) to March 31, 2007 were \$40 million.

Operating profit increased \$6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. Higher overall sales pricing and lower energy costs more than offset increases in raw material costs.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax increased 26% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The increases are primarily due to the increases in operating profit.

Performance Products

	Three Months Ended		
	March 30, 2007	March 30, 2006	Change in \$
	(Unaudited) (In \$ millions)		
Net sales	45	49	(4)
Net sales variance:			
<i>Volume</i>	(11)%		
<i>Price</i>	(1)%		
<i>Currency</i>	4%		
<i>Other</i>	0%		
Operating profit	16	17	(1)
Operating margin	35.6%	34.7%	
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	—
Earnings from continuing operations before tax	15	15	—
Depreciation and amortization	4	4	—

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

Performance Products' net sales decreased 8% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. An 11% decline in volumes and a 1% decline in pricing for the three months ended March 31, 2007 were partially offset by favorable currency impacts of 4%. Sorbates volumes increased slightly while pricing continued to decline due to increased competition. The decline in pricing was at a slower rate during the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. Volumes and pricing for Sunett[®] sweetener decreased primarily due to fewer new product launches and changes in customer mix. Volumes were also negatively impacted due to the exit of a lower margin, non-core trading business in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Operating profit was \$16 million for the current quarter compared to \$17 million for the same period in 2006. The slight decrease was primarily a result of the positive impact from cost savings and lower manufacturing costs partially offsetting the overall lower net sales.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax were flat period over period.

Other Activities

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

Net sales decreased slightly to \$59 million from \$61 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, principally driven by a decrease in third party revenues from our captive insurance companies of \$5 million more than offsetting an increase in sales from AT Plastics of \$3 million.

The operating loss for Other Activities decreased \$23 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. This decrease was due primarily to a \$22 million decrease in our selling, general and administrative expenses, which resulted from the absence of executive severance and legal costs associated with the squeeze-out of \$13 million and long-term incentive plan expenses of \$5 million recorded in 2006. In addition, there was a \$3 million decrease in stock-based compensation expense recorded in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006.

Loss from continuing operations before tax decreased by \$29 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily driven by the decrease in operating loss previously discussed above within this segment, as well as an increase in interest income.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of liquidity will continue to be cash generated from operations, available cash and cash equivalents and dividends from our portfolio of strategic investments. In addition, we have availability under our credit facilities to assist, if required, in meeting our working capital needs and other contractual obligations. We believe we will have available resources to meet our liquidity requirements for the remainder of the year and for the subsequent twelve months, including debt service. 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 to increase our borrowings under our lines of credit, reduce or delay capital expenditures, seek additional capital or seek to restructure or refinance our indebtedness. There can be no assurance, however, that we will continue to generate cash flows at or above current levels or that we will be able to maintain our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facilities.

Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2007 were \$1,115 million, which was an increase of \$324 million from December 31, 2006. See below for details on the change in cash and cash equivalents from December 31, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities was \$12 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007, compared with a cash outflow of \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increase in operating cash flows was due primarily to an increase in earnings from continuing operations and a decrease in cash used from operating assets and liabilities, partially offset by cash used in discontinued operations. Earnings from continuing operations increased to \$144 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to \$96 million for the same period in 2006. The changes in operating assets and liabilities were driven primarily by lower trade receivables offset by lower trade payables. The lower trade receivables were driven by higher net sales offset by timing of cash receipts. The lower trade payables resulted from the timing of payments. The cash used in discontinued operations of \$74 million relates primarily to working capital changes of the oxo and derivatives businesses.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

Net cash from investing activities increased to a cash inflow of \$325 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to a cash outflow of \$106 million for the same period in 2006. The increase in cash inflow was primarily due to the proceeds from the sale of our oxo products and derivatives businesses partially offset by the cash outflow for the APL acquisition. During the three months ended March 31, 2006, we increased restricted cash by \$42 million related to the anticipated payment to minority shareholders for their remaining CAG shares. During the three months ended March 31, 2007, as a result of the completion of the Squeeze-Out (see Note 4 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements) and the payment to minority shareholders for their remaining CAG shares, restricted cash decreased \$46 million.

Our capital expenditures were \$49 million and \$43 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Capital expenditures were primarily related to major replacements of equipment, capacity expansions, major investments to reduce future operating costs, and environmental and health and safety initiatives. Capital expenditures in 2007 and 2006 included costs for the expansion of our Nanjing, China site into an integrated chemical complex. Capital expenditures are expected to be approximately \$280 million for 2007.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

Net cash from financing activities decreased to a cash outflow of \$17 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to a cash inflow of \$25 million for the same period in 2006. The decrease relates primarily to a net change in short-term borrowings/repayments of \$72 million partially offset by \$19 million of proceeds received from the exercise of stock options.

Liquidity

Our contractual obligations, commitments and debt service requirements over the next several years are significant. As stated above, our primary source of liquidity will continue to be cash generated from operations, available cash and cash equivalents and dividends from our portfolio of strategic investments. In addition, we have availability under our credit facilities to assist, if required, in meeting our working capital needs and other contractual obligations.

Debt and Capital

Holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors, out of funds legally available therefor, cash dividends at the rate of 4.25% per annum (or \$1.06 per share) of liquidation preference, payable quarterly in arrears commencing on May 1, 2005. Dividends on the preferred stock are cumulative from the date of initial issuance. As of March 31, 2007, the dividend is expected to result in an annual payment of approximately \$10 million. Accumulated but unpaid dividends accumulate at an annual rate of 4.25%. The preferred stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time into approximately 1.25 shares of our Series A common stock, subject to adjustments, per \$25.00 liquidation preference of the preferred stock. During the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, we paid \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively, in dividends on our preferred stock. On April 5, 2007, we declared a \$3 million cash dividend on our convertible perpetual preferred stock, which was paid on May 1, 2007.

In July 2005, our Board of Directors adopted a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of our Series A common stock at an annual rate initially equal to approximately 1% of the \$16.00 initial public offering price per share of our Series A common stock (or \$0.16 per share) unless our Board of Directors in its sole discretion determines otherwise. During both the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, we paid \$6 million in aggregate dividends on our Series A common stock and on April 5, 2007, we declared a \$7 million cash dividend which was paid on May 1, 2007. Based upon the number of outstanding shares as of March 31, 2007, the annual cash dividend payment is approximately \$26 million. However, there is no assurance that sufficient cash or surplus will be available to pay the remainder of the anticipated 2007 cash dividend.

As of March 31, 2007, we had total debt of \$3,489 million compared to \$3,498 million as of December 31, 2006. We were in compliance with all of the financial covenants related to our debt agreements as of March 31, 2007.

Contractual Debt Obligations. The following table sets forth our fixed contractual debt obligations as of March 31, 2007:

<u>Fixed Contractual Debt Obligations</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>2008-</u>	<u>2010-</u>	<u>2012 and</u>
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>
		(In \$ millions)			
Term loan facility	1,626	16 ⁽⁵⁾	33	1,577	—
Interest payments on debt ⁽¹⁾	1,773	179	483	474	637
Senior subordinated notes ⁽²⁾	969	—	—	—	969
Senior discount notes ⁽³⁾	554	—	—	—	554
Other debt ⁽⁴⁾	463	155	48	55	205
Total fixed contractual debt obligations	<u>5,385</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>2,106</u>	<u>2,365</u>

(1) For future interest expense, we assumed no change in variable rates. (See Note 8 for the applicable interest rates).

(2) Does not include \$3 million of premium.

(3) Reflects the accreted value of the notes at maturity of \$124 million.

(4) Does not include a \$2 million reduction due to purchase accounting.

(5) Reflects the short-term debt obligation under the senior credit facility prior to the refinancing discussed below.

Senior Credit Facilities. As of March 31, 2007, the amended and restated (January 2005) senior credit facilities of \$2,454 million consist of a term loan facility of \$1,626 million, a revolving credit facility of \$600 million and a credit-linked revolving facility of approximately \$228 million.

Term loan facility — Subsequent to the consummation of the initial public offering in January 2005, we entered into amended and restated senior credit facilities which increased the term loan facility. The terms of the amended and restated senior credit facilities are substantially similar to the terms of our immediately previous senior credit facilities. As of March 31, 2007, the term loan facility had a balance of \$1,626 million, which matures in 2011.

