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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 September 30, 2012**  
**Or**
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**(Commission File Number) 001-32410**

 **Celanese**  
**CELANESE CORPORATION**

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)*

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

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

**222 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 900N**  
**Irving, TX**  
*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

**75039-5421**  
*(Zip Code)*

**(972) 443-4000**  
*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, as of October 18, 2012 was 159,532,052 .

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Form 10-Q

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2012

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Item 1. Financial Statements

**CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
(In \$ millions, except share and per share data)				
Net sales	1,609	1,807	4,917	5,149
Cost of sales	(1,285)	(1,406)	(3,992)	(3,987)
Gross profit	324	401	925	1,162
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(121)	(140)	(379)	(408)
Amortization of intangible assets	(12)	(17)	(38)	(50)
Research and development expenses	(24)	(24)	(76)	(72)
Other (charges) gains, net	2	(24)	(1)	(39)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(4)	1	(4)	1
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	163	196	425	593
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	50	57	163	146
Interest expense	(44)	(54)	(134)	(166)
Refinancing expense	—	—	—	(3)
Interest income	—	1	1	2
Dividend income - cost investments	1	1	85	80
Other income (expense), net	3	—	4	9
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	173	201	544	661
Income tax (provision) benefit	(54)	(34)	(32)	(151)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	119	167	512	510
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	(3)	—	(3)	3
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	1	—	1	(1)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	(2)	—	(2)	2
Net earnings (loss)	117	167	510	512
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	117	167	510	512
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) available to common stockholders	117	167	510	512
Amounts attributable to Celanese Corporation				
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	119	167	512	510
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	(2)	—	(2)	2
Net earnings (loss)	117	167	510	512
Earnings (loss) per common share - basic				
Continuing operations	0.75	1.07	3.24	3.27
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	0.01
Net earnings (loss) - basic	0.74	1.07	3.23	3.28
Earnings (loss) per common share - diluted				
Continuing operations	0.74	1.05	3.21	3.21
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	0.01
Net earnings (loss) - diluted	0.73	1.05	3.20	3.22
Weighted average shares - basic	159,123,808	156,194,459	157,936,063	156,147,982
Weighted average shares - diluted	160,094,904	159,018,839	159,644,166	158,965,811

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

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

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	(In \$ millions)			
Net earnings (loss)	117	167	510	512
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	28	(69)	4	18
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(2)	5	(1)	14
Pension and postretirement benefits	10	4	25	12
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	36	(60)	28	44
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	153	107	538	556
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	153	107	538	556

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

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

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
(In \$ millions, except share data)		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	928	682
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates (net of allowance for doubtful accounts - 2012: \$9; 2011: \$9)	932	871
Non-trade receivables, net	188	235
Inventories	711	712
Deferred income taxes	106	104
Marketable securities, at fair value	56	64
Other assets	47	35
Total current assets	2,968	2,703
Investments in affiliates	775	824
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation - 2012: \$1,454; 2011: \$1,316)	3,295	3,269
Deferred income taxes	539	421
Other assets	446	344
Goodwill	768	760
Intangible assets, net	174	197
Total assets	8,965	8,518
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	141	144
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	685	673
Other liabilities	507	539
Deferred income taxes	19	17
Income taxes payable	43	12
Total current liabilities	1,395	1,385
Long-term debt	2,839	2,873
Deferred income taxes	131	92
Uncertain tax positions	189	182
Benefit obligations	1,354	1,492
Other liabilities	1,142	1,153
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized (2012 and 2011: 0 issued and outstanding)	—	—
Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized (2012: 183,002,903 issued and 159,228,221 outstanding; 2011: 179,385,105 issued and 156,463,811 outstanding)	—	—
Series B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized (2012 and 2011: 0 issued and outstanding)	—	—
Treasury stock, at cost (2012: 23,774,682 shares; 2011: 22,921,294 shares)	(897)	(860)
Additional paid-in capital	731	627
Retained earnings	2,903	2,424
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	(822)	(850)
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	1,915	1,341
Noncontrolling interests	—	—
Total equity	1,915	1,341
Total liabilities and equity	8,965	8,518

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

**CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY**

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012	
	Shares	Amount
	(In \$ millions, except share data)	
<b>Series A Common Stock</b>		
Balance as of the beginning of the period	156,463,811	—
Stock option exercises	3,515,105	—
Purchases of treasury stock	(853,388)	—
Stock awards	102,693	—
Balance as of the end of the period	<u>159,228,221</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Treasury Stock</b>		
Balance as of the beginning of the period	22,921,294	(860)
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	853,388	(37)
Balance as of the end of the period	<u>23,774,682</u>	<u>(897)</u>
<b>Additional Paid-In Capital</b>		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		627
Stock-based compensation, net of tax		15
Stock option exercises, net of tax		89
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>731</u>
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		2,424
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation		510
Series A common stock dividends		(31)
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>2,903</u>
<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net</b>		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		(850)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		28
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>(822)</u>
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity		<u>1,915</u>
<b>Noncontrolling Interests</b>		
Balance as of the beginning of the period		—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		—
Balance as of the end of the period		<u>—</u>
Total equity		<u>1,915</u>

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



**CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
	(In \$ millions)	
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net earnings (loss)	510	512
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Other charges (gains), net of amounts used	(13)	(8)
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	236	231
Deferred income taxes, net	(96)	7
(Gain) loss on disposition of businesses and assets, net	2	—
Refinancing expense	—	3
Other, net	85	49
Operating cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	—	(9)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates, net	(62)	(175)
Inventories	1	(167)
Other assets	15	3
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	58	77
Other liabilities	(75)	(42)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	661	481
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	(270)	(241)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(23)	(8)
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets, net	1	6
Deferred proceeds from Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	158
Capital expenditures related to Kelsterbach plant relocation	(43)	(174)
Other, net	(62)	(37)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(397)	(296)
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	(7)	(20)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	411
Repayments of long-term debt	(32)	(562)
Refinancing costs	—	(8)
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	(37)	(28)
Stock option exercises	58	19
Series A common stock dividends	(31)	(25)
Preferred stock dividends	—	—
Other, net	28	(11)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(21)	(224)
Exchange rate effects on cash and cash equivalents	3	3
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	246	(36)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	682	740
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	928	704

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

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

**1. Description of the Company and Basis of Presentation**

*Description of the Company*

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

*Definitions*

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

*Basis of Presentation*

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Quarterly Report") were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US 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, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows and equity include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring items necessary for their fair presentation in conformity with US GAAP. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP have been condensed or omitted in accordance with rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed on February 10, 2012 with the SEC as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

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

For those consolidated subsidiaries in which the Company's ownership is less than 100%, the outside stockholders' interests are shown as noncontrolling interests.

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

*Estimates and Assumptions*

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

## 2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2012-02, *Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment*, an amendment to FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other* ("FASB ASC Topic 350"). The update provides an entity with the option first to assess qualitative factors in determining whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. After assessing the qualitative factors, if an entity determines that it is not more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired, then the entity is not required to take further action. If an entity concludes otherwise, then it is required to determine the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset and perform the quantitative impairment test. The ASU is effective for the Company for annual and interim impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012. Early adoption was permitted. The Company did not early adopt the provisions of this ASU; however, the Company does not expect the impact of adopting this ASU to be material to the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## 3. Acquisitions, Dispositions, Ventures and Plant Closures

### *Acquisitions*

On January 3, 2012, the Company completed the acquisition of certain assets from Ashland Inc., including two product lines, Vinac<sup>®</sup> and Flexbond<sup>®</sup>, to support the strategic growth of the Company's Emulsions business ( [Note 6](#) ). In February 2011, the Company acquired a business primarily consisting of emulsions process technology from Crown Paints Limited. Both of the acquired operations are included in the Industrial Specialties segment. Pro forma financial information since the respective acquisition dates has not been provided as the acquisitions did not have a material impact on the Company's financial information.

The Company allocated the purchase price of the acquisitions to identifiable intangible assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. The excess of purchase price over the aggregate fair values was recorded as goodwill. Intangible assets were valued using the relief from royalty and discounted cash flow methodologies which are considered Level 3 measurements under FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement* ("FASB ASC Topic 820"). The relief from royalty method estimates the Company's theoretical royalty savings from ownership of the intangible asset. Key assumptions used in this model include discount rates, royalty rates, growth rates, sales projections and terminal value rates, all of which require significant management judgment and, therefore, are susceptible to change. The key assumptions used in the discounted cash flow valuation model include discount rates, growth rates, cash flow projections and terminal value rates. Discount rates, growth rates and cash flow projections are the most sensitive and susceptible to change as they require significant management judgment. The Company, with the assistance of third-party valuation consultants, calculated the fair value of the intangible assets acquired to allocate the purchase price at the respective acquisition date.

### *Plant Closures*

#### • *Spondon, Derby, United Kingdom*

In August 2010, the Company announced it would consolidate its global acetate manufacturing capabilities by closing its acetate flake and tow manufacturing operations in Spondon, Derby, United Kingdom. The Company expects to serve its acetate customers under this proposal by optimizing its global production network, which includes facilities in Lanaken, Belgium; Narrows, Virginia; and Ocotlan, Mexico, as well as the Company's acetate affiliate facilities in China. The Company expects the closure of the acetate flake and tow manufacturing operations in Spondon, Derby, United Kingdom to occur during the three months ending December 31, 2012. The Spondon, Derby, United Kingdom operations are included in the Consumer Specialties segment.

#### • *Pardies, France*

In July 2009, the Company completed the consultation process with the workers council on its "Project of Closure" and social plan related to the Company's Pardies, France facility pursuant to which the Company ceased all manufacturing operations and associated activities in December 2009. The Pardies, France operations are included in the Acetyl Intermediates segment.

#### 4. Marketable Securities, at Fair Value

The Company's captive insurance companies and nonqualified trusts hold available-for-sale securities for capitalization and funding requirements, respectively.

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

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
(In \$ millions)		
Mutual Funds		
Amortized cost	56	64
Gross unrealized gain	—	—
Gross unrealized loss	—	—
Fair value	<u>56</u>	<u>64</u>

See [Note 16, Fair Value Measurements](#), for additional information regarding the fair value of the Company's marketable securities.

#### 5. Inventories

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
(In \$ millions)		
Finished goods	511	511
Work-in-process	40	38
Raw materials and supplies	160	163
Total	<u>711</u>	<u>712</u>

#### 6. Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Net

##### Goodwill

	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Total
(In \$ millions)					
As of December 31, 2011					
Goodwill	294	246	35	185	760
Accumulated impairment losses	—	—	—	—	—
Net book value	<u>294</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>760</u>
Acquisitions ( <a href="#">Note 3</a> )	—	—	7	—	7
Exchange rate changes	—	1	—	—	1
As of September 30, 2012					
Goodwill	294	247	42	185	768
Accumulated impairment losses	—	—	—	—	—
Net book value	<u>294</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>768</u>

The Company assesses the recoverability of the carrying value of its reporting unit goodwill annually during the third quarter of its fiscal year using June 30 balances or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be fully recoverable. In connection with the Company's annual goodwill impairment test, the Company did not record an impairment loss to goodwill during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

## Intangible Assets, Net

Finite-lived intangibles are as follows:

	Licenses	Customer-Related Intangible Assets	Developed Technology	Covenants Not to Compete and Other	Total
(In \$ millions)					
<b>Gross Asset Value</b>					
As of December 31, 2011	32	513	27	22	594
Acquisitions ( <a href="#">Note 3</a> )	—	4	3	6	13 <sup>(1)</sup>
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—
As of September 30, 2012	32	517	30	28	607
<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>					
As of December 31, 2011	(13)	(433)	(14)	(18)	(478)
Amortization	(2)	(30)	(2)	(4)	(38)
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—
As of September 30, 2012	(15)	(463)	(16)	(22)	(516)
Net book value	17	54	14	6	91

<sup>(1)</sup> Weighted average amortization period of intangible assets acquired was 6 years.

Indefinite-lived intangibles are as follows:

	Trademarks and Trade Names
(In \$ millions)	
As of December 31, 2011	81
Acquisitions ( <a href="#">Note 3</a> )	2
Exchange rate changes	—
As of September 30, 2012	83

The Company's trademarks and trade names have an indefinite life. Accordingly, no amortization expense is recorded on these intangible assets. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company did not renew or extend any intangible assets.

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

	(In \$ millions)
2013	32
2014	21
2015	10
2016	7
2017	6

The Company assesses the recoverability of the carrying value of its indefinite-lived intangible assets annually during the third quarter of its fiscal year using June 30 balances or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be fully recoverable. In connection with the Company's annual indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment test, the Company did not record an impairment loss to indefinite-lived intangible assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

## 7. Current Other Liabilities

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Salaries and benefits	85	101
Environmental ( <a href="#">Note 11</a> )	19	25
Restructuring ( <a href="#">Note 13</a> )	37	44
Insurance	17	19
Asset retirement obligations	39	22
Derivatives ( <a href="#">Note 15</a> )	19	26
Current portion of benefit obligations	47	47
Interest	41	25
Sales and use tax/foreign withholding tax payable	23	16
Uncertain tax positions	64	70
Other	116	144
Total	507	539

## 8. Noncurrent Other Liabilities

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Environmental ( <a href="#">Note 11</a> )	83	71
Insurance	59	64
Deferred revenue	36	40
Deferred proceeds <sup>(1)</sup>	891	892
Asset retirement obligations	28	42
Derivatives ( <a href="#">Note 15</a> )	12	13
Income taxes payable	3	2
Other	30	29
Total	1,142	1,153

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily relates to proceeds received from the Frankfurt, Germany Airport as part of a settlement for the Company to cease operations and sell its Kelsterbach, Germany manufacturing site, included in the Advanced Engineered Materials segment ( [Note 20](#) ). Such proceeds will be deferred until the transfer of title to the Frankfurt, Germany Airport.

## 9. Debt

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Short-Term Borrowings and Current Installments of Long-term Debt - Third Party and Affiliates		
Current installments of long-term debt	42	38
Short-term borrowings, including amounts due to affiliates	99	106
Total	141	144

The Company's weighted average interest rate on short-term borrowings, including amounts due to affiliates, was 4.4% as of September 30, 2012 compared to 4.3% as of December 31, 2011 .

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
(In \$ millions)		
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>		
Senior credit facilities - Term C loan due 2016	1,375	1,386
Senior unsecured notes due 2018, interest rate of 6.625%	600	600
Senior unsecured notes due 2021, interest rate of 5.875%	400	400
Pollution control and industrial revenue bonds, interest rates ranging from 5.7% to 6.7%, due at various dates through 2030	182	182
Obligations under capital leases due at various dates through 2054	237	248
Other bank obligations, interest rates ranging from 6.2% to 6.3%, due at various dates through 2017	87	95
Subtotal	2,881	2,911
Current installments of long-term debt	(42)	(38)
Total	2,839	2,873

### **Senior Notes**

In September 2010, Celanese US completed the private placement of \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the "6.625% Notes") under an indenture dated September 24, 2010 (the "Indenture") among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. In April 2011, Celanese US registered the 6.625% Notes under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Celanese US pays interest on the 6.625% Notes on April 15 and October 15 of each year which commenced on April 15, 2011. The 6.625% Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after October 15, 2014 at the redemption prices specified in the Indenture. Prior to October 15, 2014, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 6.625% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the Indenture. The 6.625% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US. The 6.625% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and each of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US that guarantee its obligations under its senior secured credit facilities (the "Subsidiary Guarantors").

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

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

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

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

### **Senior Credit Facilities**

In September 2010, Celanese US, Celanese, and certain of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US entered into an amendment agreement (the "Amendment Agreement") with the lenders under Celanese US's existing senior secured credit facilities in order to amend and restate the corresponding Credit Agreement, dated as of April 2, 2007 (as previously amended,

the "Existing Credit Agreement", and as amended and restated by the Amendment Agreement, the "Amended Credit Agreement"). Our Amended Credit Agreement consists of the Term C loan facility, the Term B loan facility, a \$600 million revolving credit facility terminating in 2015 and a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility terminating in 2014 .

In May 2011, Celanese US, through its subsidiaries, prepaid its outstanding Term B loan facility under the Amendment Agreement set to mature in 2014 with an aggregate principal amount of \$516 million using proceeds from the 5.875% Notes and cash on hand.

The margin for borrowings under the revolving credit facility is currently 2.5% above LIBOR or EURIBOR, as applicable, subject to increase or reduction in certain circumstances based on changes in the Company's corporate credit ratings. Borrowings under the credit-linked revolving facility and the Term C loan facility bear interest at a variable interest rate based on LIBOR (for US dollars) or EURIBOR (for Euros), plus a margin which varies based on the Company's net leverage ratio.

The estimated net leverage ratio and margin are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012	
	Estimated Total Net Leverage Ratio	Estimated Margin
Credit-linked revolving facility	1.50	1.50%
Term C	1.50	2.75%

The margin on each facility may increase or decrease 0.25% based on the following:

Credit-Linked Revolving Facility		Term C Loan Facility	
Total Net Leverage Ratio	Margin over LIBOR or EURIBOR	Total Net Leverage Ratio	Margin over LIBOR or EURIBOR
< = 2.25	1.50%	< = 1.75	2.75%
> 2.25	1.75%	> 1.75 and < = 2.25	3.00%
		> 2.25	3.25%

Term loan borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement are subject to amortization at 1% of the initial principal amount per annum, payable quarterly. In addition, the Company pays quarterly commitment fees on the unused portions of the revolving credit facility and credit-linked revolving facility of 0.25% and 1.50% per annum, respectively.

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

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

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

	As of September 30, 2012			
	First Lien Senior Secured Leverage Ratio			Borrowing Capacity (In \$ millions)
	Maximum	Estimate	Estimate, if Fully Drawn	
Revolving credit facility	3.90	1.15	1.63	600



The balances available for borrowing are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012 (In \$ millions)
<b>Revolving Credit Facility</b>	
Borrowings outstanding	—
Letters of credit issued	—
Available for borrowing	600
<b>Credit-Linked Revolving Facility</b>	
Letters of credit issued	70
Available for borrowing	158

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

The Amended Credit Agreement also maintains a number of events of default, including a failure to make any payment of principal or interest when due, a cross default to other debt of Celanese, Celanese US, or their subsidiaries, including the 6.625% Notes and 5.875% Notes, in an aggregate amount equal to more than \$40 million and the occurrence of a change of control. Failure to comply with these covenants, or the occurrence of any other event of default, could result in acceleration of the borrowings and other financial obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement.

The Company is in compliance with all of the covenants related to its debt agreements as of September 30, 2012 .

## 10. Benefit Obligations

The components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits		Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(In \$ millions)				(In \$ millions)			
Service cost	7	7	—	—	21	21	1	1
Interest cost	42	45	3	3	127	136	9	9
Expected return on plan assets	(51)	(50)	—	—	(154)	(151)	—	—
Recognized actuarial (gain) loss	14	7	—	(1)	43	22	(1)	(2)
Prior service credit	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Curtailement (gain) loss	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>

Commitments to fund benefit obligations during 2012 are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012	Expected for 2012
	(In \$ millions)	
Cash contributions to defined benefit pension plans <sup>(1)</sup>	119	144
Benefit payments to nonqualified pension plans	17	21
Benefit payments to other postretirement benefit plans	18	25

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$15 million of discretionary contributions as of September 30, 2012 and \$15 million of expected discretionary contributions.

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

The Company participates in a multiemployer defined benefit plan in Germany covering certain employees. The Company's contributions to the multiemployer defined benefit plan are based on specified percentages of employee contributions and totaled \$4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 .

## 11. Environmental

### *General*

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

The components of environmental remediation reserves are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Demerger obligations ( <a href="#">Note 17</a> )	34	34
Divestiture obligations ( <a href="#">Note 17</a> )	22	24
Active sites	28	20
US Superfund sites	15	14
Other environmental remediation reserves	3	4
Total	102	96

### *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 US Superfund sites (as defined below). In addition, as part of the demerger agreement between the Company and Hoechst AG ("Hoechst"), a specified portion of the responsibility for environmental liabilities from a number of Hoechst divestitures was transferred to the Company ( [Note 17](#) ). The Company provides for such obligations when the event of loss is probable and reasonably estimable. The Company believes that environmental remediation costs will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company, but may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given period.

### *US Superfund Sites*

In the US, the Company may be subject to substantial claims brought by US federal or state regulatory agencies or private individuals pursuant to statutory authority or common law. In particular, the Company has a potential liability under the US Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and related state laws (collectively referred to as "Superfund") for investigation and cleanup costs at certain sites. At most of these sites, numerous companies, including the Company, or one of its predecessor companies, have been notified that the 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 some of these proceedings is uncertain. Consequently, the Company cannot accurately determine its ultimate liability for investigation or cleanup costs at these sites.

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

One such site is the Lower Passaic River Study Area. The Company and 70 other companies are parties to a May 2007 Administrative Order on Consent with the US Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") of the contaminants in the lower 17-mile stretch known as the Lower Passaic River Study Area. The RI/FS is ongoing and may take several more years to complete. The Company is among a group of settling parties to a June 2012 Administrative Order on Consent with the EPA to perform a removal action within a small section of the river. The Company has also been named as a third-party defendant along with more than 200 other entities in an action initially brought by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") in the Supreme Court of New Jersey against Occidental Chemical Corporation and several other companies. This suit by the NJDEP seeks recovery of past and future clean-up costs, as well as unspecified economic damages, punitive damages, penalties and a variety of other forms of relief arising from alleged discharges into the Lower Passaic River.

In 2007, the EPA issued a draft study that evaluated alternatives for early remedial action of a portion of the Passaic River at an estimated cost of \$900 million to \$2.3 billion . Several parties commented on the draft study, and to date, the EPA has not taken further action. The contamination allegedly released by the Company is likely an insignificant aspect of the final remedy, which would consequently limit the ultimate contribution from the Company. Because the RI/FS is still ongoing, and the EPA has not finalized its study or the scope of requested cleanup, and the Company's assessment that the contamination allegedly released by the Company is likely an insignificant aspect of the final remedy, the Company cannot reliably estimate its portion of the final remedial costs for this matter at this time. However, the Company currently believes that its portion of the costs would be less than approximately 1% to 2% . The Company is vigorously defending these and all related matters.

## 12. Stockholders' Equity

### *Common Stock*

The Company's Board of Directors follows a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of the Company's Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") unless the Company's Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. The amount available to pay cash dividends is restricted by the Company's Amended Credit Agreement, the 6.625% Notes and the 5.875% Notes.

On April 23, 2012 , the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a 25% increase in the Company's quarterly Common Stock cash dividend. The Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend rate from \$0.06 to \$0.075 per share of Common Stock on a quarterly basis and \$0.24 to \$0.30 per share of Common Stock on an annual basis beginning in August 2012 .

### *Treasury Stock*

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

	<b>Authorized Amount</b>
	<b>(In \$ millions)</b>
February 2008	400
October 2008	100
April 2011	129
As of September 30, 2012	<u>629</u>

The authorization gives management discretion in determining the timing and conditions under which shares may be repurchased. The share repurchase activity pursuant to this authorization is as follows:

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Total From</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>
Shares repurchased	853,388	591,356	12,936,196
Average purchase price per share	\$ 43.19	\$ 47.37	\$ 38.12
Amount spent on repurchased shares (in millions)	\$ 37	\$ 28	\$ 493

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

*Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net*

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2012			2011		
	Gross Amount	Income Tax (Provision) Benefit	Net Amount	Gross Amount	Income Tax (Provision) Benefit	Net Amount
	(In \$ millions)					
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	28	—	28	(69)	—	(69)
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(2)	—	(2)	7	(2)	5
Pension and postretirement benefits	15	(5)	10	6	(2)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>(56)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(60)</b>

  

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2012			2011		
	Gross Amount	Income Tax (Provision) Benefit	Net Amount	Gross Amount	Income Tax (Provision) Benefit	Net Amount
	(In \$ millions)					
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	4	—	4	18	—	18
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(1)	—	(1)	22	(8)	14
Pension and postretirement benefits	41	(16)	25	19	(7)	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>44</b>

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

	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Marketable Securities	Foreign Currency Translation	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Interest Rate Swaps	Pension and Postretirement Benefits	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net
	(In \$ millions)				
As of December 31, 2011	(1)	(28)	(57)	(764)	(850)
Current period change	—	4	(1)	41	44
Income tax (provision) benefit	—	—	—	(16)	(16)
As of September 30, 2012	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>(739)</b>	<b>(822)</b>

**13. Other (Charges) Gains, Net**

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(In \$ millions)			
Employee termination benefits	(1)	(5)	(2)	(18)
Kelsterbach plant relocation ( <a href="#">Note 20</a> )	(3)	(14)	(5)	(43)
Plumbing actions ( <a href="#">Note 17</a> )	4	2	4	6
Commercial disputes	2	(7)	2	15
Other	—	—	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(39)</b>

**2012**

No significant Other (charges) gains, net were incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 .



## 2011

As a result of the Company's Pardies, France Project of Closure and the planned closure of the Company's Spondon, Derby, United Kingdom facility ( [Note 3](#) ), the Company recorded \$4 million and \$ 3 million , respectively, of employee termination benefits during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 . Additionally, the Company recorded \$5 million of employee termination benefits during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 related to the relocation of the Company's polyacetal ("POM") operations located in Kelsterbach, Germany ( [Note 20](#) ).

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011 , the Company received consideration of \$17 million in connection with the settlement of a claim against a bankrupt supplier ( [Note 17](#) ). In addition, the Company also recovered an additional \$4 million from the settlement of an unrelated commercial dispute. These commercial dispute resolutions are included in the Acetyl Intermediates segment.

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

	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Other	Total
	(In \$ millions)					
<b>Employee Termination Benefits</b>						
As of December 31, 2011	8	18	—	5	11	42
Additions	—	4	—	—	—	4
Cash payments	(2)	(1)	—	(3)	(3)	(9)
Other changes	—	—	—	—	(2)	(2)
Exchange rate changes	—	1	—	—	—	1
As of September 30, 2012	6	22	—	2	6	36
<b>Plant/Office Closures</b>						
As of December 31, 2011	—	—	—	1	1	2
Additions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cash payments	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other changes	—	—	—	—	(1)	(1)
Exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	—	—
As of September 30, 2012	—	—	—	1	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>

## 14. Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Effective income tax rate	31%	17%	6%	23%

For the three months ended September 30, 2012 , the higher effective tax rate is primarily due to changes in uncertain tax positions and increases in losses in jurisdictions not providing tax benefits. The lower effective rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 is primarily due to foreign tax credit carryforwards partially offset by deferred tax charges related to changes in assessment regarding permanent reinvestment of certain foreign earnings.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company determined that it was beneficial to amend certain prior year income tax returns to recognize the benefit of available foreign tax credit carryforwards. As a result, the Company recognized a tax benefit of \$142 million . The available foreign tax credits are subject to a ten year carryforward period and expire beginning 2014 through 2021 . The Company expects to fully utilize the credits within the prescribed carryforward period.