Revolving credit facility — The revolving credit facility, through a syndication of banks, provides for borrowings up to \$600 million, including the availability of letters of credit in U.S. dollars and Euros and for borrowings on same-day notice. As of March 31, 2007, there were no letters of credit issued or outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility; accordingly, \$600 million remained available for borrowing.

Credit-linked revolving facility — The approximate \$228 million credit-linked facility matures in 2009 and provides borrowing capacity for the issuance of letters of credit. As of March 31, 2007, \$172 million of letters of credit had been issued under the facility and \$56 million was available for borrowing.

Substantially all of the assets of Celanese Holdings LLC (“Celanese Holdings”), the direct parent of BCP Crystal, and subject to certain exceptions, substantially all of its existing and future U.S. subsidiaries, referred to as U.S. Guarantors, secure these senior credit facilities.

Debt Refinancing

The following table sets forth our pro forma contractual debt obligations as of March 31, 2007 adjusted for the debt refinancing effected on April 3, 2007:

<u>Fixed Contractual Debt Obligations</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Remaining 2007</u>	<u>2008- 2009</u>	<u>2010- 2011</u>	<u>2012 and Thereafter</u>
	(In \$ millions)				
Term loan facility	2,812	14	56	56	2,686
Interest payments on debt	1,718	119	446	430	723
Senior subordinated notes	14	—	—	—	14
Senior discount notes	1	—	—	—	1
Other debt	<u>463</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>205</u>
Total fixed contractual debt obligations	<u>5,008</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>3,629</u>

In March 2007, we announced a comprehensive recapitalization strategy to refinance our debt and repurchase shares. On April 2, 2007, we, through certain of our subsidiaries, entered into a new senior credit agreement. The new senior credit agreement consists of \$2,280 million of U.S. dollar denominated and €400 million of Euro denominated term loans due 2014, a \$650 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2013 and a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2014. Borrowings under the new senior credit agreement bear interest at a variable interest rate based on LIBOR (for U.S. dollars) or EURIBOR (for Euros), as applicable, or, for U.S. dollar denominated loans under certain circumstances, a base rate, in each case plus an applicable margin. The applicable margin for the term loans and any loans under the credit-linked revolving facility is 1.75%, subject to potential reductions as defined in the senior credit agreement. The term loans under the new senior credit agreement are subject to amortization at 1% of the initial principal amount per annum, payable quarterly. The remaining principal amount of the term loans will be due on April 2, 2014.

Proceeds from the new senior credit agreement, together with available cash, were used to retire our existing \$2,454 million debt facility, which consisted of \$1,626 million in term loans due 2011, a \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2009 and an approximate \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2009 and to retire portions of our Senior Subordinated Notes and Senior Discount Notes as discussed below.

On March 6, 2007, we commenced cash tender offers (the “Tender Offers”) with respect to any and all of the outstanding 10% senior discount notes due 2014 and 10^{1/2}% senior discount notes due 2014 (the “Senior Discount Notes”), and any and all of the outstanding 9^{5/8}% senior subordinated notes due 2014 and 10^{3/8}% senior subordinated notes due 2014 (the “Senior Subordinated Notes”). The Tender Offers expired on April 2, 2007. All of the 10% senior discount notes and 99.7% of the 10^{1/2}% senior discount notes were tendered under the Tender Offers, resulting in a reduction of debt of \$83 million and \$346 million, respectively. Additionally, 93.7% of the 10^{3/8}% senior subordinated notes and 99.6% of the 9^{5/8}% senior subordinated notes were tendered under the Tender Offers, resulting in a reduction of debt of €122 million (approximately \$163 million) and \$793 million, respectively. We paid approximately \$220 million of tender costs in connection with the Tender Offers.

As a result of the refinancing, we expect to incur approximately \$215 million – \$225 million of interest expense related to tender costs and costs incurred to acquire the new senior credit facility in the second quarter of 2007. In addition, we will expense approximately \$45 million of unamortized deferred financing costs related to the existing \$2,454 million credit facility, Senior Discount Notes and Senior Subordinated Notes.

Other Contractual Obligations

We adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 109 (“FIN No. 48”), on January 1, 2007. The

timing of future payments of the uncertain tax positions of \$193 million resulting from the implementation of FIN No. 48 is uncertain. However, we reasonably expect to pay approximately \$10 million of the liability for uncertain tax positions over the next twelve months. See Note 15 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for a further discussion.

Share Repurchase

In conjunction with the debt refinancing discussed above, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary Celanese International Holdings Luxembourg S.à r.l., repurchased 2,021,775 shares of our outstanding Series A common stock in a modified “Dutch Auction” tender offer from public shareholders, which expired on April 3, 2007, at a purchase price of \$30.50 per share. The total price paid for these shares was approximately \$62 million. The number of shares purchased represents approximately 1.3% of our current outstanding Series A common stock. We also separately purchased, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Celanese International Holdings Luxembourg S.à r.l., 329,011 shares of Series A common stock at \$30.50 per share from the investment funds associated with The Blackstone Group L.P. The total price paid for these shares was approximately \$10 million. The number of shares purchased from Blackstone represents approximately 0.2% of our current outstanding Series A common stock.

Deferred compensation

See Note 14, Stock-based and Other Management Compensation Plans, of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for additional information. Should the payout be triggered, we will fund the payments with either existing cash, or borrowings from the revolving credit facility, or a combination thereof. Upon the occurrence of the triggering events mentioned in Note 14 to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, the maximum amount earned and vested under the plan through March 31, 2007 would be approximately \$74 million, exclusive of the \$18 million accrued at March 31, 2007 and payable in 2007 due to the accelerated vesting of certain plan participants.

On April 2, 2007, certain participants in our deferred compensation plan elected to participate in a revised program. Under the revised program, participants relinquished their cash awards of up to \$30 million that would have contingently accrued from 2007-2009 under the previous plan. See additional discussion of the revised program in Note 22 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. Based on current participation in the revised program, the award, which will be expensed between April 2, 2007 and December 31, 2010, aggregates approximately \$27 million plus notional earnings. We expect to expense approximately \$6 million in 2007 related to the revised program.

Restricted Stock

Participants in the revised deferred compensation program also received an award of performance-based restricted stock units (“RSU”s). The number of RSUs that ultimately vest depends on performance targets measured by comparison of our stock performance versus a defined peer group. The initial award of approximately 219,000 RSUs may increase or decrease based on the performance measurement. In addition to the RSUs granted to participants in the revised deferred compensation program, we granted approximately 612,000 RSUs to certain employees. The employee RSUs contain the same performance criteria as those granted to the deferred compensation program participants. Further, we granted approximately 26,000 RSUs to our non-management Board of Directors. The Director RSUs will vest on April 26, 2008. Compensation expense associated with RSUs is expected to approximate \$6 million in 2007. See additional discussion on the restricted stock issued in Note 22 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Long-term incentive plan

See Note 14, Stock-based and Other Management Compensation Plans, of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for additional information. On February 16, 2007, approximately \$26 million was paid to the LTIP plan participants. There are no additional amounts due under the LTIP plan.

Squeeze-Out Payment

The Squeeze-Out was registered in the commercial register in Germany on December 22, 2006, after several lawsuits by minority shareholders challenging the shareholders' resolution approving the Squeeze-Out were withdrawn pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into between plaintiff shareholders, the Purchaser and CAG on the same day. An aggregate purchase price of approximately €62 million was paid to minority shareholders in January 2007 as fair cash compensation for the acquisition of their shares in CAG, excluding direct acquisition costs of approximately €2 million. See additional information in Note 4 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Domination Agreement

The domination and profit and loss transfer agreement (the "Domination Agreement") was approved at the CAG extraordinary shareholders' meeting on July 31, 2004. The Domination Agreement between CAG and the Purchaser became effective on October 1, 2004. Our subsidiaries, Celanese Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A., formerly BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A ("Celanese Caylux") and BCP Crystal, have each agreed to provide the Purchaser with financing to strengthen the Purchaser's ability to fulfill its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement and to ensure that the Purchaser will perform all of its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement when such obligations become due, including, without limitation, the obligation to compensate CAG for any statutory annual loss incurred by CAG during the term of the Domination Agreement. If Celanese Caylux and/or BCP Crystal are obligated to make payments under such guarantees or other security to the Purchaser and/or the minority shareholders, we may not have sufficient funds for payments on our indebtedness when due. We have not had to compensate CAG for an annual loss for any period during which the Domination Agreement has been in effect.