On February 15, 2012, the Company amended its existing joint venture and other related agreements with its venture partner in Polyplastics Co., Ltd ("Polyplastics"). The amended agreements ("Agreements"), among other items, modified certain dividend rights, resulting in a cash dividend payment to the Company of \$72 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012. In addition, as a result of the Agreements, Polyplastics is required to pay certain annual dividends to the venture partners.

Consequently, Polyplastics' undistributed earnings will no longer be invested indefinitely. Accordingly, the Company recognized a deferred tax liability of \$38 million that was recorded to Income tax provision (benefit) in the unaudited interim consolidated statement of operations during the three months ended March 31, 2012, related to the taxable outside basis difference of its investment in Polyplastics.

The Company's US tax returns for the years 2009 and 2010 are currently under audit by the US Internal Revenue Service and certain of the Company's subsidiaries are under audit in jurisdictions outside of the US. In addition, certain statutes of limitations are scheduled to expire in the near future. It is reasonably possible that a further change in the unrecognized tax benefits may occur within the next twelve months related to the settlement of any of these audits or the lapse of applicable statutes of limitations. Such amounts have been reflected as the current portion of uncertain tax positions ( [Note 7](#) ).

## 15. Derivative Financial Instruments

### *Interest Rate Risk Management*

To reduce the interest rate risk inherent in the Company's variable rate debt, the Company utilizes interest rate swap agreements to convert a portion of its variable rate borrowings into a fixed rate obligation. These interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges and fix the LIBOR portion of the Company's US-dollar denominated variable rate borrowings ( [Note 9](#) ). If an interest rate swap agreement is terminated prior to its maturity, the amount previously recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net is recognized into earnings over the period that the hedged transaction impacts earnings. If the hedging relationship is discontinued because it is probable that the forecasted transaction will not occur according to the original strategy, any related amounts previously recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net are recognized into earnings immediately.

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

As of September 30, 2012			
Notional Value	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Fixed Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
(In \$ millions)			
1,100	January 2, 2012	January 2, 2014	1.71%
500	January 2, 2014	January 2, 2016	1.02%

<sup>(1)</sup> Fixes the LIBOR portion of the Company's US-dollar denominated variable rate borrowings ( [Note 9](#) ).

As of December 31, 2011			
Notional Value	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Fixed Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
(In \$ millions)			
800	April 2, 2007	January 2, 2012	4.92%
400	January 2, 2008	January 2, 2012	4.33%
200	April 2, 2009	January 2, 2012	1.92%
1,100	January 2, 2012	January 2, 2014	1.71%

<sup>(1)</sup> Fixes the LIBOR portion of the Company's US-dollar denominated variable rate borrowings ( [Note 9](#) ).

### *Foreign Exchange Risk Management*

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

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

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Total	858	896

### Commodity Risk Management

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

In addition, the Company occasionally enters into financial derivatives to hedge a component of a raw material or energy source. Typically, these types of transactions do not qualify for hedge accounting. These instruments are marked to market at each reporting period and gains (losses) are included in Cost of sales in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations. The Company recognized no gain or loss from these types of contracts during nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. As of September 30, 2012, the Company did not have any open financial derivative contracts for commodities.

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

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012		Three Months Ended September 30, 2011	
	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (Loss)
	(In \$ millions)			
<b>Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges</b>				
Interest rate swaps	(6)	(4) <sup>(1)</sup>	(9) <sup>(2)</sup>	(15) <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges</b>				
Interest rate swaps	—	— <sup>(3)</sup>	—	1 <sup>(3)</sup>
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	—	(13) <sup>(4)</sup>	—	17 <sup>(4)</sup>
Total	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>3</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Amount represents reclassification from Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net and is included in Interest expense in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Amount excludes \$2 million of gains associated with the Company's equity method investments' derivative activity and \$2 million of tax expense recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(3)</sup> Included in Interest expense in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

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



	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	
	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (Loss)
(In \$ millions)				
<b>Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges</b>				
Interest rate swaps	(12)	(11) <sup>(1)</sup>	(26) <sup>(2)</sup>	(45) <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges</b>				
Interest rate swaps	—	— <sup>(3)</sup>	—	(2) <sup>(3)</sup>
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	—	— <sup>(4)</sup>	—	2 <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>(45)</b>

- (1) Amount represents reclassification from Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net and is included in Interest expense in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.
- (2) Amount excludes \$1 million of gains associated with the Company's equity method investments' derivative activity and \$8 million of tax expense recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss).
- (3) Included in Interest expense in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.
- (4) Included in Foreign exchange gain (loss), net for operating activity or Other income (expense), net for non-operating activity in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

See [Note 16, Fair Value Measurements](#), for additional information regarding the fair value of the Company's derivative arrangements.

## 16. Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 820 for financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-tiered fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. If a financial instrument uses inputs that fall in different levels of the hierarchy, the instrument will be categorized based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value calculation.

The three levels of inputs are defined as follows:

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

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

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

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

*Marketable Securities.* Where possible, the Company utilizes quoted prices in active markets to measure equity securities; such items are classified as Level 1 in the hierarchy and include mutual funds. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value per share or unit multiplied by the number of shares or units held as of the measurement date.

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

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

	Balance Sheet Classification	Fair Value Measurement Using		Total
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	
		(In \$ millions)		
Mutual funds	Marketable securities, at fair value	56	—	56
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current other assets	—	1	1
Total assets as of September 30, 2012		56	1	57
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	Current other liabilities	—	(15)	(15)
Interest rate swaps	Noncurrent other liabilities	—	(12)	(12)
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current other liabilities	—	(4)	(4)
Total liabilities as of September 30, 2012		—	(31)	(31)
		(In \$ millions)		
Mutual funds	Marketable securities, at fair value	64	—	64
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current other assets	—	9	9
Total assets as of December 31, 2011		64	9	73
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	Current other liabilities	—	(21)	(21)
Interest rate swaps	Noncurrent other liabilities	—	(13)	(13)
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges				
Interest rate swaps	Current other liabilities	—	(2)	(2)
Foreign currency forwards and swaps	Current other liabilities	—	(3)	(3)
Total liabilities as of December 31, 2011		—	(39)	(39)

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

	Carrying Amount	Fair Value Measurement Using		Total
		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
(In \$ millions)				
<b>As of September 30, 2012</b>				
Cost investments	155	—	—	—
Insurance contracts in nonqualified trusts	66	66	—	66
Long-term debt, including current installments of long-term debt	2,881	2,749	237	2,986
<b>As of December 31, 2011</b>				
Cost investments	147	—	—	—
Insurance contracts in nonqualified trusts	69	69	—	69
Long-term debt, including current installments of long-term debt	2,911	2,719	248	2,967

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

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, trade payables, short-term borrowings and the current installments of long-term debt approximate carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments. These items have been excluded from the table with the exception of the current installments of long-term debt. Additionally, certain noncurrent receivables, principally insurance recoverables, are carried at net realizable value.

## 17. Commitments and Contingencies

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

### *Plumbing Actions*

CNA Holdings LLC ("CNA Holdings"), a US subsidiary of the Company, which included the US business now in the Advanced Engineered Materials segment, along with Shell Oil Company ("Shell"), E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company ("DuPont") and others, has been a defendant in a series of lawsuits, including a number of class actions, alleging that plastic resins manufactured by these companies that were utilized by others in the production of plumbing systems for residential

property were defective for this use and/or contributed to the failure of such plumbing. Based on, among other things, the findings of outside experts and the successful use of the Company's acetal copolymer in similar applications, CNA Holdings does not believe the Company's acetal copolymer was defective for this use or contributed to the failure of the plumbing. In addition, in many cases CNA Holdings' potential future exposure may be limited by, among other things, statutes of limitations and repose.

In November 1995, CNA Holdings, DuPont and Shell entered into national class action settlements in the Cox, et al. v. Hoechst Celanese Corporation, et al., No. 94-0047 (Chancery Ct., Obion County, Tennessee) matter. The time to file claims against the class has expired and the entity established by the court to administer the claims was dissolved in September 2010. In addition between 1995 and 2001, CNA Holdings was named as a defendant in various putative class actions. The majority of these actions have now been dismissed. As a result the Company recorded \$59 million in reserve reductions and recoveries from associated insurance indemnifications during 2010. The reserve was further reduced by \$4 million during the year ended December 31, 2011 following the dismissal of the remaining US case (St. Croix, Ltd., et al. v. Shell Oil Company d/b/a Shell Chemical Company, Case No. XC-97-CR-467, Virgin Islands Superior Court) which was appealed during the three months ended September 30, 2011.

As of September 30, 2012, the class actions in Canada are subject to a pending class settlement that would result in a dismissal of those cases. The Company does not believe the Possible Loss associated with the remaining matters is material. Accordingly, the Company has determined to reduce the reserves based on the expiration of the time to file and the resolution of certain claims under the Canada class and no significant active claims outside of Canada. The Company recorded recoveries and reductions in legal reserves related to plumbing actions to Other (charges) gains, net ( [Note 13](#) ) in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(In \$ millions)			
Recoveries	—	—	—	2
Legal reserve reductions	4	2	4	4
Total	4	2	4	6

### ***Polyester Staple Antitrust Litigation***

CNA Holdings, the successor in interest to Hoechst Celanese Corporation ("HCC"), Celanese Americas Corporation and Celanese GmbH (collectively, the "Celanese Entities") and Hoechst, the former parent of HCC, were named as defendants in two actions (involving multiple individual participants) filed in September 2006 by US purchasers of polyester staple fibers manufactured and sold by HCC. The actions alleged that the defendants participated in a conspiracy to fix prices, rig bids and allocate customers of polyester staple sold in the US. These actions were consolidated in a proceeding by a Multi-District Litigation Panel in the US District Court for the Western District of North Carolina styled *In re Polyester Staple Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1516. On June 12, 2008 the court dismissed these actions with prejudice against all Celanese Entities in consideration of a payment by the Company. This proceeding related to sales by the polyester staple fibers business which Hoechst sold to KoSa B.V., f/k/a Arteva B.V., a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. ("KoSa") in 1998. In November 2003, KoSa sought recovery from the Company (Koch Industries, Inc. et al. v. Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft et al., No. 03-cv-8679 Southern District NY) alleging a variety of claims, including indemnification and breach of representations, arising out of the 1998 sale. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the parties settled the case pursuant to a confidential agreement and the case was dismissed with prejudice.

Prior to December 31, 2008, the Company had entered into tolling arrangements with four other alleged US purchasers of polyester staple fibers manufactured and sold by the Celanese Entities. These purchasers were not included in the settlement and one such company filed suit against the Company in December 2008 ( *Milliken & Company v. CNA Holdings, Inc., Celanese Americas Corporation and Hoechst AG* (No. 8-SV-00578 W.D.N.C.)). On September 15, 2011, the case was dismissed with prejudice based on a stipulation and proposed order of voluntary dismissal.

### ***Commercial Actions***

In April 2007, Southern Chemical Corporation ("Southern") filed a petition in the 190th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas styled *Southern Chemical Corporation v. Celanese Ltd.* (Cause No. 2007-25490), seeking declaratory judgment relating to the terms of a multi-year methanol supply contract. The trial court granted the Company's motion for summary

judgment in March 2008 dismissing Southern's claims. In September 2009, the intermediate Texas appellate court reversed the trial court decision and remanded the case to the trial court. The Texas Supreme Court subsequently declined both parties' requests that it hear the case. On August 15, 2010, Southern filed a second amended petition adding a claim for breach of contract and seeking equitable damages in an unspecified amount from the Company. Southern amended its complaint again in June, August and November 2011 and May 2012, adding new claims for fraud and tortious interference with a third-party contract. More specifically, Southern claimed the Company "materially misrepresented its intended use of the methanol to be supplied by Southern" and "violated the material terms of the contract and failed to correct these breaches after Southern provided notice." These alleged breaches include "selling, transferring, swapping or tolling methanol to or with entities other than the Company and to entities or operations outside the U.S. or Mexico." In the May 2012 complaint, Southern sought compensatory damages of \$1.3 billion, as well as pre- and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and punitive damages equaling two times its actual damages. Southern also sought rescission or termination of the contract. Trial commenced on July 16, 2012, and on August 10, 2012, the jury returned a verdict of no liability and no damages with respect to all of Southern's claims against the Company. The trial court adopted the jury's verdict and entered final judgment on October 10, 2012. Southern may file a motion for new trial and/or seek appeal.

In June 2012, Linde Gas Singapore Pte Ltd ("Linde Gas"), a raw materials supplier based in Singapore, initiated arbitration proceedings in New York against the Company's subsidiary, Celanese Singapore Pte. Ltd. ("Singapore Ltd."), alleging that Singapore Ltd. had breached a certain requirements contract for carbon monoxide by temporarily idling Singapore Ltd.'s acetic acid facility in Jurong Island, Singapore. The Company filed its answer on August 8, 2012. The Company believes that Linde Gas' claims lack merit and that the Company has complied with the contract terms and plans to vigorously defend the matter. Based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, the Company cannot estimate the Possible Loss, if any, for this matter as discovery has not yet commenced and Linde Gas' arbitration demand does not specify an amount of damages it is seeking.