Pension and Other Benefits

As a result of the sale of the oxo products and derivatives businesses in February 2007 (see Note 4 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements), there was a reduction of approximately 1,076 employees triggering a settlement and remeasurement of the affected pension plans due to certain changes in actuarial valuation assumptions. The settlement and remeasurement resulted in a net increase in the projected benefit obligation of \$44 million with an offset to Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net (net of tax of \$1 million) and a settlement gain of \$11 million (included in Gain on disposal of discontinued operations) for the pension plan during the three months ended March 31, 2007.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

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

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses and allocated charges during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

We describe our significant accounting policies in Note 4, Summary of Accounting Policies, of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006. We discuss our critical accounting policies and estimates in MD&A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Except for the following critical accounting policy discussed below, there have been no material revisions to the critical accounting policies as filed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 with the SEC on February 21, 2007.

On January 1, 2007, we adopted the provision of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, and Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109* ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 provides recognition criteria and a related measurement model for tax positions taken by companies. In accordance with FIN 48, a tax position is a

position in a previously filed tax return or a position to be taken in a future tax filing that is reflected in measuring current or deferred income tax assets and liabilities. Tax positions shall be recognized only when it is more likely than not (likelihood of greater than 50%), based on technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Tax positions that meet the more likely than not threshold should be measured using a probability weighted approach as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. Whether the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met for a tax position is a matter of judgment based on the individual facts and circumstances of that position evaluated in light of all available evidence. See Note 15 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for additional discussion of the FIN 48 impact.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 3 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for discussion of new accounting pronouncements.

Factors That May Affect Future Results And Financial Condition

Because of the following factors, as well as other factors affecting our operating results and financial condition, past financial performance should not be considered to be a reliable indicator of future performance, and investors should not use historical trends to anticipate results or trends in future periods. In addition, many factors could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate;
- the length and depth of product and industry business cycles particularly in the automotive, electrical, electronics and construction industries;
- changes in the price and availability of raw materials, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of fuel oil, natural gas, coal, electricity and petrochemicals such as ethylene, propylene and butane, including changes in production quotas in OPEC countries and the deregulation of the natural gas transmission industry in Europe;
- the ability to pass increases in raw material prices on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases;
- the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions;
- the ability to reduce production costs and improve productivity by implementing technological improvements to existing plants;
- increased price competition and the introduction of competing products by other companies;
- changes in the degree of patent and other legal protection afforded to our products;
- compliance costs and potential disruption or interruption of production due to accidents or other unforeseen events or delays in construction of facilities;
- potential liability for remedial actions under existing or future environmental regulations;
- potential liability resulting from pending or future litigation, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate;
- changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- pending or future challenges to the Domination Agreement; and
- various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this document.

Many of these factors are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results,

performance or achievements may vary materially from those described in this Quarterly Report as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, planned or projected. We neither intend nor assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk*

Except for the following market risk listed below, market risk for our Company has not changed significantly from the foreign exchange, interest rate and commodity risks disclosed in Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Interest Rate Risk Management

We may enter into interest rate swap agreements to reduce the exposure of interest rate risk inherent in our outstanding debt by locking in borrowing rates to achieve a desired level of fixed/floating rate debt depending on market conditions. At December 31, 2006, we had an outstanding interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$300 million. On March 19, 2007, in anticipation of the debt refinancing, we entered into various U.S. Dollar and Euro interest rate swaps, which became effective on April 2, 2007, with notional amounts of \$1.6 billion and €150 million. The notional amount of the U.S. dollar swaps will reduce over time according to an amortization schedule while the notional amount of the Euro swap will remain at its original level throughout the term of the swap. In March 2007, in connection with the April 2, 2007 debt refinancing, we terminated our existing interest rate swap. As of March 31, 2007, adjusted for the debt refinancing effected on April 3, 2007, we had approximately \$2.3 billion, €490 million and CNY544 million of variable rate debt, of which \$1.6 billion and €150 million is hedged with interest rate swaps, which leaves us approximately \$715 million, €340 million and CNY544 million of variable rate debt subject to interest rate exposure. Accordingly, a 1% increase in interest rates would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$12 million.

Item 4. *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, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting occurred that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting during our first quarter of 2007.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. *Legal Proceedings*

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

Item 1A. *Risk Factors*

Except for the following risk factor listed below, there have been no material revisions to the “Risk factors” as filed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 with the SEC on February 21, 2007.

Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly and affect our operating results.

Certain of our borrowings are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates were to increase, our debt service obligations on our variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same. On April 2, 2007, we, through certain of its subsidiaries, entered into a new senior credit agreement. The new senior credit agreement consists of \$2,280 million of U.S. dollar denominated and €400 million of Euro denominated term loans due 2014, a \$650 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2013 and a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2014. Borrowings under the new senior credit agreement bear interest at a variable interest rate based on LIBOR (for U.S. dollars) or EURIBOR (for Euros), as applicable, or, for U.S. dollar denominated loans under certain circumstances, a base rate, in each case plus an applicable margin. The applicable margin for the term loans and any loans under the credit-linked revolving facility is 1.75%, subject to potential reductions as defined in the senior credit agreement. The term loans under the new senior credit agreement are subject to amortization at 1% of the initial principal amount per annum, payable quarterly. The remaining principal amount of the term loans will be due on April 2, 2014.

Proceeds from the new senior credit agreement, together with available cash, were used to retire our existing \$2,454 million debt facility, which consisted of \$1,626 million in term loans due 2011, a \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2009 and an approximate \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2009 and to retire portions of our senior subordinated notes and senior discount notes.

If interest rates were to increase, our debt service obligations on our variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remains the same. As of March 31, 2007, adjusted for the debt refinancing effected on April 3, 2007, we had approximately \$2.3 billion, €490 million and CNY544 million of variable rate debt, of which \$1.6 billion and €150 million is hedged with interest rate swaps, which leaves us approximately \$715 million, €340 million and CNY544 million of variable rate debt subject to interest rate exposure. Accordingly, a 1% increase in interest rates would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$12 million. There can be no assurance that interest rates will not rise significantly in the future. Such an increase could have an adverse impact on our future results of operations and cash flows.

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

None.

Item 3. *Defaults Upon Senior Securities*

None.

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

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 28, 2005)
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws, effective as of February 8, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 21, 2007)
4.7	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 21, 2007, among Crystal US Holdings 3 L.L.C., Crystal US Sub 3 Corp., Celanese Corporation, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 27, 2007)
4.8	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 21, 2007, among Celanese US Holdings LLC, Celanese Holdings LLC, the entities set forth in the schedule thereto, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 27, 2007)
10.1	Second Amendment and Consent to Credit Agreement dated as of February 9, 2007, among Celanese Holdings LLC, BCP Crystal US Holdings Corp., Celanese Americas Corporation, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, as administrative agent (filed herewith)
10.2	First Amendment to Purchase Agreement dated February 28, 2007, by and among Advent Oxea Cayman Ltd., Oxea Corporation, Drachenfelssee 520. V V GmbH, Drachenfelssee 521. V V GmbH, Celanese Ltd., Ticona Polymers Inc. and Celanese Chemicals Europe GmbH (filed herewith)
10.3	Form of 2007 Deferral Agreement between Celanese Corporation and award recipient, dated as of April 2, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 3, 2007)
10.4	Amendment to Celanese Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 3, 2007)
10.5	Form of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Agreement between Celanese Corporation and award recipient, dated as of April 2, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 3, 2007)
10.6	Credit Agreement, dated April 2, 2007, among Celanese Holdings LLC, Celanese US Holdings LLC, the subsidiaries of Celanese US Holdings LLC from time to time party thereto as borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, as administrative agent and as collateral agent, Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation as syndication agent, ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Bank of America, N.A., Citibank NA, and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, as co-documentation agents, and Deutsche Bank AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as Deposit Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 5, 2007)
10.7	Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated April 2, 2007, by and among Celanese Holdings LLC, Celanese US Holdings LLC, certain subsidiaries of Celanese US Holdings LLC and Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 5, 2007)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).

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SIGNATURES

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

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ David N. Weidman

Name: David N. Weidman

Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: May 9, 2007

By: /s/ John J. Gallagher III

Name: John J. Gallagher III

Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 9, 2007

SECOND AMENDMENT AND CONSENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

SECOND AMENDMENT AND CONSENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT (this “Second Amendment”), dated as of February 9, 2007, among CELANESE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Holdings”), BCP CRYSTAL US HOLDINGS CORP., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), CELANESE AMERICAS CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (“CAC”), the lenders from time to time party to the Credit Agreement referred to below (the “Lenders”), and DEUTSCHE BANK AG NEW YORK BRANCH (“DBNY”), as administrative agent (in such capacity, the “Administrative Agent”), and as collateral agent (in such capacity, the “Collateral Agent”). Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings provided such terms in the Credit Agreement referred to below.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Holdings, the Company, CAC, the Lenders, the Deposit Bank and the Agents are parties to an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 6, 2004, amended and restated as of January 26, 2005 and as further amended as of November 28, 2005 (as amended, modified or supplemented through, but not including, the date hereof, the “Credit Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, the parties hereto wish to amend and/or modify certain provisions of the Credit Agreement and consent to certain actions of the Company and its Subsidiaries all as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

I. Amendment to the Credit Agreement

1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Credit Agreement to the contrary (but subject to the other applicable terms and conditions in the Credit Agreement relating to Letters of Credit, to the extent not amended hereby), (i) requests for Letters of Credit may be given by any Loan Party (on its own behalf or on behalf of any other Loan Party, in each case to the extent such Person is entitled to have the requested Letter of Credit opened for its account), (ii) a Letter of Credit, although opened for the account of a Loan Party entitled to have such Letter of Credit opened for its own account, may be stated to be issued on behalf of another Subsidiary, (iii) Letters of Credit (including Existing Letters of Credit) shall include bank guarantees, (iv) Letters of Credit denominated in Canadian dollars may be issued under the Credit Agreement, with all computations of outstandings to be made by including the Dollar equivalent of the stated amount of such Canadian dollar denominated Letters of Credit by reference to an Exchange Rate set on each Reset Date and (v) with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent and the applicable Issuing Bank (not to be unreasonably withheld), documentary Letters of Credit also may also be issued payable on a “time basis” as well on terms and conditions to be agreed upon among the Company, the Administrative Agent and the applicable Issuing Bank.

II. Consent.

1. In addition to the asset sales permitted pursuant to Section 6.05 of the Credit Agreement (and without otherwise reducing any of the asset sale baskets set forth therein), the Lenders hereby consent to the sale by the Company and its Subsidiaries of certain assets (the "Titan Assets") defined as the "Purchased Assets" in that certain Purchase Agreement dated as of December 12, 2006 by and among Celanese Ltd., Ticona Polymers Inc., Celanese Chemicals Europe GmbH, Celanese Corporation, Advent Oxo (Cayman) Limited, Oxo Titan US Corporation, Drachenfelssee 520. V V GmbH, and Drachenfelssee 521. V V GmbH (the "Purchase Agreement"), provided, that: (1) the consideration received by the Company or its Subsidiaries consists solely of cash and is paid at the time of the closing of such sale and (2) the Net Proceeds therefrom are applied and/or reinvested as (and to the extent) required by Section 2.11(c) of the Credit Agreement.

2. Upon consummation of the sale of the Titan Assets as permitted in Section II.1 above, (i) such Titan Assets shall be sold free and clear of the Liens (if any) on such assets pursuant to the respective Security Documents and (ii) the Lenders hereby consent to the release by the Collateral Agent (without recourse and without representation or warranty) of the Liens granted by the Loan Parties in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to each of the Security Documents solely with respect to the portion of the Collateral consisting of the Titan Assets.

III. Miscellaneous Provisions.

1. In order to induce the Lenders to enter into this Second Amendment, each of Holdings and the Company hereby represents and warrants to each of the Lenders that (i) all of the representations and warranties contained in the Credit Agreement and in the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Second Amendment Effective Date (as defined below) both before and after giving effect to this Second Amendment (unless such representations and warranties relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date) and (ii) there exists no Default or Event of Default as of the Second Amendment Effective Date both before and after giving effect to this Second Amendment.

2. This Second Amendment is limited as specified and shall not constitute a modification, acceptance or waiver of any other provision of the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document.

3. This Second Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts when executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Second Amendment by facsimile (or other electronic) transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof. A complete set of counterparts executed by all the parties hereto shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

4. **THIS SECOND AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN**

ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

5. This Second Amendment shall become effective on the date (the “Second Amendment Effective Date”) when Holdings, the Company, CAC and the Required Lenders shall have signed a counterpart hereof (whether the same or different counterparts) and shall have delivered (including by way of facsimile (or other electronic) transmission) the same to the Administrative Agent at the Notice Office.

6. From and after the Second Amendment Effective Date, all references in the Credit Agreement and in the other Loan Documents to the Credit Agreement shall be deemed to be a reference to the Credit Agreement as modified hereby. This Second Amendment shall constitute a Loan Document for all purposes under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized officers to execute and deliver this Second Amendment as of the date first above written.

BCP CRYSTAL US HOLDINGS CORP., a
Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Judy H. Yip
Name: Judy H. Yip
Title: Assistant Treasurer

CELANESE HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware limited
liability company

By: /s/ Judy H. Yip
Name: Judy H. Yip
Title: Assistant Treasurer

CELANESE AMERICAS CORPORATION, a
Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Judy H. Yip
Name: Judy H. Yip
Title: Assistant Treasurer

DEUTSCHE BANK AG NEW YORK BRANCH, as
Administrative Agent and Lender

By: /s/ Evelyn Thierry

Name: Evelyn Thierry

Title: Vice President

By: /s/ Paul O'Leary

Name: Paul O'Leary

Title: Vice President

FIRST AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this “First Amendment”) is entered into as of the 28th day of February, 2007, by and among ADVENT OXEA CAYMAN LTD., a Cayman Island limited liability company formerly known as Advent Oxo (Cayman) Limited (“Parent Buyer”), OXEA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation formerly known as Oxo Titan US Corporation (“U.S. Buyer”), DRACHENFELSSEE 520. V V GMBH, a German limited liability company to be renamed “Oxea Holding GmbH” (“German Holdco”), DRACHENFELSSEE 521. V V GMBH, a German limited liability company to be renamed “Oxea Deutschland GmbH” (“German Buyer”), CELANESE LTD., a Texas limited partnership (“Celanese Ltd.”), TICONA POLYMERS INC., a Delaware corporation (“Ticona,” and together with Celanese Ltd., “U.S. Seller”), and CELANESE CHEMICALS EUROPE GMBH, a German limited liability company (“German Seller”). U.S. Seller and German Seller are collectively referred to herein as “Sellers” and individually as a “Seller.” Parent Buyer, U.S. Buyer, German Holdco and German Buyer are collectively referred to herein as “Buyer”. Buyer, U.S. Seller and German Seller are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

WHEREAS, each Party is a party to that certain Purchase Agreement dated as of December 12, 2006 (“Purchase Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Purchase Agreement in accordance with Section 11(i) thereof as set forth in this First Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual promises herein made, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Capitalized Terms. Unless otherwise defined in this First Amendment, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Purchase Agreement.

2. Additional Definitions. The following definitions shall be added to Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement:

“Bishop Assets” means the Purchased Assets that are located at or relate solely to the Facility in Bishop, Texas and set forth on Attachment A to the First Amendment.”

“Eoxo Factoring Arrangement” means the Agreement dated February 22, 2007 among Eoxo (as seller), Compass ABSproM Limited (“Compass”) (as buyer) and WestLB (“West”) (as Administrator), and all agreements related thereto, namely the Framework Agreement among Eoxo (as seller) Compass (as buyer) and West (as Administrator) dated October 6, 2005, supplemented by agreement dated March 7, 2006 and the Pledge Agreement between Eoxo (as pledgor), Compass (as pledgee) and West (as collateral agent).

“Japanese Assets” means the Purchased Assets that are located in or relate solely to operations of the Business in Japan and set forth on Attachment B to the First Amendment.”

“Oxea Bishop” means Oxea Bishop, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned Subsidiary of U.S. Buyer.”

“‘ Oxea Japan ’ means Oxea Japan KK, a Japanese business corporation and wholly-owned Subsidiary of German Buyer.”