#### ***Award Proceedings in relation to Domination Agreement and Squeeze-Out***

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

Pursuant to a settlement agreement between BCP Holdings and certain former Celanese GmbH stockholders, if the court sets a higher value for the fair cash compensation or the guaranteed payment under the Domination Agreement or the Squeeze-Out compensation, former Celanese GmbH stockholders who ceased to be stockholders of Celanese GmbH due to the Squeeze-Out will be entitled to claim for their shares the higher of the compensation amounts determined by the court in these different proceedings related to the Domination Agreement and the Squeeze-Out. If the fair cash compensation determined by the court is higher than the Squeeze-Out compensation of €66.99, then 1,069,465 shares will be entitled to an adjustment. If the court determines the value of the fair cash compensation under the Domination Agreement to be lower than the original Squeeze-Out compensation, but determines a higher value for the Squeeze-Out compensation, 924,078 shares would be entitled to an adjustment. Payments already received by these stockholders as compensation for their shares will be offset so that persons who ceased to be stockholders of Celanese GmbH due to the Squeeze-Out are not entitled to more than the higher of the amount set in the two court proceedings.

In September 2011, an expert appointed by the court hearing the Domination Agreement stockholders' claims to assist it in determining the value of Celanese GmbH rendered an opinion. The expert opined that the fair cash compensation for these stockholders (145,387 shares) should be increased from €41.92 to €51.86. This non-binding opinion recommends a total increase in share value to €2 million for those claims under the Domination Agreement. The opinion has no effect on the Squeeze-Out proceeding because the share price recommended is lower than the price those stockholders already received in the Squeeze-Out. However, the opinion also advocates that the guaranteed dividend should be increased from €2.89 to €3.79, aggregating an increase in total guaranteed dividends of €1 million to the Squeeze-Out claimants. The Company evaluated the non-binding opinion of the expert and submitted a written response during the three months ended December 31, 2011. The court then asked the expert to update his opinion. No hearing date has been set. No expert has yet been appointed in the Squeeze-Out proceedings.

For those claims brought under the Domination Agreement, based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, including the non-binding expert opinion, the fact that the court has asked the expert to update his opinion, and the fact that the court may adopt this new opinion or apply its own (there are legal questions about the applicable valuation

method), which could increase or decrease the Company's potential exposure, the Company does not believe that the Possible Loss is material.

For those remaining claims brought by the Squeeze-Out claimants, based on the Company's evaluation of currently available information, including that damages sought are unspecified, unsupported or uncertain, the matter presents meaningful legal uncertainties (including novel issues of law and the applicable valuation method), there are significant facts in dispute and the court has not yet appointed an expert, the Company cannot estimate the Possible Loss, if any, at this time.

### ***Guarantees***

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

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

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

- ***Demerger Obligations***

In connection with the Hoechst demerger, the Company agreed to indemnify Hoechst, and its legal successors, for various liabilities under the demerger agreement, including for environmental liabilities associated with contamination arising either from environmental damage in general ("Category A") or under 19 divestiture agreements entered into by Hoechst prior to the demerger ("Category B") ([Note 11](#)).

The Company's obligation to indemnify Hoechst, and its legal successors, is capped under Category B at €250 million . If and to the extent the environmental damage should exceed €750 million in aggregate, the Company's obligation to indemnify Hoechst and its legal successors applies, but is then limited to 33.33% of the remediation cost without further limitations. Cumulative payments under the divestiture agreements as of September 30, 2012 are \$58 million . Most of the divestiture agreements have become time barred and/or any notified environmental damage claims have been partially settled.

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

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

- ***Divestiture Obligations***

The Company and its predecessor companies agreed to indemnify third-party purchasers of former businesses and assets for various pre-closing conditions, as well as for breaches of representations, warranties and covenants. Such liabilities also include environmental liability, product liability, antitrust and other liabilities. These indemnifications and guarantees represent standard contractual terms associated with typical divestiture agreements and, other than environmental liabilities, the Company does not believe that they expose the Company to any significant risk ([Note 11](#)).

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 outstanding indemnifications and guarantees provided for under these agreements is \$193 million as of September 30, 2012 . Other agreements do not provide for any monetary or time limitations.

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

### **Purchase Obligations**

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various purchase commitments for goods and services which extend through 2034. The Company maintains a number of "take-or-pay" contracts for purchases of raw materials, utilities and other services. Certain of the contracts contain a contract termination buy-out provision that allows for the Company to exit the contracts for amounts less than the remaining take-or-pay obligations. The Company does not expect to incur any material costs under take-or-pay contracts as a result of not fulfilling its contractual obligations. Additionally, the Company has other outstanding commitments representing maintenance and service agreements, energy and utility agreements, consulting contracts and software agreements. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had unconditional purchase obligations of \$ 3.5 billion.

The Company holds variable interests in entities that supply certain raw materials and services to the Company. The variable interests primarily relate to cost-plus contractual arrangements with the suppliers and recovery of capital expenditures for certain plant assets plus a rate of return on such assets. The Company recorded obligations under capital leases for recovery of the capital expenditures. The entities are not consolidated because the Company is not the primary beneficiary of the entities as it does not have the power to direct the activities of the entities that most significantly impact the entities' economic performance. The Company's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with these variable interest entities ("VIEs") as of September 30, 2012 relates primarily to early contract termination fees.

The Company's carrying value of assets and liabilities associated with its obligations to VIEs, as well as the maximum exposure to loss relating to these VIEs are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	116	119
Trade payables	37	40
Current installments of long-term debt	7	6
Long-term debt	136	137
Total	180	183
Maximum exposure to loss	282	228

The difference between the total obligations to VIEs and the maximum exposure to loss, primarily represents take-or-pay obligations for services included within the unconditional obligations discussed above.

During March 2010, the Company successfully completed an amended raw material purchase agreement with a supplier who had filed for bankruptcy. During nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company received consideration of \$17 million in connection with the settlement of a claim against this bankrupt supplier. The consideration was recorded to Other charges (gains), net ( [Note 13](#) ) in the unaudited interim consolidated statements of operations.

## 18. Segment Information

	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Other Activities	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In \$ millions)							
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2012</b>							
Net sales	322	314 <sup>(1)</sup>	297	785 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(109)	1,609
Other (charges) gains, net	1	(1)	—	1	1	—	2
Operating profit (loss)	43	70	23	62	(35)	—	163
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	45	—	—	—	5	—	50
Depreciation and amortization	29	13	13	20	3	—	78
Capital expenditures	11	14	9	47	2	—	83 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2011</b>							
Net sales	332	298 <sup>(1)</sup>	332	975 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(130)	1,807
Other (charges) gains, net	(13)	2	—	(5)	(8)	—	(24)
Operating profit (loss)	14	66	30	128	(42)	—	196
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	52	1	—	1	3	—	57
Depreciation and amortization	27	9	12	25	4	—	77
Capital expenditures	13	24	20	39	3	—	99 <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Net sales for Acetyl Intermediates and Consumer Specialties include inter-segment sales of \$109 million and \$0 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and \$129 million and \$1 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes expenditures related to the relocation of the Company's POM operations in Germany ([Note 20](#)) and includes a decrease in accrued capital expenditures of \$4 million and an increase of \$9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.



	Advanced Engineered Materials	Consumer Specialties	Industrial Specialties	Acetyl Intermediates	Other Activities	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In \$ millions)							
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012</b>							
Net sales	962	905 <sup>(1)</sup>	933	2,458 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(341)	4,917
Other (charges) gains, net	(1)	2	—	2	(4)	—	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	85	184	76	199	(119)	—	425
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	143	2	—	3	15	—	163
Depreciation and amortization	84	33	41	59	10	—	227
Capital expenditures	28	48	25	122	13	—	236 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>As of September 30, 2012</b>							
Goodwill and intangibles, net	374	275	67	226	—	—	942
Total assets	2,728	1,302	994	2,171	1,770	—	8,965
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011</b>							
Net sales	1,006	855 <sup>(1)</sup>	951	2,702 <sup>(1)</sup>	1	(366)	5,149
Other (charges) gains, net	(42)	(2)	—	15	(10)	—	(39)
Operating profit (loss)	79	168	83	392	(129)	—	593
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	125	2	—	4	15	—	146
Depreciation and amortization	68	34	34	75	10	—	221
Capital expenditures	50	59	44	79	7	—	239 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>As of December 31, 2011</b>							
Goodwill and intangibles, net	391	277	54	235	—	—	957
Total assets	2,787	1,154	901	2,035	1,641	—	8,518

<sup>(1)</sup> Net sales for Acetyl Intermediates and Consumer Specialties include inter-segment sales of \$338 million and \$3 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and \$363 million and \$3 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes expenditures related to the relocation of the Company's POM operations in Germany ( [Note 20.](#) ) and includes a decrease in accrued capital expenditures of \$34 million and \$2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

## 19. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
(In \$ millions, except share and per share data)				
Amounts Attributable to Celanese Corporation				
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	119	167	512	510
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	(2)	—	(2)	2
Net earnings (loss) available to common stockholders	<u>117</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>512</u>
Weighted-average shares - basic	159,123,808	156,194,459	157,936,063	156,147,982
Dilutive stock options	292,661	1,898,195	1,054,012	1,975,911
Dilutive restricted stock units	678,435	926,185	654,091	841,918
Weighted-average shares - diluted	<u>160,094,904</u>	<u>159,018,839</u>	<u>159,644,166</u>	<u>158,965,811</u>

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

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Stock options	30,032	—	15,016	60,208
Restricted stock units	92	1,008	5,328	336
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,124</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>20,344</b>	<b>60,544</b>

## 20. Plant Relocation

In November 2006, the Company finalized a settlement agreement with the Frankfurt, Germany Airport ("Fraport") that required the Company to cease operations at its Kelsterbach, Germany POM site and sell the site, including land and buildings, to Fraport, resolving several years of legal disputes related to the planned Fraport expansion. Under the original agreement, Fraport agreed to pay the Company a total of €670 million. The agreement requires the Company to complete certain activities no later than December 31, 2013 at which time title to the land and buildings will transfer to Fraport. The agreement did not require the proceeds from the settlement be used to build or relocate the existing POM operations; however, based on a number of factors, the Company built a new expanded production facility in the Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park in the Rhine Main area in Germany.

The Company received its final payment from Fraport of €110 million during the three months ended June 30, 2011 and ceased POM operations at the Kelsterbach, Germany site prior to July 31, 2011. In September 2011, the Company announced the opening of its new POM production facility in Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park, Germany.

A summary of the financial statement impact associated with the Kelsterbach plant relocation is as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Total From Inception Through September 30, 2012
	2012	2011	
	(In \$ millions)		
Deferred proceeds <sup>(1)</sup>	—	158	907
Costs expensed	5	43	111
Costs capitalized <sup>(2)</sup>	30	137	1,122
Lease buyout	—	—	22
Employee termination benefits	—	5	8

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in noncurrent Other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. Amounts reflect the US dollar equivalent at the time of receipt. Upon transfer of title to Fraport, the deferred proceeds will be recognized in the consolidated statements of operations. Such proceeds will be reduced by assets of €38 million included in Property, plant and equipment, net and €70 million included in noncurrent Other assets in the consolidated balance sheets, to be transferred to Fraport or otherwise disposed.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes a decrease in accrued capital expenditures of \$13 million and \$37 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

## 21. Consolidating Guarantor Financial Information

The 6.625% Notes and the 5.875% Notes (collectively, the "Notes") were issued by Celanese US (the "Issuer") and are guaranteed by Celanese Corporation (the "Parent Guarantor") and the Subsidiary Guarantors ([Note 9](#)). The Issuer and Subsidiary Guarantors are 100% owned subsidiaries of the Parent Guarantor. The Parent Guarantor and Subsidiary Guarantors have guaranteed the Notes fully and unconditionally and jointly and severally.

For cash management purposes, the Company transfers cash between Parent Guarantor, Issuer, Subsidiary Guarantors and non-guarantors through intercompany financing arrangements, contributions or declaration of dividends between the respective parent and its subsidiaries. The transfer of cash under these activities facilitates the ability of the recipient to make specified third-party payments. As a result, the Company presents such intercompany financing activities, contributions and dividends within the category where the ultimate use of cash to third parties is presented in the accompanying unaudited interim

consolidated statements of cash flows.