“‘ Oxea UK ’ means Oxea UK Ltd., a United Kingdom limited company and an indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of Parent Buyer.”

“‘ UK Assets ’ means the Purchased Assets that are located in or relate solely to operations of the Business in the United Kingdom and set forth on Attachment C to the First Amendment.”

3. Amendment of Definitions .

(a) The definition of “Buyer” hereby is amended to mean collectively Parent Buyer, U.S. Buyer, German Holdco, German Buyer, Oxea Bishop, Oxea Japan and Oxea UK.

(b) The definitions of “Estimated Working Capital” and “Estimated Working Capital Adjustment hereby are deleted from Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement and from Exhibit A to the Purchase Agreement.

(c) The definition of “Final Specified Deductions” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: “ Final Specified Deductions ” means the sum of the actual amount of the aggregate pension provisions line item, total ATZ provisions line item, total jubilee provisions line item, total other personnel-related provisions (Sinclair) line item, Estech remnant costs (Oberhausen) line item and real estate transfer tax (Infraserv) line item on Schedule 2(d)(ii) , as determined pursuant to the process set forth in Section 2(d).”

(d) The definition of “Seller Personal Property” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: “ Seller Personal Property ” means (1) all tangible personal property owned by Sellers (including all machinery and equipment, mobile or otherwise, vehicles, tools, furniture, furnishings and Inventory) located on the Seller Sites as of the date of this Agreement, except in each case, for the Excluded Assets, and including, but not limited to, the tangible personal property related to the portion of the Business located in the United States that is listed in Schedule 1(g)-1 and the tangible personal property related to the portion of the Business located in Germany that is listed in Schedule 1(g)-2 , and (2) the following Rhodium: (i) all Rhodium leased for use in the Business, (ii) exclusive of the Rhodium described in clause (iv) below, 100% of the recycled (or “recovered”) owned Rhodium allocated on the books and records of Sellers or their Affiliates to Bay City (with the current unrefined amount of such Rhodium (other than the Rhodium described in clause (iv) below) set forth on Schedule 1(j) hereto), (iii) 100% of the “virgin” owned Rhodium allocated on the books and records of Sellers or their Affiliates to Bay City, which “virgin” Rhodium shall be at least the amount set forth on Schedule 1(k) hereto; (iv) fifty-seven percent (57%) of the recycled (or “recovered”) owned Rhodium allocated on the books and records of the Sellers or their Affiliates to Bay City and currently located at Umicore Precious Metals for recycling (with the current unrefined amount of such Rhodium set forth on Schedule 1(l) hereto), and (v) all owned Rhodium owned by the Sellers for use in the Business and not allocated to Bay City.”

(e) The definition of “Ancillary Agreements” is amended to add the following agreement as subsection (n):

“(n) Software License Agreement dated as of the Closing Date among Celanese Ltd., U.S. Buyer and German Buyer.”

4. ATZ Obligations. A new Section 2(a)(viii) shall be added to the Purchase Agreement and shall read as follows:

“ATZ Obligations. Any cash deposits to secure ATZ obligations (which deposits shall be netted against the liabilities set forth on Schedule 2(d)(ii) for purposes of calculating the Final Purchase Price). Buyer hereby covenants to comply with, and to indemnify Sellers for all Liabilities (if any) that may arise following Closing under Section 8a of the German Act on Partial Retirement with respect to securing the ATZ obligations and for a period of one year following the Closing for any Liabilities of Sellers following Closing with respect to such ATZ obligations.”

5. Eoxo Factoring Arrangement. The Parties hereby agree that the Eoxo Factoring Arrangement shall remain in place after the Closing. Therefore, the following amendments shall be made to the Purchase Agreement:

(a) Section 2(c)(i)(L) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“(L) All obligations and Liabilities of Eoxo under the Eoxo Factoring Arrangement arising following the Closing; it being understood that all amounts outstanding thereunder immediately prior to Closing shall be repaid by Eoxo prior to Closing.”

(b) The introductory paragraph of Section 2(c)(ii) to the Purchase Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Excluded Liabilities. Except for the Assumed Liabilities, Buyer shall not assume or become liable for any Liabilities (1) of Parent or its Subsidiaries (other than the Companies) or Sellers or (2) of the Companies for indebtedness for borrowed money (including amounts outstanding immediately prior to Closing under the Eoxo Factoring Arrangement) or leases required to be capitalized in accordance with historical accounting methods (collectively, the “Excluded Liabilities”). Excluded Liabilities include, but are not limited to any and all Liabilities arising out of, related to, or attributable to:”

6. Working Capital.

(a) Sections 2(d)(i) and 2(d)(ii) hereby are revised to read in their entirety as follows:

“(i) Prior to Closing, Buyer and Sellers shall conduct a physical inventory of the Facilities for the purpose of determining the Inventory to be included in the calculation of Working Capital. At least three Business

Days prior to the Closing Date, Sellers shall deliver to Buyer a certificate executed by Sellers (the “Initial Closing Date Statement”), setting forth Sellers’ calculation of the Closing Payment (as defined below). The Initial Closing Date Statement shall be prepared in accordance with Sellers’ historical accounting methods (as defined in Exhibit A), policies, practices and procedures, with consistent classifications, judgments, thresholds and estimation methodology reflected or assumed therein.

(ii) At the Closing, Buyer shall pay to or for the account of Sellers (as directed by Sellers) (A) the sum of Four Hundred Eighty Million Euro (€480,000,000) (the “Base Amount”), minus (B) the total of the amounts outstanding as of the close of business on the day immediately preceding the Closing Date for the items listed on Schedule 2(d)(ii) in cash, payable by wire transfer of immediately available funds in accordance with the written instructions of Sellers provided by Sellers to Buyer (the “Closing Payment”). The Closing Payment shall constitute the “Estimated Purchase Price.”

(iii) As soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than 90 calendar days after the Closing Date, Buyer shall (A) prepare a statement of the calculation of the Baseline Working Capital, the Working Capital as of the close of business on the Closing Date, the Final Working Capital Adjustment and the Final Specified Deductions (the “Closing Date Statement”), and (B) deliver to Sellers the Closing Date Statement. The calculation of the items set forth in the Closing Date Statement shall be prepared in accordance with Sellers’ historical accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures, with consistent classifications, judgments, thresholds and estimation methodology, as were used in the preparation of the items set forth in the Initial Closing Date Statement.”

(b) A new Section 5(m) shall be added to the Purchase Agreement as follows:

“Virgin Rhodium Payable. The Sellers shall pay when due under the applicable purchase order the account payable for the 285 troy ounces of “virgin” Rhodium on order and allocated to Bay City as set forth in Schedule 1(k).”

7. 2006 and 2007 Accruals for Working Capital Purposes. The Parties have agreed that all Employee bonus accruals in relation to 2006 and all prior years (other than bonus payments of Employees of Eoxo accrued in relation to the year 2006), customer rebate accruals in relation to 2006 and all prior years, and agents’ commission accruals in relation to 2006 and all prior years are to be paid directly to the appropriate parties by Sellers. Accordingly, the following amendments to the Purchase Agreement shall be made:

(a) Exhibit A to the Purchase Agreement shall be amended so that Section B(9)(c) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Accrued Liabilities for Baseline Working Capital purposes shall equal the average month-end value determined with respect to the six full months most recently completed prior to the signing of the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, items included in Accrued Liabilities for Baseline Working Capital purposes shall be consistent with those presented in the VDD Report, but specifically excluding (i) all captions deducted from net debt, (ii) items Sellers are obligated to satisfy under the terms of this Agreement, (iii) goods received, but not invoiced of the German Seller, (iv) goods received, but not invoiced of the U.S. Seller, (v) all Employee bonus payments accrued in relation to the years 2006 and prior (other than bonus payments of Employees of Eoxo accrued in relation to the year 2006), (vi) customer rebate accruals in relation to the years 2006 and prior, and (vii) agents’ commission accruals in relation to years 2006 and prior.”

(b) Schedule 6(b) to the Purchase Agreement shall be amended to add the following new section at the end of the schedule:

“4. Employee Bonus Payments – 2006 and Prior

With regards to both the U.S. Transferred Employees and the German Transferring Employees, Sellers agree to pay directly to such employees all bonuses accrued for 2006 and years prior when such bonuses are due; provide, however, that Eoxo shall pay when due all bonus payments of Employees of Eoxo accrued in relation to the year 2006.”

(c) For clarity, any accrued Liabilities for Employee bonuses in relation to the year 2007, customer rebates in relation to the year 2007 and agents’ commissions in relation to the year 2007 will be assumed by Buyer. Such Liabilities will be excluded from the Baseline Working Capital and included in the Final Working Capital.

8. Intercompany Receivables and Payables. The Parties have reached an agreement regarding the treatment of certain intercompany accounts receivable and accounts payable for purposes of the Working Capital Adjustment. The Parties agree as follows:

(a) All accounts receivable owed to Eoxo as of the Closing Date in respect of sales by Eoxo to Sellers or their Affiliates shall be included in Baseline Working Capital and Final Working Capital, will not be terminated at Closing and shall be retained by Eoxo following the Closing.

(b) All accounts receivable of Sellers or their Affiliates relating to payables of Eoxo as of the Closing Date in respect of the purchase by Eoxo of syngas and propylene from Sellers or their Affiliates shall be transferred as a “Purchased Asset” to German Buyer, it being understood that the amount of the payables owing by Eoxo to Sellers or their Affiliates relating to propylene and syngas are already included in the payables constituting “Excluded Accounts Payable”. Such payables of Eoxo and the corresponding receivable of Sellers or their Affiliates shall not be included in Baseline Working Capital or in Final Working Capital.

(c) All accounts payable owed by Eoxo to Sellers or their Affiliates as of the Closing Date in respect of the purchase of acetic acid from Sellers or their Affiliates and the provision of site services (including amounts in relation to Oberhausen capital projects to the extent (1) invoices have been received by Eoxo prior to 28 February 2007, (2) the items are not Seller obligations under the terms of this Agreement, and (3) they are not items deducted as net debt under the terms of this Agreement) by Sellers or their Affiliates shall be included in Baseline Working Capital and in Final Working Capital, and such accounts payable shall remain obligations of Eoxo following the Closing. All other accounts payable owed by Eoxo to Sellers or their Affiliates shall either be terminated at Closing or transferred to Sellers and considered “Excluded Liabilities”.

(d) All accounts receivable owed to Sellers or their Affiliates as of the Closing Date in respect of the sale of site services (as described above) and acetic acid to Eoxo shall not be included in Baseline Working Capital or in Final Working Capital, but such accounts receivable shall remain assets of Sellers or their Affiliates, as applicable, following the Closing.

9. Closing. Section 2(f) of the Purchase Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“(f) Closing. The closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the “Closing”) shall take place at locations mutually satisfactory to the Parties on February 28, 2007 (the “Closing Date”). The effective time of the Closing shall be deemed to be 12:00 PM, Central European Time, on the Closing Date; provided that all financial calculations, true-ups and pro-rations, and the determination of Cash, to be made under this Agreement, shall be made as if the Sellers owned the Purchased Assets and Assumed Liabilities prior to the close of business on the Closing Date and the Buyer owned the Purchased Assets (and assumed the Assumed Liabilities) on and after the close of business on the Closing Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no Liabilities of the type referenced in Section 2(c)(ii) (C) as of the effective time. Any Cash of the Business received after the effective time and prior to the close of the Business on the Closing Date shall be trueed up as part of the process in Section 2(d).”

10. Purchase Price Allocation. The reference to “90 days” in the second sentence of Section 2(e) shall be changed to “120 days”. In addition, a new sentence shall be added as the penultimate sentence of Section 2(e) of the Purchase Agreement as follows:

“The Final Allocation Statement shall include an allocation of Purchase Price for the Purchased Assets allocated to Oxea Bishop, Oxea Japan and Oxea UK.”

11. Assignment. Pursuant to Section 11(d) of the Purchase Agreement, Buyer has assigned certain of its rights and obligations under the Purchase Agreement to certain of its Affiliates, as described in more detail below, and each assignment pursuant to the form of Assignment and Assumption Agreement attached hereto as Attachment D. Buyer will retain all

of its rights and obligations under the Purchase Agreement which are not specifically discussed below, and Buyer shall remain responsible for performing any assigned obligation in the event the assignee fails to perform such obligation.

(a) U.S. Buyer has assigned its rights and obligations under the Purchase Agreement related to the Bishop Assets to Oxea Bishop, and Oxea Bishop has agreed to assume all the rights and obligations related to the Bishop Assets under the Purchase Agreement. The Bishop Assets shall be transferred directly to Oxea Bishop at the Closing under the Purchase Agreement.

(b) German Buyer and U.S. Buyer have assigned their rights and obligations under the Purchase Agreement related to the Japanese Assets to Oxea Japan, and Oxea Japan has agreed to assume all the rights and obligations related to the Japanese Assets under the Purchase Agreement. The Japanese Assets shall be transferred directly to Oxea Japan at the Closing under the Purchase Agreement.

(c) German Buyer has assigned its rights and obligations under the Purchase Agreement related to the UK Assets to Oxea UK, and Oxea UK has agreed to assume all the rights and obligations related to the UK Assets under the Purchase Agreement. The UK Assets shall be transferred directly to Oxea UK at the Closing under the Purchase Agreement.

12. Allocation of Assets. As a result of the assignments specified in Section 10 above, the last paragraph of Section 2(a) of the Purchase Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following paragraph:

“The Purchased Assets will be acquired by Buyer as follows: (A) German Holdco shall acquire the Entire Eoxo Interest, (B) Oxea Bishop shall acquire the Bishop Assets, (C) U.S. Buyer shall acquire all Purchased Assets located in the United States, other than those covered by (B) above, (D) Oxea UK shall acquire the UK Assets, (E) Oxea Japan shall acquire the Japanese Assets and (F) German Buyer shall acquire all Ancillary Shares and all other Purchased Assets. Parent Buyer may modify such allocation by notifying Sellers prior to Closing. All assets of Sellers not expressly included in the Purchased Assets shall remain the property of Sellers from and after the Closing.”

13. EPDC. Given that the shareholders of European Pipeline decided in the general shareholders meeting dated 15 February 2007 to stop the building of the pipeline project as originally envisaged, the Parties agree that the European Pipeline Interest and all related items should be retained by Sellers and not transferred to Buyer. The Parties agree that the exclusion of the European Pipeline Interest from the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and the decision to stop the building of the pipeline project shall not result in any amendment of the Purchase Price and will not entitle or give rise to any Claim by Buyer for damages against or compensation from Sellers. Therefore, the following amendments are made:

(a) The final whereas clause of the preface to the Purchase Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“WHEREAS, subject to the terms and provisions hereof, Sellers desire to sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Buyer (or procure the sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance and delivery to Buyer), and Buyer desires to purchase and acquire from Sellers, the Entire Eoxo Interest, the Infracore Oberhausen Interest, the Titan GmbH Share, the Neu-Oberhausen GmbH Share and the Studiengesellschaft mbH Share.”

(b) The definition of “Acquired Share Interests” in Section 1 of the Purchase Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“ Acquired Share Interests ” means the Entire Eoxo Interest, the Infracore Oberhausen Interest and the Titan GmbH Share.”

(c) Section 2(a)(ix)(D) shall be deleted from the Purchase Agreement in its entirety and the word “and” shall be inserted before Section 2(a)(ix)(C).

(d) A new Section 2(b)(viii) shall be added to the Purchase Agreement and shall read:

“(viii) European Pipeline. The European Pipeline Interest and all agreements listed in Schedule 2(b)(viii).”

(e) A new Section 2(c)(ii)(L) shall be added to the Purchase Agreement and shall read:

“Any Liabilities relating to the European Pipeline Interest, including, but not limited to, obligations of German Seller under the shareholders agreement, indemnification agreement, subordination deed and related agreements entered into by German Seller with respect to European Pipeline (including the obligation to provide letters of credit and comfort), as more particularly described on Schedule 2(b)(viii).”

(f) The clause “and will execute a transfer deed in accordance with Dutch law with respect to the European Pipeline Interest” hereby is deleted from Section 2(g)(vii).

(g) The clause “the European Pipeline Interest or” hereby is deleted from Section 3(d)(i)(K).