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

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

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net sales	—	—	670	1,196	(257)	1,609
Cost of sales	—	—	(471)	(1,079)	265	(1,285)
Gross profit	—	—	199	117	8	324
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(41)	(80)	—	(121)
Amortization of intangible assets	—	—	(4)	(8)	—	(12)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(17)	(7)	—	(24)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	6	(4)	—	2
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	—	(4)	—	(4)
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	(2)
Operating profit (loss)	—	—	142	13	8	163
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	116	141	44	37	(288)	50
Interest expense	—	(48)	(10)	(18)	32	(44)
Refinancing expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest income	—	14	16	2	(32)	—
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other income (expense), net	—	(1)	—	4	—	3
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	116	106	192	39	(280)	173
Income tax (provision) benefit	1	10	(55)	(8)	(2)	(54)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	117	116	137	31	(282)	119
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	(2)	(1)	—	(3)
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	—	1	—	—	1
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	(2)
Net earnings (loss)	117	116	136	30	(282)	117
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	117	116	136	30	(282)	117

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Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net sales	—	—	662	1,401	(256)	1,807
Cost of sales	—	—	(491)	(1,184)	269	(1,406)
Gross profit	—	—	171	217	13	401
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(31)	(109)	—	(140)
Amortization of intangible assets	—	—	(5)	(12)	—	(17)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(16)	(8)	—	(24)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	(5)	(19)	—	(24)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	—	1	—	1
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	—	—	113	70	13	196
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	167	205	70	45	(430)	57
Interest expense	—	(53)	(9)	(10)	18	(54)
Refinancing expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest income	—	5	12	2	(18)	1
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other income (expense), net	—	(1)	—	1	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	167	156	186	109	(417)	201
Income tax (provision) benefit	—	11	(30)	(13)	(2)	(34)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	167	167	156	96	(419)	167
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	1	(1)	—	—
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	1	(1)	—	—
Net earnings (loss)	167	167	157	95	(419)	167
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	167	167	157	95	(419)	167

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net sales	—	—	2,044	3,684	(811)	4,917
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,473)	(3,340)	821	(3,992)
Gross profit	—	—	571	344	10	925
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(135)	(244)	—	(379)
Amortization of intangible assets	—	—	(13)	(25)	—	(38)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(51)	(25)	—	(76)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	13	(8)	(6)	(1)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	—	(4)	—	(4)
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	(2)
Operating profit (loss)	—	—	384	37	4	425
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	508	577	134	128	(1,184)	163
Interest expense	—	(144)	(31)	(55)	96	(134)
Refinancing expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest income	—	44	48	5	(96)	1
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	85	—	85
Other income (expense), net	—	—	—	4	—	4
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	508	477	535	204	(1,180)	544
Income tax (provision) benefit	2	31	(33)	(31)	(1)	(32)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	510	508	502	173	(1,181)	512
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	(2)	(1)	—	(3)
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	—	1	—	—	1
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	(2)
Net earnings (loss)	510	508	501	172	(1,181)	510
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	510	508	501	172	(1,181)	510

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net sales	—	—	1,937	4,012	(800)	5,149
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,399)	(3,389)	801	(3,987)
Gross profit	—	—	538	623	1	1,162
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(111)	(297)	—	(408)
Amortization of intangible assets	—	—	(14)	(36)	—	(50)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(46)	(26)	—	(72)
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	20	(59)	—	(39)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	—	1	—	1
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Operating profit (loss)	—	—	387	205	1	593
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	511	629	125	116	(1,235)	146
Interest expense	—	(160)	(30)	(29)	53	(166)
Refinancing expense	—	(3)	—	—	—	(3)
Interest income	—	16	31	8	(53)	2
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	80	—	80
Other income (expense), net	—	2	(1)	8	—	9
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	511	484	512	388	(1,234)	661
Income tax (provision) benefit	1	27	(123)	(56)	—	(151)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	512	511	389	332	(1,234)	510
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	4	(1)	—	3
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	3	(1)	—	2
Net earnings (loss)	512	511	392	331	(1,234)	512
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	512	511	392	331	(1,234)	512

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

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net earnings (loss)	117	116	136	30	(282)	117
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	28	28	(5)	(1)	(22)	28
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(2)	(2)	—	—	2	(2)
Pension and postretirement benefits	10	10	9	1	(20)	10
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	36	36	4	—	(40)	36
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	153	152	140	30	(322)	153
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	153	152	140	30	(322)	153

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2011					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net earnings (loss)	167	167	157	95	(419)	167
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	(69)	(69)	13	(84)	140	(69)
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	5	5	—	2	(7)	5
Pension and postretirement benefits	4	4	4	—	(8)	4
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(60)	(60)	17	(82)	125	(60)
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	107	107	174	13	(294)	107
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	107	107	174	13	(294)	107

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

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net earnings (loss)	510	508	501	172	(1,181)	510
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	4	4	1	4	(9)	4
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	(1)	(1)	—	—	1	(1)
Pension and postretirement benefits	25	25	22	—	(47)	25
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	28	28	23	4	(55)	28
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	538	536	524	176	(1,236)	538
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	538	536	524	176	(1,236)	538

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net earnings (loss)	512	511	392	331	(1,234)	512
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	18	18	3	14	(35)	18
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	14	14	—	1	(15)	14
Pension and postretirement benefits	12	12	12	—	(24)	12
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	44	44	15	15	(74)	44
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	556	555	407	346	(1,308)	556
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	556	555	407	346	(1,308)	556



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

	As of September 30, 2012					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	26	—	225	677	—	928
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates	—	—	323	723	(114)	932
Non-trade receivables, net	—	33	1,777	489	(2,111)	188
Inventories, net	—	—	189	584	(62)	711
Deferred income taxes	—	—	88	18	—	106
Marketable securities, at fair value	—	—	56	—	—	56
Other assets	—	5	19	45	(22)	47
Total current assets	26	38	2,677	2,536	(2,309)	2,968
Investments in affiliates	1,862	3,594	1,583	534	(6,798)	775
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	782	2,513	—	3,295
Deferred income taxes	—	18	494	27	—	539
Other assets	—	1,895	134	399	(1,982)	446
Goodwill	—	—	305	463	—	768
Intangible assets, net	—	—	71	103	—	174
Total assets	1,888	5,545	6,046	6,575	(11,089)	8,965
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>						
Current Liabilities						
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	—	1,625	177	121	(1,782)	141
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	—	—	256	543	(114)	685
Other liabilities	—	57	324	493	(367)	507
Deferred income taxes	—	16	(16)	19	—	19
Income taxes payable	(30)	(390)	447	20	(4)	43
Total current liabilities	(30)	1,308	1,188	1,196	(2,267)	1,395
Noncurrent Liabilities						
Long-term debt	—	2,361	820	1,636	(1,978)	2,839
Deferred income taxes	—	—	36	95	—	131
Uncertain tax positions	3	2	28	156	—	189
Benefit obligations	—	—	1,215	139	—	1,354
Other liabilities	—	12	103	1,039	(12)	1,142
Total noncurrent liabilities	3	2,375	2,202	3,065	(1,990)	5,655
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	1,915	1,862	2,656	2,314	(6,832)	1,915
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total equity	1,915	1,862	2,656	2,314	(6,832)	1,915
Total liabilities and equity	1,888	5,545	6,046	6,575	(11,089)	8,965

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

	As of December 31, 2011					Consolidated
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	
	(In \$ millions)					
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	—	—	133	549	—	682
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates	—	—	297	694	(120)	871
Non-trade receivables, net	—	10	1,651	562	(1,988)	235
Inventories, net	—	—	187	590	(65)	712
Deferred income taxes	—	—	87	17	—	104
Marketable securities, at fair value	—	—	64	—	—	64
Other assets	—	6	18	45	(34)	35
Total current assets	—	16	2,437	2,457	(2,207)	2,703
Investments in affiliates	1,315	2,978	1,530	535	(5,534)	824
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	735	2,534	—	3,269
Deferred income taxes	—	17	382	22	—	421
Other assets	—	1,903	132	296	(1,987)	344
Goodwill	—	—	298	462	—	760
Intangible assets, net	—	—	69	128	—	197
Total assets	1,315	4,914	5,583	6,434	(9,728)	8,518
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>						
Current Liabilities						
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	—	1,492	176	131	(1,655)	144
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	—	—	258	535	(120)	673
Other liabilities	—	63	353	506	(383)	539
Deferred income taxes	—	16	(16)	17	—	17
Income taxes payable	(29)	(373)	384	35	(5)	12
Total current liabilities	(29)	1,198	1,155	1,224	(2,163)	1,385
Noncurrent Liabilities						
Long-term debt	—	2,372	834	1,650	(1,983)	2,873
Deferred income taxes	—	—	—	92	—	92
Uncertain tax positions	3	16	27	136	—	182
Benefit obligations	—	—	1,346	146	—	1,492
Other liabilities	—	13	99	1,055	(14)	1,153
Total noncurrent liabilities	3	2,401	2,306	3,079	(1,997)	5,792
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	1,341	1,315	2,122	2,131	(5,568)	1,341
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total equity	1,341	1,315	2,122	2,131	(5,568)	1,341
Total liabilities and equity	1,315	4,914	5,583	6,434	(9,728)	8,518

**CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(28)	—	307	382	—	661
<b>Investing Activities</b>						
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(132)	(138)	—	(270)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	(23)	—	—	(23)
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets, net	—	—	1	—	—	1
Deferred proceeds from Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital expenditures related to Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	(43)	—	(43)
Other, net	—	—	(9)	(53)	—	(62)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	—	(163)	(234)	—	(397)
<b>Financing Activities</b>						
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	—	2	(9)	—	(7)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(11)	(5)	(16)	—	(32)
Refinancing costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proceeds and repayments from intercompany financing activities	—	11	(11)	—	—	—
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	(37)	—	—	—	—	(37)
Dividends from subsidiary	35	35	—	—	(70)	—
Dividends to parent	—	(35)	(35)	—	70	—
Contributions from parent to subsidiary	—	—	(3)	3	—	—
Stock option exercises	58	—	—	—	—	58
Series A common stock dividends	(31)	—	—	—	—	(31)
Preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other, net	29	—	—	(1)	—	28
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	54	—	(52)	(23)	—	(21)
Exchange rate effects on cash and cash equivalents	—	—	—	3	—	3
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	26	—	92	128	—	246
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	—	—	133	549	—	682
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	26	—	225	677	—	928

**CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011					
	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Subsidiary Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In \$ millions)					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1)	—	224	258	—	481
<b>Investing Activities</b>						
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(105)	(136)	—	(241)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	(8)	—	—	(8)
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets, net	—	—	1	5	—	6
Deferred proceeds from Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	158	—	158
Capital expenditures related to Kelsterbach plant relocation	—	—	—	(174)	—	(174)
Other, net	—	—	(3)	(34)	—	(37)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	—	(115)	(181)	—	(296)
<b>Financing Activities</b>						
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	—	(9)	(11)	—	(20)
Proceeds from long-term debt	—	400	—	11	—	411
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(529)	(2)	(31)	—	(562)
Refinancing costs	—	(8)	—	—	—	(8)
Proceeds and repayments from intercompany financing activities	—	137	(137)	—	—	—
Purchases of treasury stock, including related fees	(28)	—	—	—	—	(28)
Dividends from subsidiary	43	143	—	—	(186)	—
Dividends to parent	—	(43)	(43)	(100)	186	—
Contributions from parent to subsidiary	—	(100)	100	—	—	—
Stock option exercises	19	—	—	—	—	19
Series A common stock dividends	(25)	—	—	—	—	(25)
Preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other, net	(8)	—	(3)	—	—	(11)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1	—	(94)	(131)	—	(224)
Exchange rate effects on cash and cash equivalents	—	—	—	3	—	3
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	15	(51)	—	(36)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	—	—	128	612	—	740
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	—	—	143	561	—	704

## **22. Subsequent Events**

On October 17, 2012 , the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.075 per share on its Common Stock estimated to be \$12 million . The cash dividends are for the period from August 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012 and will be paid on November 8, 2012 to holders of record as of October 29, 2012 .

On October 18, 2012 , the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase in its share repurchase authorization of the Common Stock to \$400 million . As of September 30, 2012 the Company had \$136 million remaining under the previous authorization.

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

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

*The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Celanese Corporation and Subsidiaries consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed on February 10, 2012 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "2011 Form 10-K") and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.*

*Investors are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this section and other parts of this Quarterly Report involve both risk and uncertainty. Several important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these statements. Many of these statements are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond the control of management. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" below and at the beginning of our 2011 Form 10-K.*

### **Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

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

See *Part I - Item 1A. Risk Factors* of our 2011 Form 10-K and subsequent periodic filings we make with the SEC for a description of risk factors that could significantly affect our financial results. In addition, the following factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate;
- the length and depth of product and industry business cycles particularly in the automotive, electrical, textiles, electronics and construction industries;
- changes in the price and availability of raw materials, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of ethylene, methanol, natural gas, wood pulp and fuel oil and the prices for electricity and other energy sources;
- the ability to pass increases in raw material prices on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases;
- the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions;
- the ability to reduce or maintain at their current levels 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 intellectual property and other legal protection afforded to our products or technologies, or the theft of such intellectual property;

- costs and potential disruption or interruption of production or operations due to accidents, cyber security incidents, terrorism or political unrest, or other unforeseen events or delays in construction of facilities;
- potential liability for remedial actions and increased costs under existing or future environmental regulations, including those relating to climate change;
- potential liability resulting from pending or future litigation, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate;
- changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- our level of indebtedness, which could diminish our ability to raise additional capital to fund operations or limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or the chemicals industry; and
- various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this Quarterly Report.

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

### *Overview*

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

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

### **2012 Highlights:**

- We announced our new CelFX™ matrix technology for filter media. CelFX™ provides a flexible additive platform for innovation that allows our customers increased filter design flexibility, improved constituent reduction and supports a broad choice for enhancement additives.
- We announced plans to construct and operate a methanol production facility at our Clear Lake, Texas acetyl complex which is expected to start up after July 1, 2015. As one of the world's largest producers of acetyl products, this would allow us to utilize our existing infrastructure to capture the opportunities created by abundant and affordable US natural gas supplies.
- We announced that the Board of Directors increased our share repurchase authorization to \$400 million. As of September 30, 2012, we had \$136 million remaining under our previous authorization.
- We launched the new Sunsation<sup>SM</sup> platform to help food and beverage manufacturers develop low- and no-calorie products that are better tasting and simplify the formulation process to bring products to market faster.
- We entered into an agreement to advance the development of fuel ethanol projects with Pertamina, the state-owned energy company of Indonesia. In line with our long-term strategy to develop new and renewable energy capabilities, Pertamina will collaborate exclusively with us to jointly develop synthetic fuel ethanol projects in the Republic of Indonesia utilizing our proprietary TCX® ethanol process technology.