(h) Part I Number 8 of Schedule 1(f) to the Purchase Agreement and Part II Number 7 of Schedule 3(d) to the Purchase Agreement hereby are deleted from their respective schedules. A new Schedule 2(b)(viii) to the Purchase Agreement entitled “Schedule 2(b)(viii) – Contracts Related to European Pipeline Interest” in the form attached hereto as Attachment E hereby is added to the Purchase Agreement.

(i) The reference to “European Pipeline in Section 2(e) hereby is deleted and Schedule 2(e) to the Purchase Agreement (Purchase Price Allocation) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment F hereto which shall become the new “ Schedule 2(e) ”.

(j) Section 3(n)(iv) hereby is deleted in its entirety.

(k) The references to “European Pipeline” in Section 6(i) hereby are deleted.

(l) Schedule 6(m) to the Purchase Agreement (Seller Guarantees) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment G hereto which shall become the new “ Schedule 6(m)”.

(m) Section 4 of Schedule 2(c)(ii) of the Purchase Agreement hereby is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“4. The Contracts listed on Schedule 2(b)(viii).”

14. Eoxo Product Contamination. The Parties agree that Sellers claim certain damages to their products caused by Eoxo in February 2007 (the “Eoxo Product Contamination”) The Parties share the belief that such damages are covered by one or more policies of insurance. The Parties understand that Sellers will make a claim relating to the Eoxo Product Contamination to Sellers’ insurers. In the event any claim is made against Eoxo relating to or arising out of the Eoxo Product Contamination, Buyer shall cause Eoxo to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain those coverage benefits available or that should be available for the Eoxo Product Contamination from its insurance carriers under all applicable policies of insurance. Such efforts shall include, but are not limited to, satisfaction of any notice provisions and/or policy conditions. Sellers shall indemnify and hold Eoxo harmless from and against any and all Liabilities incurred by Eoxo after the Closing arising out of or related to the Eoxo Product Contamination, but only to the extent that such Liabilities are not reimbursed or otherwise satisfied by Eoxo’s insurance carriers; provided, however, by way of clarification, Sellers shall not be required to indemnify Eoxo in respect of any increase in insurance premiums resulting from the Eoxo Product Contamination. By such agreement, the parties in no way intend to create either “other insurance” or indemnity rights to which Eoxo’s insurance carriers may subrogate.

15. Gasometer. Section 2(h)(ii) to the Purchase Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following paragraph:

“Buyer and Sellers had previously agreed that Sellers would, at Sellers’ sole expense, repair the gasometer at Oberhausen to the extent of the required repairs described in the Project Titan Business Review dated September 29, 2006 prepared by Ernst & Young (the “Vendor Due Diligence Report”) and use its commercially reasonable best efforts to cause such repairs to be completed by the Closing. Buyer and Sellers acknowledge that such repairs will not be completed as of the Closing. Buyer and Sellers agree that (i) Buyer shall accept the gasometer in its as-is condition at the Closing, (ii) Sellers shall have no obligation to make any repairs to the gasometer, and (iii) the Estimated Purchase Price and the Final Purchase Price shall be reduced by One Million Three Hundred Thousand Euro (€1,300,000).”

16. H600 Demolition. The Parties hereby agree that Buyer shall be solely responsible for the costs associated with the demolition of building H600 located at the facility in

Oberhausen, Germany (it being acknowledged that Buyer may take all actions necessary to demolish such building), provided, however, that the Estimated Purchase Price and the Final Purchase Price shall be reduced by One Hundred Fifty Thousand Euro (€150,000).

17. Multisol. Reference to the following agreement shall be removed from Part II Number 1 of Schedule 2(b) to the Purchase Agreement and shall instead be included on Part I Number 1 of Schedule 1(f) to the Purchase Agreement:

Authorized Dealer Agreement by and between Celanese Chemicals Europe GmbH and Multisol Ltd. dated February 28, 2002.

18. Bay City Asset Listing. Schedule 1(g)-1 hereby is amended to reflect the changes in the Bay City asset listing set forth in Attachment H hereto.

19. Bishop Asset Listing. Schedule 1(g)-1 hereby is amended to delete the Bishop asset listing in its entirety and to replace it with the asset listing set forth in Attachment I hereto.

20. German Asset Listing. Schedule 1(g)-2 hereby is amended to reflect the changes in the German asset listing set forth in Attachment J hereto.

21. Contract Listing. Schedule 3(d) hereby is amended to reflect the changes in the Material Contract listing set forth in Attachment K hereto.

22. Transferred Intellectual Property.

(a) Schedule 3(l)(i) hereby is amended to reflect the changes in the Transferred Intellectual Property set forth in Attachment L hereto.

(b) In addition, a new Section 6(p) is added to the Purchase Agreement as follows:

“(p) SOX Policy. Sellers hereby agree to make available to Buyer and its Affiliates for Buyer’s and its Affiliates non-exclusive, non-transferable and non-sublicensable use copies of Sellers’ Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance policy. Buyer (on behalf of itself and its Affiliates) hereby acknowledges and agrees that such policy is being made available on an AS-IS and WHERE-IS basis without representation or warranty of any kind, and Buyer and its Affiliates shall indemnify and hold Sellers and Sellers’ Affiliates harmless from any and all Liabilities of any nature that may arise from Buyer’s or its Affiliates’ use thereof.”

23. Section 2(a)(v) Confirmation. The provisions of Section 2(a)(v) of the Purchase Agreement shall apply to any Contract included in the Purchased Assets that is not assignable without the consent of the other party or parties thereto and as to which such consent has not been obtained as of the date hereof.

24. Assets in Mexico. Neither the Purchased Assets located in Mexico nor any Employees based in Mexico shall be transferred by Sellers to Buyer at the Closing, but shall be

transferred to U.S. Buyer as soon as reasonably practicable following the Buyer's creation of a "Permanent Establishment" in Mexico. From and after the Closing until the creation of a Permanent Establishment, (i) such Employees shall remain employees of Sellers but shall be seconded to Buyer on a full-time basis pursuant to a secondment agreement reasonably acceptable to Buyer and Sellers to be entered into promptly following the Closing. Such secondment agreement shall be on the same terms as the secondment agreement applicable to the U.K. Employees described in section 29 and shall provide that such Employees shall provide services to Buyer on the economic terms provided in the Transition Services Agreement dated as of the Closing Date among certain of the Parties (the "Transition Services Agreement"), and (ii) Sellers and Buyer shall make arrangements to allow, to the fullest extent possible, the U.S. Buyer to continue to supply and sell products of the Business to Sellers' Affiliate in Mexico for sales within Mexico in accordance with past practice of the Business as if such Purchased Assets relating to Mexico had been transferred as of the Closing. U.S. Buyer will determine the amount of products of the Business to be imported into Mexico. From and after the Closing, Buyer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to create a "Permanent Establishment" in Mexico as soon as reasonably practicable. When such Employees are hired by Buyer, Buyer shall provide such Employees with base salary and wages that are the same as, and other compensation and benefits that are substantially comparable, in the aggregate, to such other compensation and benefits provided to such Employees by Sellers on the Closing Date.

25. Assets in Spain. Neither the Purchased Assets located in Spain nor any Employees based in Spain shall be transferred by Sellers to Buyer at the Closing, but shall be transferred to German Buyer as soon as reasonably practicable following the Buyer's creation of a "Permanent Establishment" in Spain. From and after the Closing until the creation of a Permanent Establishment, (i) such Employees shall remain employees of Sellers but shall be seconded to Buyer on a full-time basis pursuant to a secondment agreement reasonably acceptable to Buyer and Sellers to be entered into promptly following the Closing. Such secondment agreement shall be on the same terms as the secondment agreement applicable to the U.K. Employees described in section 29 and shall provide that such Employees shall provide services to Buyer on the economic terms applicable to the Mexican Employees as provided in the Transition Services Agreement, and (ii) Sellers and Buyer shall make arrangements to allow, to the fullest extent possible, the German Buyer to continue to supply and sell products of the Business to Sellers' Affiliate in Spain for sales within Spain in accordance with past practice of the Business as if such Purchased Assets relating to Spain had been transferred as of the Closing. From and after the Closing, Buyer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to create a "Permanent Establishment" in Spain as soon as reasonably practicable. When such Employees are hired by Buyer, Buyer shall provide such Employees with base salary and wages that are the same as, and other compensation and benefits that are substantially comparable, in the aggregate, to such other compensation and benefits provided to such Employees by Sellers on the Closing Date.