- We started up our technology development unit for ethanol production at our facility in Clear Lake, Texas. The unit will support our continuing development of TCX<sup>®</sup> ethanol process technology for customers in both industrial-grade and fuel ethanol.
- We completed the acquisition of certain assets from Ashland Inc., including two product lines, Vinac<sup>®</sup> and Flexbond<sup>®</sup>, which will support the strategic growth of our Emulsions business.
- We received key government approvals necessary to proceed with previously announced plans to modify and enhance our existing integrated acetyl facility at the Nanjing Chemical Industrial Park in China to produce ethanol for industrial uses. Based upon continued advancements to our TCX<sup>®</sup> ethanol process technology, we now expect to have approximately 30 to 40 percent additional ethanol production capacity above the originally announced 200,000 tons with no increase in the capital investment for the modification and enhancement. The unit is expected to startup in mid-2013.
- Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services both upgraded its outlook for Celanese to "Positive" from "Stable." In raising our outlook, both agencies cited improved operating performance, debt reduction as well as our operational, geographical and product diversity.
- We announced that our Board of Directors approved a 25% increase in our quarterly Series A Common Stock cash dividend. The Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend rate from \$0.06 to \$0.075 per share of Common Stock on a quarterly basis and \$0.24 to \$0.30 per share of Common Stock on an annual basis. The new dividend rate became effective in August 2012 .



## Results of Operations

### Financial Highlights

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		Change	September 30,		Change
2012	2011	2012		2011		
(unaudited)						
(In \$ millions)						
<b>Statement of Operations Data</b>						
Net sales	1,609	1,807	(198)	4,917	5,149	(232)
Gross profit	324	401	(77)	925	1,162	(237)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(121)	(140)	19	(379)	(408)	29
Other (charges) gains, net	2	(24)	26	(1)	(39)	38
Operating profit (loss)	163	196	(33)	425	593	(168)
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	50	57	(7)	163	146	17
Interest expense	(44)	(54)	10	(134)	(166)	32
Dividend income - cost investments	1	1	—	85	80	5
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	173	201	(28)	544	661	(117)
Amounts attributable to Celanese Corporation						
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	119	167	(48)	512	510	2
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	(2)	—	(2)	(2)	2	(4)
Net earnings (loss)	<u>117</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>(2)</u>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Depreciation and amortization	78	77	1	227	221	6
Operating margin <sup>(1)</sup>	10.1%	10.8%		8.6%	11.5%	
Other (charges) gains, net						
Employee termination benefits	(1)	(5)	4	(2)	(18)	16
Kelsterbach plant relocation	(3)	(14)	11	(5)	(43)	38
Plumbing actions	4	2	2	4	6	(2)
Commercial disputes	2	(7)	9	2	15	(13)
Other	—	—	—	—	1	(1)
Total other (charges) gains, net	<u>2</u>	<u>(24)</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>38</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Defined as operating profit (loss) divided by net sales.

	As of	As of
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
(unaudited)		
(In \$ millions)		
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>928</u>	<u>682</u>
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt - third party and affiliates	141	144
Long-term debt	<u>2,839</u>	<u>2,873</u>
Total debt	<u>2,980</u>	<u>3,017</u>

## Selected Data by Business Segment

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		Change	September 30,		Change
	2012	2011		2012	2011	
(unaudited)						
(In \$ millions, except percentages)						
<b>Net Sales</b>						
Advanced Engineered Materials	322	332	(10)	962	1,006	(44)
Consumer Specialties	314	298	16	905	855	50
Industrial Specialties	297	332	(35)	933	951	(18)
Acetyl Intermediates	785	975	(190)	2,458	2,702	(244)
Other Activities	—	—	—	—	1	(1)
Inter-segment eliminations	(109)	(130)	21	(341)	(366)	25
Total	1,609	1,807	(198)	4,917	5,149	(232)
<b>Other (Charges) Gains, Net</b>						
Advanced Engineered Materials	1	(13)	14	(1)	(42)	41
Consumer Specialties	(1)	2	(3)	2	(2)	4
Industrial Specialties	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acetyl Intermediates	1	(5)	6	2	15	(13)
Other Activities	1	(8)	9	(4)	(10)	6
Total	2	(24)	26	(1)	(39)	38
<b>Operating Profit (Loss)</b>						
Advanced Engineered Materials	43	14	29	85	79	6
Consumer Specialties	70	66	4	184	168	16
Industrial Specialties	23	30	(7)	76	83	(7)
Acetyl Intermediates	62	128	(66)	199	392	(193)
Other Activities	(35)	(42)	7	(119)	(129)	10
Total	163	196	(33)	425	593	(168)
<b>Earnings (Loss) From Continuing Operations Before Tax</b>						
Advanced Engineered Materials	88	67	21	228	206	22
Consumer Specialties	70	66	4	269	248	21
Industrial Specialties	23	31	(8)	76	84	(8)
Acetyl Intermediates	64	131	(67)	204	399	(195)
Other Activities	(72)	(94)	22	(233)	(276)	43
Total	173	201	(28)	544	661	(117)
<b>Depreciation and Amortization</b>						
Advanced Engineered Materials	29	27	2	84	68	16
Consumer Specialties	13	9	4	33	34	(1)
Industrial Specialties	13	12	1	41	34	7
Acetyl Intermediates	20	25	(5)	59	75	(16)
Other Activities	3	4	(1)	10	10	—
Total	78	77	1	227	221	6
<b>Operating Margin</b>						
Advanced Engineered Materials	13.4%	4.2%		8.8%	7.9%	
Consumer Specialties	22.3%	22.1%		20.3%	19.6%	
Industrial Specialties	7.7%	9.0%		8.1%	8.7%	
Acetyl Intermediates	7.9%	13.1%		8.1%	14.5%	
Total	10.1%	10.8%		8.6%	11.5%	

## Factors Affecting Business Segment Net Sales

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

### Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
			(unaudited)		
			(In percentages)		
Advanced Engineered Materials	(1)	3	(5)	—	(3)
Consumer Specialties	—	6	(1)	—	5
Industrial Specialties	2	(8)	(5)	—	(11)
Acetyl Intermediates	(5)	(11)	(3)	—	(19)
Total Company	(2)	(6)	(4)	1	(11)

### Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
			(unaudited)		
			(In percentages)		
Advanced Engineered Materials	(3)	3	(4)	—	(4)
Consumer Specialties	—	7	(1)	—	6
Industrial Specialties	4	(2)	(4)	—	(2)
Acetyl Intermediates	2	(8)	(3)	—	(9)
Total Company	1	(3)	(3)	—	(5)

## Consolidated Results – Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

### *Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Net sales decreased \$198 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to lower pricing and volumes in our Acetyl Intermediates segment and unfavorable currency impacts across all our segments due to the stronger dollar against the Euro and the Renminbi. Acetic acid pricing declined significantly compared to 2011 as a result of temporary planned and unplanned production outages across the industry during the three months ended September 30, 2011 which did not occur in 2012. In 2012 softer global demand for acetyl products and derivatives, due to the unfavorable economic conditions in Europe and Asia, and generally lower raw material prices contributed to the decrease in pricing and lower volumes. Consumer Specialties' net sales increased compared to the prior year period, reflecting higher pricing across all regions for Acetate Products due to continued strong demand for Consumer Specialties' value-added applications.

Operating profit decreased \$33 million, or 17%, primarily due to lower pricing in our Acetyl Intermediates segment. Lower raw material costs and lower expenses recorded to other (charges) gains, net, in our other segments were not sufficient to offset the decline in operating profit in our Acetyl Intermediates segment. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased from 7.7% to 7.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011.

Other (charges) gains, net increased \$26 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to a reduction of \$11 million in costs associated with the relocation of our polyoxymethylene, also commonly known as polyacetal ("POM"), operations in Germany, which are included in our Advanced Engineered Materials segment, as well as a reduction in commercial dispute costs of \$9 million. Of the reduction in commercial dispute costs during the three months ended September 30, 2012, \$5 million is attributable to our Acetyl Intermediates segment and \$4 million to Other Activities.

Our effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was 31% compared to 17% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 primarily due to changes in uncertain tax positions and increases in losses in jurisdictions not providing tax benefits.

### *Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Net sales decreased \$232 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to lower pricing in our Acetyl Intermediates segment and unfavorable currency impacts across all our segments. Acetic acid pricing declined significantly during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 as a result of temporary planned and unplanned production outages across the industry during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 which did not occur in 2012, as well as unfavorable economic conditions in Europe and Asia. Our Advanced Engineered Materials segment was also impacted by lower demand in Europe and Asia, partially offset by higher demand for automotive applications in North America. Volumes were up for our Acetyl Intermediates and Industrial Specialties segments, but were not sufficient to offset lower pricing and unfavorable currency impacts. Consumer Specialties net sales increased \$50 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, reflecting demand for value-added applications.

Operating profit decreased \$168 million or 28% during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to the lower pricing in our Acetyl Intermediates segment and volatility in ethylene prices, impacting raw material costs. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased from 7.9% to 7.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to a decrease of \$15 million in selling, general and administrative expenses in Other Activities.

Other (charges) gains, net increased \$38 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we recorded \$5 million and \$43 million, respectively, of expenses related to the relocation of our POM operations in Germany. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we recorded no significant employee termination costs as compared to the same period in 2011. See [Note 13, Other \(Charges\) Gains, Net](#), in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for further information. In 2011, we received consideration of \$17 million in connection with the settlement of a claim against a bankrupt supplier. In addition, we recovered an additional \$4 million from the settlement of an unrelated commercial dispute, which were both recorded in our Acetyl Intermediates segment. No such settlements occurred in the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Our effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was 6% compared to 23% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The lower effective tax rate was primarily due to foreign tax credit carryforwards of \$142 million recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2012, partially offset by \$38 million of deferred tax charges related to changes in our assessment regarding the permanent reinvestment of certain foreign earnings from our Polyplastics Co., Ltd affiliate.

### Business Segments – Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

#### Advanced Engineered Materials

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,			September 30,		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
	(unaudited)					
	(In \$ millions, except percentages)					
Net sales	322	332	(10)	962	1,006	(44)
Net sales variance						
<i>Volume</i>	(1)%			(3)%		
<i>Price</i>	3 %			3 %		
<i>Currency</i>	(5)%			(4)%		
<i>Other</i>	— %			— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	1	(13)	14	(1)	(42)	41
Operating profit (loss)	43	14	29	85	79	6
Operating margin	13.4 %	4.2%		8.8 %	7.9%	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	45	52	(7)	143	125	18
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	88	67	21	228	206	22
Depreciation and amortization	29	27	2	84	68	16

Our Advanced Engineered Materials segment develops, produces and supplies a broad portfolio of high performance specialty polymers for application in automotive, medical and electronics products, as well as other consumer and industrial applications. Together with our strategic affiliates, our Advanced Engineered Materials segment is a leading participant in the global specialty polymers industry. Advanced Engineered Materials products are used for a broad range of applications including automotive components, medical devices, electrical and electronics, appliances, battery separators, conveyor belts, filtration equipment, coatings and industrial applications.

#### Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

Advanced Engineered Materials' net sales decreased \$10 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 due to lower demand in Europe, partially offset by higher volumes for almost all product lines in North America and Asia. The weak Euro resulted in a significant unfavorable currency impact on net sales, partially offset by higher pricing across almost all product lines.

Operating profit increased \$29 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. The change in operating profit was mainly driven by an increase in other (charges) gains, net, as a result of lower costs of \$14 million associated with our POM production facility in Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park, Germany which began operations during the three months ended September 30, 2011. Higher pricing and lower variable costs as compared to the same period in 2011 contributed an additional \$16 million to the increase in operating profit.

Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax increased \$21 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, reflecting the increase in operating profit, partially offset by the decrease in equity in net earnings of affiliates of \$7 million. Net earnings of affiliates decreased primarily due to lower earnings from our Ibn Sina affiliate, driven by lower methyl tertiary-butyl ether ("MTBE") pricing.

#### Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

Advanced Engineered Materials' net sales decreased \$44 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to

the same period in 2011 primarily due to lower demand for industrial and consumer goods applications, particularly in Europe and Asia, partially offset by higher volumes related to automotive applications in North America and Asia. The weak Euro had a significant unfavorable currency impact on net sales. Higher pricing across almost all product lines partially offset the lower volumes and unfavorable currency impact.

Operating profit increased \$6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 as lower relocation expenses more than offset higher operating expenses. Higher depreciation of \$16 million, primarily associated with the opening of our POM production facility in Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park, Germany during the three months ended September 30, 2011 and higher expenses of \$17 million, primarily related to plant maintenance, integrating manufacturing operations from recently acquired product lines and investing in our compounding operations in Asia, were more than offset by a decrease in relocation expenses of \$38 million associated with our Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park POM operations included in other (charges) gains, net during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the prior year period.

Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax increased \$22 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 due to an \$18 million increase in equity in net earnings of affiliates driven by higher pricing of methanol and MTBE in our Ibn Sina affiliate.

### *Consumer Specialties*

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
	(unaudited)					
	(In \$ millions, except percentages)					
Net sales	314	298	16	905	855	50
Net sales variance						
<i>Volume</i>	— %			— %		
<i>Price</i>	6 %			7 %		
<i>Currency</i>	(1)%			(1)%		
<i>Other</i>	— %			— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	(1)	2	(3)	2	(2)	4
Operating profit (loss)	70	66	4	184	168	16
Operating margin	22.3 %	22.1%		20.3 %	19.6%	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	—	1	(1)	2	2	—
Dividend income - cost investments	—	—	—	83	78	5
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	70	66	4	269	248	21
Depreciation and amortization	13	9	4	33	34	(1)

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

#### *Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Net sales for Consumer Specialties increased \$16 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to higher pricing in both the Acetate Products and Nutrinova businesses. Pricing increased across all regions for Acetate Products. Higher volumes in Acetate Products were offset by lower Nutrinova volumes.

Operating profit increased \$4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, primarily due to the increase in pricing partially offset by a \$9 million increase in energy costs, plant maintenance and innovation project costs.

Depreciation and amortization increased \$4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011, primarily due to accelerated depreciation related to additional maintenance-related capital expenditures at our Spondon facility, which will close during the three months ending December 31, 2012.

*Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Net sales for Consumer Specialties increased \$50 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 due to higher pricing in both the Acetate Products and Nutrinova businesses. Pricing increased across all regions for the Acetate Products business. Nutrinova pricing increased primarily due to stronger demand in response to unplanned industry capacity constraints in China. Higher volumes in the Acetate Products business were offset by lower Nutrinova volumes.

Operating profit increased \$16 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 as higher Acetate Products' pricing more than offset higher raw material and energy costs of \$11 million and \$11 million, respectively. Plant maintenance costs also increased \$22 million as compared to the same period in 2011, including \$10 million related to a production outage during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 includes an increase of \$5 million as compared to the same period in 2011, related to dividends received from our China Acetate ventures. Dividends from the China Acetate ventures are typically received in the second quarter each year.

***Industrial Specialties***

	Three Months Ended		Change	Nine Months Ended		Change
	September 30,			September 30,		
	2012	2011		2012	2011	
	(unaudited)					
	(In \$ millions, except percentages)					
Net sales	297	332	(35)	933	951	(18)
Net sales variance						
<i>Volume</i>	2 %			4 %		
<i>Price</i>	(8)%			(2)%		
<i>Currency</i>	(5)%			(4)%		
<i>Other</i>	— %			— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operating profit (loss)	23	30	(7)	76	83	(7)
Operating margin	7.7 %	9.0%		8.1 %	8.7%	
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	23	31	(8)	76	84	(8)
Depreciation and amortization	13	12	1	41	34	7

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

*Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Net sales decreased \$35 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. Volumes were up for both Emulsions and EVA Performance Polymers during the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 but were not sufficient to offset lower pricing and unfavorable currency impacts due to the stronger dollar against the Euro and Renminbi. Volumes for Emulsions increased 3% overall, primarily due to strong demand in North America and Asia Pacific, including sales of our recently acquired product lines, Vinac<sup>®</sup> and Flexbond<sup>®</sup>, our recent China Emulsions facility expansion and sales of innovative applications, partially offset by lower demand in the European region due to the weak economy. Emulsions product pricing was down in all regions. Lower pricing for EVA Performance Polymers reflects a decline in end-use demand in the North America and Asia.

Operating profit decreased \$7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 . Slightly higher volumes and lower variable costs of \$32 million, of which \$22 million related to raw materials, primarily ethylene and vinyl acetate monomer ("VAM"), were not sufficient to offset the lower pricing for EVA Performance Polymers applications.

*Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Net sales decreased \$18 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 . Volumes were up for both Emulsions and EVA Performance Polymers during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, but were more than offset by lower pricing and unfavorable currency impacts due to the stronger dollar against the Euro and Renminbi. Volumes increased 4% overall for Emulsions primarily due to strong demand in North America and Asia Pacific, including sales of our recently acquired product lines, Vinac<sup>®</sup> and Flexbond<sup>®</sup>, our recent China Emulsions facility expansion and sales of innovative applications, partially offset by lower demand in the European region due to a weak economy. Lower pricing for EVA Performance Polymers reflects weaker demand in North America and slower Asia sales.

Operating profit decreased \$7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to lower pricing driven by current economic conditions. Although raw material costs decreased compared to the same period in 2011, lower pricing and higher depreciation and amortization more than offset these savings. Depreciation and amortization increased \$7 million due to accelerated depreciation related to efficiency initiatives at our EVA Performance Polymers production facility in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as well as increased amortization in Emulsions related to the recent acquisition of finite-lived intangible assets and increased depreciation related to the China capacity expansion.

**Acetyl Intermediates**

	Three Months Ended		Change	Nine Months Ended		Change
	September 30,			September 30,		
	2012	2011		2012	2011	
(unaudited)						
(In \$ millions, except percentages)						
Net sales	785	975	(190)	2,458	2,702	(244)
Net sales variance						
<i>Volume</i>	(5)%			2 %		
<i>Price</i>	(11)%			(8)%		
<i>Currency</i>	(3)%			(3)%		
<i>Other</i>	— %			— %		
Other (charges) gains, net	1	(5)	6	2	15	(13)
Operating profit (loss)	62	128	(66)	199	392	(193)
Operating margin	7.9 %	13.1%		8.1 %	14.5%	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	—	1	(1)	3	4	(1)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	64	131	(67)	204	399	(195)
Depreciation and amortization	20	25	(5)	59	75	(16)

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

*Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Acetyl Intermediates' net sales decreased \$190 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 as a result of lower pricing and lower volumes due to weak demand in Europe and Asia as well as unfavorable currency impacts. During the three months ended September 30, 2011, planned and unplanned production outages across the industry resulted in temporarily higher pricing. Similar industry utilization tightness did not occur in the three months ended September 30, 2012.



We do not believe current economic conditions are reflective of the value of our acetyl products or those of certain feedstocks. As a result, we took action beginning in the three months ended March 31, 2012 and temporarily idled our 600,000 ton per year Singapore acetic acid plant. Since then, we have periodically resumed operations of this plant and we continue to assess its status based on economic conditions, demand and feedstock costs.

Operating profit decreased \$66 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 . The decrease in operating profit is primarily due to lower pricing, lower volumes and currency impacts. The negative pricing impact was partially offset by lower raw material costs of \$53 million, primarily carbon monoxide, methanol and ethylene, and lower plant maintenance and distribution costs of \$13 million.

Other (charges) gains, net increased \$6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 primarily due to a reduction in commercial dispute costs of \$5 million. Depreciation and amortization decreased \$5 million due to certain customer-related intangible assets being fully amortized in 2011.

*Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Acetyl Intermediates' net sales decreased \$244 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 is due to lower pricing and unfavorable currency impacts, partially offset by higher downstream product volumes primarily as a result of higher VAM demand. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011 , temporarily elevated industry utilization due to planned and unplanned outages of acetyl producers resulted in higher industry pricing. Acetic acid pricing has declined during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 as a result of unfavorable economic conditions in Europe and Asia.

Operating profit decreased \$193 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 primarily due to lower pricing and currency impacts. The decrease in operating profit was somewhat offset by lower raw material costs of \$29 million, primarily carbon monoxide and acetone. Energy costs and plant maintenance and distribution costs were also lower by \$13 million and \$11 million, respectively, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 .

Other (charges) gains, net decreased \$13 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 . During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we received consideration of \$ 17 million in connection with the settlement of a claim against a bankrupt supplier and \$ 4 million for the resolution of a commercial dispute, offset by employee termination benefits of \$4 million relating to the closure of our Pardies facility. Depreciation and amortization decreased \$16 million mainly due to certain customer-related intangibles being fully amortized in 2011.

***Other Activities***

Other Activities primarily consists of corporate center costs, including financing and administrative activities such as legal, accounting and treasury functions, interest income and expense associated with our financing and our captive insurance companies.

*Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Operating loss of \$35 million for Other Activities decreased \$7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 , primarily due to a decrease in costs associated with business optimization initiatives, executive compensation and other productivity restructuring expenses, with other (charges) gains, net increasing by \$9 million, partially offset by unfavorable currency fluctuations. The increase of \$9 million in other (charges) gains, net during the three months ended September 30, 2012 is due to the absence of \$4 million in commercial dispute costs and a decrease in termination benefit costs of \$6 million, related to one of our business optimization initiatives.

*Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011*

Operating loss of \$119 million for Other Activities decreased \$10 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 . Selling, general and administrative expenses were lower by \$15 million and other (charges) gains, net were higher by \$6 million. Selling, general and administrative expenses were lower primarily due to a decrease in costs associated with business optimization initiatives, executive compensation and other productivity restructuring related expenses. Other (charges) gains, net were higher for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 primarily due to the absence of \$4 million in commercial dispute costs as compared to the same period in 2011. Offsetting these lower costs were captive insurance reserve adjustments of \$7 million.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of liquidity is cash generated from operations, available cash and cash equivalents and dividends from our portfolio of strategic investments. In addition, as of September 30, 2012 we have \$158 million available for borrowing under our credit-linked revolving facility and \$600 million available under our revolving credit facility to assist, if required, in meeting our working capital needs and other contractual obligations.

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

In July 2012, we completed construction of a technology development unit for ethanol production at our facility in Clear Lake, Texas. We also completed construction of a new research and development facility at our Clear Lake site to continue the advancement of our acetyl and TCX<sup>®</sup> technologies.

In June 2012, we announced our intent to build a new 1.3 million ton per year methanol plant in Clear Lake, Texas. The unit is expected to start up in July 2015. We are currently evaluating various strategic alternatives that would allow us to share the off-take and minimize the capital expenditures of this planned facility.

In January 2011, we signed letters of intent to construct and operate one, and possibly two, industrial ethanol production facilities in China. The potential sites were Nanjing, China at the Nanjing Chemical Industrial Park, and Zhuhai, China at the Gaolan Port Economic Zone. We expect to begin industrial ethanol production within 30 months following project approvals with anticipated initial nameplate capacity of 400,000 tons per year per unit and an initial investment of approximately \$300 million per unit.

In June 2011, we announced our plans to modify and enhance our existing integrated acetyl facility at the Nanjing Chemical Industrial Park with our TCX<sup>®</sup> advanced technology. In March 2012, we received key government approvals necessary to proceed with our plans to modify and enhance our Nanjing facility. The unit is expected to startup in mid-2013 with a capacity of approximately 275,000 tons per year.

In April 2010, we announced that, through our strategic affiliate Ibn Sina, we will construct a 50,000 ton POM production facility in Saudi Arabia. Our pro rata share of invested capital in the POM expansion is expected to total approximately \$165 million over a five year period which began in late 2010.

As a result of the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters ("Boiler MACT") regulations discussed in *Item 1A. Risk Factors* in our 2011 Form 10-K, we preliminarily estimate our costs in the US to approximate \$150 million in total over the next four years, depending on the timing and requirements of the final rule.

In addition to exit-related costs associated with the closure of the Spondon, Derby, United Kingdom acetate flake and tow manufacturing operations, we expect to incur capital expenditures in certain capacity and efficiency improvements, principally at our Lanaken, Belgium facility, to optimize our global production network.

Total cash outflows for capital expenditures, including the specific projects above, are expected to be in the range of \$325 million to \$350 million in 2012, excluding approximately €43 million related to the relocation of our POM plant in Kelsterbach and capacity expansion in Europe. Per the terms of our agreement with the Frankfurt, Germany Airport, we ceased POM operations at our Kelsterbach, Germany facility prior to July 31, 2011 and in September 2011 announced the opening of our new POM production facility in Frankfurt Hoechst Industrial Park, Germany.

In December 2009, we announced plans with China National Tobacco Corporation to expand the acetate flake and tow capacity at the venture's Nantong facility and in 2010 we received formal approval to expand flake and tow capacities, each by 30,000 tons. Our Chinese Acetate ventures fund their operations using operating cash flow. During 2011 and 2010, we made contributions related to the capacity expansion in Nantong of \$8 million and \$12 million, respectively. We contributed an additional \$9 million to the Nantong expansion during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

On a stand-alone basis, Celanese has no material assets other than the stock of its subsidiaries and no independent external operations of its own. As such, Celanese generally will depend on the cash flow of its subsidiaries and their abilities to pay dividends and make other distributions to Celanese in order for Celanese to meet its obligations, including its obligations under its senior credit facilities and its senior notes and to pay dividends on its Series A common stock.

### **Cash Flows**

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$246 million to \$928 million as of September 30, 2012 as compared to December 31, 2011 . As of September 30, 2012 , \$677 million of the \$928 million of cash and cash equivalents was held by our foreign subsidiaries. If these funds are needed for our operations in the US, we may be required to accrue and pay US taxes to repatriate these funds. Our intent is to permanently reinvest these funds outside of the US, with the possible exception of funds that have been previously subject to US federal and state taxation. Our current plans do not demonstrate a need to repatriate cash held by our foreign subsidiaries in a taxable transaction to fund our US operations.

- **Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Cash flow provided by operations increased \$180 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 , with cash inflows increasing from \$481 million to \$661 million . Cash flow provided by operations was negatively impacted by the decrease in earnings from continuing operations, but positively impacted by an increase in dividends received from investments in affiliates and the change in trade working capital. Trade working capital was primarily impacted by a lower increase in trade receivables, a decrease in inventory, partially offset by an increase in trade payables. Trade receivables increased primarily due to the timing of payments at September 30, 2012. Inventories decreased primarily due to higher inventory turnover and lower production in Asia compared to the prior year. Trade payables increased primarily due to increases in purchases of raw materials and expenditures on capital projects. The increase in cash provided by operations was also positively impacted by lower benefit plan contributions made during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. Employer pension and other postretirement benefit contributions were \$154 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$166 million for the same period in 2011.

Trade working capital is calculated as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011	As of September 30, 2011	As of December 31, 2010
	(unaudited)			
	(In \$ millions)			
Trade receivables, net	932	871	978	827
Inventories	711	712	777	610
Trade payables - third party and affiliates	(685)	(673)	(713)	(673)
Trade working capital	<u>958</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>1,042</u>	<u>764</u>

- **Net Cash Used in Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$101 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 , with cash outflows increasing from \$296 million to \$397 million . During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we received \$158 million from the Frankfurt, Germany Airport related to the relocation of our Kelsterbach, Germany POM operations. No such proceeds were received in 2012. In addition, capital expenditures during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 related to the relocation and expansion of our Kelsterbach POM operations were \$131 million lower than in the same period in 2011, offset by an increase in capital expenditures unrelated to the relocation and expansion of our Kelsterbach POM operations of \$29 million.