26. Ancillary Shares. The Ancillary Shares shall not be transferred by Sellers to Buyer at the Closing (and the Assumed Liabilities associated therewith shall not be assumed by Buyer at the Closing), but shall be transferred to Buyer (and such Assumed Liabilities shall be assumed by Buyer) as soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of the shareholder approvals required for such transfer. From and after the Closing, Sellers shall use their

commercially reasonable efforts to obtain such shareholder approvals as soon as reasonably practicable.

27. Umicore Guaranty. The Parties acknowledge that the guarantee between Celanese Holdings LLC and Umicore Precious Metals NJ LLC (“Umicore”) dated November 11, 2005 expired by its terms in November 2006, and accordingly (i) is no longer a “Seller Guarantee”, and (ii) no counter-guarantee in favor of any Seller or any Affiliate thereof, including Celanese Holdings, LLC, will be delivered by Buyer at Closing. Buyer agrees to indemnify and hold Sellers and their respective Affiliates, including Celanese Holdings LLC, harmless against any and all Liabilities arising out of any claims against Sellers and their respective Affiliates, including Celanese Holdings LLC, by Umicore relating to Buyer’s purchase or lease of precious metals from Umicore following Closing.

28. Turkey. The Parties hereby waive as a condition to Closing the approval of the Turkish Competition Authority to the transactions contemplated hereby.

29. UK Pensions. The parties agree that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 shall not have the effect of transferring Andrew James Lawson, Pauline Rourke and Shirley Kirk (the “UK Employees”) to the Buyer as at Closing. The Sellers and the Buyer agree to use their reasonable endeavours to procure that:

(a) the UK Employees shall remain employed by Celanese Chemicals UK Ltd for a period not to exceed 60 days after Closing and the parties shall use their commercially reasonable endeavours to make such period as short as possible (such period to be referred to in this clause as the “Transitional Period”);

(b) during the Transitional Period the UK Employees shall be seconded to Oxea UK;

(c) the terms of such secondment to be acceptable to both the Sellers and the Buyer and set out in an agreement between them within 7 days of Closing, to include the following terms:

(i) that the Buyer shall promptly (and at the latest within 30 days) pay any invoice issued by the Seller in relation to any expenses arising out of or in connection with the employment of the UK Employees for the Transitional Period including any costs relating to salary, fringe rate for benefits, tax, national insurance or value added tax arising on the secondment;

(ii) that at any time the Buyer shall not make use of and shall direct the UK Employees not to share any confidential information with it that the UK Employees gained during their employment with Celanese Chemicals UK Ltd or any predecessor employer except to the extent that and in the proportion that it relates to the oxeo derivatives business;

(iii) that the Buyer shall fully indemnify the Sellers and Celanese Chemicals UK Ltd against any liability that may arise out of or in connection with actions taken by the UK Employees as a result of instructions given to them directly or indirectly by the Buyer;

(iv) that the Buyer shall not require any of the UK Employees or the Sellers as secondor to take any action or make any omission that is contrary to any law; and

(d) during the Transitional Period each UK Employee shall remain on the same employment terms and conditions as applied immediately before Closing and shall remain as an active member of the same pension scheme as each was a member on the same terms as applied immediately prior to Closing.

(e) The Sellers and the Buyer agree that:

(i) the UK Employees shall be offered employment by Oxea UK with effect from the end of the Transitional Period on at least the same base salary and substantially the same other terms and conditions (except in relation to pensions) as applied to them immediately prior to Closing; and

(ii) the UK Employees shall cease to be active members of the Ticona UK Pension Scheme with effect from the end of the Transitional Period and shall become deferred pensioners in such scheme.

(f) The Buyer agrees that with effect from the end of the Transitional Period it will offer to contribute to personal pension arrangements nominated by the UK Employees or such other pension arrangement as is agreed between the UK Employees and Oxea UK at such rates as agreed with the UK Employees provided that the value of the overall employment package offered to the UK Employees (including any pension contributions) with effect from the end of the Transitional Period shall be substantially similar in the aggregate to the value of the employment package applicable to the UK Employees immediately prior to Closing.

(g) It is the intention of the Sellers and the Buyer that the UK Employees will transfer to Oxea UK at the end of the Transitional Period. If any UK Employee does not agree to transfer their employment to Oxea UK with effect from the end of the Transitional Period or resign as a result of the transfer then all liabilities in connection with the relevant UK Employee shall rest with Celanese Chemicals UK Ltd and the Seller shall indemnify the Buyer accordingly.

(h) The parties acknowledge that the indemnification provisions of the Purchase Agreement apply to any liability relating to the UK Employees. References to the Closing Date in indemnification provision section 8(b) of the Purchase Agreement dated December 12 2006 shall be deemed to be the date the Transitional Period ends in so far as it relates to the UK Employees.

30. CELFLUID. Schedule 2(b) to the Purchase Agreement hereby is amended to add Sellers' "CELFLUID" trademark and its registrations thereto as Excluded Assets.

31. Lease Drawings. The real property drawings attached to the Real Property Leases included in the Ancillary Agreements executed at the Closing shall supersede and replace any corresponding drawings included in the Exhibits and Schedules to the Purchase Agreement.

32. Collection of Receivables. With respect to accounts receivable arising out of Contracts that relate to both the Purchased Assets and the Excluded Assets, to the extent that

such Contracts are retained by Sellers, Sellers shall use commercially reasonable efforts to collect any amounts owing to Buyer, consistent with Celanese's historical collection practices, and Sellers shall reasonably promptly notify Buyer of any customer complaints received by Sellers with respect thereto, and to the extent such Contracts are assigned to Buyer, Buyer shall use commercially reasonable efforts to collect any amounts owing to Sellers, consistent with Celanese's historical collection practices, and Buyer shall reasonably promptly notify Sellers of any customer complaints received by Buyer with respect thereto, in each case until such Contracts are split or otherwise separated into distinct Contracts between the third party, on the one hand, and Buyer or Seller, as applicable, on the other hand.

33. Purchase Agreement Definition. All references in the Purchase Agreement to "this Agreement" and any other references of similar import shall hereafter refer to the Purchase Agreement as amended by this First Amendment.

34. Counterparts. This First Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts (including by means of facsimile), each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this First Amendment by facsimile shall be effective as delivery of an originally executed counterpart to this Agreement.

35. Effect of First Amendment. Except as set forth in this First Amendment, the terms and provisions of the Purchase Agreement (a) are hereby ratified and confirmed, and (b) shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this First Amendment as of the date first above written.

ADVENT OXEA CAYMAN LTD., formerly
known as Advent Oxo (Cayman)Limited

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Authorized Person

OXEA CORPORATION, formerly known as
Oxo Titan US Corporation

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Managing Director

DRACHENFELSSEE 520. V V GMBH, to be
renamed "Oxea Holding GmbH"

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Managing Director

DRACHENFELSSEE 521. V V GMBH, to be
renamed "Oxea Deutschland GmbH"

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Managing Director

OXEA BISHOP, LLC

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Authorized Person

OXEA JAPAN KK

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Authorized Person

OXEA UK LTD.

By: /s/ Wilhelm Plumpe
Name: Wilhelm Plumpe
Title: Director

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

CELANESE LTD.

By its General Partner, Celanese International Corporation

By: /s/ Curtis S. Shaw
Name: Curtis S. Shaw
Attorney In Fact
Title:

CELANESE CHEMICALS EUROPE
GMBH

By: /s/ Curtis S. Shaw
Name: Curtis S. Shaw
Attorney In Fact
Title:

TICONA POLYMERS INC.

By: /s/ Gary M. Rowen
Name: Gary M. Rowen
Attorney In Fact
Title:

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

I, David N. Weidman, certify that:

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

2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer 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 we 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 quarterly 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 quarterly 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 (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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 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 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/ David N. Weidman

David N. Weidman
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: May 9, 2007

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

I, John J. Gallagher III, certify that:

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

2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer 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 we 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 quarterly 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 quarterly 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 (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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 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 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/ John J. Gallagher III

John J. Gallagher III
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 9, 2007

**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, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, David N. Weidman, President 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:

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/ David N. Weidman

David N. Weidman
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: May 9, 2007

**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, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, John J. Gallagher III, Executive 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:

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/ John J. Gallagher III

John J. Gallagher III
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 9, 2007