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

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$203 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 . The change in cash used in financing activities is primarily related to \$132 million of lower net repayments of short-term borrowings and long-term debt and \$39 million of higher proceeds from stock option exercises when compared to the same period in 2011 .

## ***Debt and Other Obligations***

### **• *Senior Notes***

In September 2010, Celanese US completed the private placement of 600 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the "6.625% Notes") under an indenture dated September 24, 2010 (the "Indenture") among Celanese US, Celanese, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. In April 2011, Celanese US registered the 6.625% Notes under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Celanese US pays interest on the 6.625% Notes on April 15 and October 15 of each year which commenced on April 15, 2011. The 6.625% Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after October 15, 2014 at the redemption prices specified in the Indenture. Prior to October 15, 2014, Celanese US may redeem some or all of the 6.625% Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, plus a "make-whole" premium as specified in the Indenture. The 6.625% Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Celanese US and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Celanese US. The 6.625% Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Celanese and each of the domestic subsidiaries of Celanese US that guarantee its obligations under its senior secured credit facilities (the "Subsidiary Guarantors").

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

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

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

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

### **• *Senior Credit Facilities***

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

In May 2011, Celanese US, through its subsidiaries, prepaid the outstanding Term B loan facility under the Amended Credit Agreement set to mature in 2014 in an aggregate principal amount of \$516 million using proceeds from the 5.875% Notes and cash on hand. The prepaid principal amount was comprised of \$414 million of US dollar-denominated Term B loan facility and €69 million of Euro-denominated Term B loan facility.

The balances available for borrowing under the revolving credit facility and the credit-linked revolving facility are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012 (unaudited) (In \$ millions)
<b>Revolving Credit Facility</b>	
Borrowings outstanding	—
Letters of credit issued	—
Available for borrowing	600
<b>Credit-Linked Revolving Facility</b>	
Letters of credit issued	70
Available for borrowing	158

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

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

	As of September 30, 2012			Borrowing Capacity (In \$ millions)
	First Lien Senior Secured Leverage Ratio			
	Maximum	Estimate	Estimate, If Fully Drawn (unaudited)	
Revolving credit facility	3.90	1.15	1.63	600

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

We are in compliance with all of the covenants related to our debt agreements as of September 30, 2012 .

### **Share Capital**

Our Board of Directors follows a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of our Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") unless the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. The amount available to pay cash dividends is restricted by our Amended Credit Agreement, the 6.625% Notes and the 5.875% Notes.

On April 23, 2012 , we announced that our Board of Directors approved a 25% increase in our quarterly Common Stock cash dividend. The Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend rate from \$0.06 to \$0.075 per share of Common Stock on a quarterly basis and \$0.24 to \$0.30 per share of Common Stock on an annual basis. The new dividend rate became effective in August 2012 .

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

	<b>Authorized Amount</b> <b>(unaudited)</b> <b>(In \$ millions)</b>
February 2008	400
October 2008	100
April 2011	129
As of September 30, 2012	<u>629</u>

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

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

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Total From</b> <b>February 2008 Through</b> <b>September 30, 2012</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>(unaudited)</b>
Shares repurchased	853,388	591,356	12,936,196
Average purchase price per share	\$ 43.19	\$ 47.37	\$ 38.12
Amount spent on repurchased shares (in millions)	\$ 37	\$ 28	\$ 493

On October 18, 2012, our Board of Directors approved an increase in our share repurchase authorization of our Common Stock to \$400 million. As of September 30, 2012, we had \$136 million remaining under the previous authorization.

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

### ***Contractual Obligations***

Except as otherwise described in this report, there have been no material revisions outside the ordinary course of business to our contractual obligations as described in our 2011 Form 10-K.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

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

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

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

We describe our significant accounting policies in Note 2, Summary of Accounting Policies, of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2011 Form 10-K. We discuss our critical accounting policies and estimates in MD&A in our 2011 Form 10-K.

There have been no material revisions to the critical accounting policies as filed in our 2011 Form 10-K.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

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

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

Market risk for our Company has not changed materially from the foreign exchange, interest rate and commodity risks disclosed in Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk in our 2011 Form 10-K. See also [Note 15, Derivative Financial Instruments](#), in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our market risk management and the related impact on our financial position and results of operations.

## **Item 4. *Controls and Procedures***

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, as of September 30, 2012, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

## PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in a number of legal and regulatory proceedings, lawsuits and claims incidental to the normal conduct of our business, relating to such matters as product liability, land disputes, contracts, antitrust, intellectual property, workers' compensation, chemical exposure, asbestos exposure, prior acquisitions and divestitures, past waste disposal practices and release of chemicals into the environment. The Company is actively defending those matters where it is named as a defendant. Due to the inherent subjectivity of assessments and unpredictability of outcomes of legal proceedings, the Company's litigation accruals and estimates of possible loss or range of possible loss may not represent the ultimate loss to the Company from legal proceedings. See [Note 11, Environmental](#), and [Note 17, Commitments and Contingencies](#), in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for a discussion of material environmental matters and commitments and contingencies related to legal and regulatory proceedings. There have been no significant developments in the "Legal Proceedings" described in our 2011 Form 10-K other than those disclosed in [Note 11, Environmental](#), and [Note 17, Commitments and Contingencies](#), in the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors under Part I, Item 1A of our 2011 Form 10-K.

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

The table below sets forth information regarding repurchases of our Common Stock during the three months ended September 30, 2012 :

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares Remaining that may be Purchased Under the Program <sup>(2)</sup>
(unaudited)				
July 1-31, 2012	90,873 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 34.76	90,480	\$ 141,000,000
August 1-31, 2012	62,742	\$ 39.82	62,742	\$ 139,000,000
September 1-30, 2012	63,456	\$ 39.45	63,456	\$ 136,000,000
Total	217,071		216,678	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 393 shares withheld from employees to cover their statutory minimum withholding requirements for personal income taxes related to the vesting of restricted stock units.

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

	Authorized Amount (In \$ millions)
February 2008	400
October 2008	100
April 2011	129
As of September 30, 2012	629

### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

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 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 11, 2011).
3.2	Third Amended and Restated By-laws, effective as of October 23, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 29, 2008).
10.1*‡	Letter Agreement, dated September 8, 2012, between Celanese Corporation and Lori A. Johnston.
12.1*	Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

\* Filed herewith

‡ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

## SIGNATURES

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

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARK C. ROHR

Mark C. Rohr  
Chairman of the Board of Directors and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 23, 2012

By: /s/ STEVEN M. STERIN

Steven M. Sterin  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 23, 2012



September 5, 2012

Dear Lori:

Congratulations! I am pleased to offer you the position of Senior Vice President, Human Resources of Celanese Corporation. Your position will be based in Dallas, TX and you will be reporting to me. We anticipate your start date will be on or before October 1, 2012. This letter outlines the basic components of your offer.

**Base Salary**

Your base salary will be \$430,000 per year and will be payable on a bi-weekly basis in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practice. In addition to offering a competitive base salary, we offer bonus and equity opportunities as well as a variety of other programs outlined below.

**Annual Bonus**

You will be eligible to participate in the Company's annual bonus plan. Our bonus plan uses both financial and non-financial measures and your personal performance to determine your actual bonus payout each year. For 2013, your annual bonus opportunity at target will be 70% of your eligible wages (the "Target"), with a "Stretch" opportunity of 200% of this amount if Company performance meets superior expectations. A personal performance modifier also currently allows for an additional adjustment of your planned bonus payout to reflect your individual performance relative to your annual objectives.

For 2012, you will be eligible for a full year's bonus, based on Company performance at target and a 100% individual performance modifier. You must be employed by Celanese at the time such bonus payments are made, generally in March of the following year, in order to remain eligible to receive the bonus payout.

**Long-Term Incentive Awards**

Celanese currently delivers Long-Term Incentive (LTI) compensation to senior executives through annual grants of equity awards. Annual LTI awards are planned to occur in the first quarter of each calendar year. The aggregate grant date value and mix of awards are based on a combination of salary level, individual contribution and performance, market levels of long-term incentive compensation and other factors. Each year, the Compensation Committee evaluates the level of awards and the mix among various stock-based vehicles. Going forward, you will be eligible for an annual LTI award consistent with your position at the Company which at this time is a target value of \$700,000.

In order to align our executives' interests with those of our shareholders, Celanese expects senior leaders to maintain equity ownership in the Company commensurate with their position. You will be subject to stock ownership guidelines applicable to your position as in effect from time to time. The current stock ownership guideline for your position is equal to a value of 3 times your annual base salary.

**Employee Benefits**

During your employment, you will be entitled to participate in the Company's employee benefit plans as in effect from time to time, on the same basis as those benefits that are generally made available to other employees of the Company. We offer medical and dental coverage, group life insurance (1 times the annual base pay), a cash balance pension plan, and a 401k plan that matches 100% of the first 5% of the employee's contributions. Additionally, you will be eligible to participate in the Celanese Annual Executive Physical Program including the annual physical with the Baylor Personal Edge program. You will also be eligible to receive the BioPhysical 250 blood screen every 5 years.

Other benefits that you will be eligible for based on your position with the Company are participation in the Executive Severance Plan and a Change-in-Control Agreement. Finally, Celanese offers a deferred compensation program that you may voluntarily elect to participate in. Additional information can be provided on these plans if you wish.

### **Vacation**

You will be entitled to four (4) weeks annual vacation in accordance with the Company's vacation policy.

### **Initial Equity Awards**

Celanese believes that an executive's interests should be aligned with shareholder interests, in part through equity ownership in the Company. As a result, you will receive equity awards as part of your initial offer package. Your initial equity awards will consist of the following:

**Time-vesting Restricted Stock Units (Time-vesting RSUs):** You will receive an award of Time-vesting RSUs having a grant date fair value equal to \$1,850,000 that will vest one-third each year for three years beginning on the grant date.

**Stock Options:** You will receive an award of nonqualified options to purchase shares of Company common stock having a grant date fair value equal to \$850,000. The stock options will vest one-third each year for three years beginning on the grant date. The option exercise price will be the average of the high and low trading prices of Celanese stock on the grant date.

The complete terms of your sign-on award will be delivered to you as an award agreement subject to approval by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors at the next meeting following your start date. Your sign-on award will be granted pursuant to the Celanese 2009 Global Incentive Plan and you will be required to sign appropriate award agreements and the Celanese LTI Claw-back agreement in order to receive the award.

### **Relocation Benefits**

Celanese will provide relocation benefits to the Dallas area under the provisions of our relocation policy for new employees in effect at that time. Generally, this policy provides for the shipment of household goods, home sale and purchase assistance (for homeowners) and a lump-sum payment to assist with various miscellaneous expenses associated with your relocation. The home sale and purchase assistance can be utilized for up to one (1) year after you relocate to the Dallas area. Details of our relocation policy will be provided to you under separate cover.

Should you voluntarily end your employment with Celanese for any reason within two (2) years of your start date, Celanese will seek full repayment of any relocation assistance provided to you.

### **Terms & Conditions of Employment**

This offer letter constitutes the full terms and conditions of your employment with the Company. It supersedes any other oral or written promises that may have been made to you.

### **Restrictive Covenant Agreement (RCA)**

As a condition of your employment, you will be required to execute a Restrictive Covenant Agreement (the "RCA") with the Company regarding protection and non-disclosure of confidential information and non-competition, non-solicitation and no hire. A copy of this agreement will be provided to you under separate cover.

### **Background Check & Drug Screen**

This offer of employment is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check and pre-employment examination including tests for substance abuse. If not satisfactorily completed, the offer will be rescinded.

### **Employment Verification**

As required by law, we will need to verify and document your identity and eligibility for employment in the United States. You can find a complete list of acceptable documents at <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/>



**Celanese Corporation and Subsidiaries**  
**Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges**

	Nine Months Ended		Year Ended December 31,				
	September 30,		2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	2012	2011					
(In \$ millions, except ratios)							
<b>Earnings:</b>							
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	544	661	755	538	251	433	437
<b>Subtract</b>							
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	(163)	(146)	(192)	(168)	(99)	(172)	(150)
<b>Add</b>							
Income distributions from equity investments	222	165	205	138	78	183	135
Amortization of capitalized interest	5	7	4	2	2	2	1
Total fixed charges	176	210	280	262	268	324	322
Total earnings as defined before combined fixed charges	<u>784</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>1,052</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>745</u>
<b>Fixed charges:</b>							
Interest expense	134	166	221	204	207	261	262
Capitalized interest	1	1	1	2	2	6	9
Estimated interest portion of rent expense	41	43	58	53	49	47	41
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	3	10	10	10
Guaranteed payment to minority shareholders	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total combined fixed charges	<u>176</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>322</u>
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges	4.5x	4.3x	3.8x	2.9x	1.9x	2.4x	2.3x

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

I, Mark C. Rohr, certify that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/ MARK C. ROHR

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Mark C. Rohr

*Chairman of the Board of Directors and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Date: October 23, 2012

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

I, Steven M. Sterin certify that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/ STEVEN M. STERIN

Steven M. Sterin

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 23, 2012



**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 September 30, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Mark C. Rohr, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

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

/s/ MARK C. ROHR

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Mark C. Rohr

*Chairman of the Board of Directors and*

*Chief Executive Officer*

Date: October 23, 2012

**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 September 30, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven M. Sterin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

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

/s/ STEVEN M. STERIN

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Steven M. Sterin

*Senior Vice President and*

*Chief Financial Officer*

Date: October 23, 2012