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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 333-85141

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

87-0630358
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

500 Huntsman Way
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108
(801) 584-5700

(Address of principal executive offices and telephone number)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: **None**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). YES NO

On May 17, 2004, 1,000 member equity units of the registrant were outstanding. There is no established trading market for registrant's units of membership interest. All of registrant's units of membership interest are held by an affiliate.

**HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC
FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD
ENDED MARCH 31, 2004**

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in Millions)**

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 80.5 | \$ 97.8 |
| Trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$13.8 and \$13.4, respectively) | 615.7 | 538.5 |
| Accounts receivable—affiliates | 50.4 | 25.9 |
| Inventories | 535.8 | 596.9 |
| Prepaid expenses | 25.1 | 23.6 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Other current assets | 72.8 | 83.6 |
| Total current assets | 1,383.3 | 1,369.3 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 3,222.6 | 3,256.2 |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates | 148.8 | 138.7 |
| Intangible assets, net | 275.2 | 283.4 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 438.1 | 445.1 |
| Total assets | \$ 5,468.0 | \$ 5,492.7 |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Trade payables (including overdraft facilities of \$12.4 and \$7.5, respectively) | \$ 476.7 | \$ 483.6 |
| Accounts payable—affiliates | 108.8 | 77.7 |
| Accrued liabilities | 296.6 | 387.7 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 883.9 | 950.8 |
| Long-term debt | 2,997.2 | 2,925.3 |
| Deferred income taxes | 236.7 | 234.8 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 225.4 | 224.5 |
| Total liabilities | 4,343.2 | 4,335.4 |
| Minority interests | 6.2 | 3.6 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Notes 15 and 16) | | |
| Member's equity: | | |
| Member's equity, 1,000 units | 1,026.1 | 1,026.1 |
| Retained earnings | 18.7 | 55.6 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 73.8 | 72.0 |
| Total member's equity | 1,118.6 | 1,153.7 |
| Total liabilities and member's equity | \$ 5,468.0 | \$ 5,492.7 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in Millions)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
|--|--|--|
| | | As Restated, see Note 18 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Trade sales | \$ 1,454.6 | \$ 1,188.8 |
| Related party sales | 36.5 | 100.5 |
| Tolling fees | 7.0 | 8.4 |
| Total revenues | 1,498.1 | 1,297.7 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,350.0 | 1,162.3 |
| Gross profit | 148.1 | 135.4 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 87.8 | 71.1 |
| Research and development | 12.2 | 12.2 |
| Restructuring and plant closing costs | 8.7 | 17.1 |
| Total expenses | 108.7 | 100.4 |
| Operating income | 39.4 | 35.0 |
| Interest expense | (69.0) | (64.4) |
| Interest income | — | 0.8 |
| Loss on accounts receivable securitization program | (3.5) | (9.2) |
| Other expense | (0.2) | (2.2) |
| Loss before income taxes | (33.3) | (40.0) |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | (3.6) | 7.9 |
| Net loss | (36.9) | (32.1) |
| Other comprehensive income | 1.8 | 5.1 |
| Comprehensive loss | \$ (35.1) | \$ (27.0) |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S EQUITY (UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in Millions)

| | Member's Equity | | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|---|------------|
| | Units | Amount | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2003 | 1,000 | \$ 1,026.1 | \$ 55.6 | \$ 72.0 | \$ 1,153.7 |
| Net loss | — | — | (36.9) | — | (36.9) |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Balance, March 31, 2004 | 1,000 | \$ 1,026.1 | \$ 18.7 | \$ 73.8 | \$ 1,118.6 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in Millions)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
|--|--|--|
| | | As Restated, see Note 18 |
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (36.9) | \$ (32.1) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 77.0 | 69.0 |
| Provision for losses on accounts receivable | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Noncash interest expense | 4.2 | 3.0 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3.0 | (9.8) |
| Unrealized gain on foreign currency transactions | (6.4) | (18.2) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (115.5) | (69.2) |
| Change in receivables sold, net of cash received | 8.8 | 11.8 |
| Inventories | 62.0 | (34.1) |
| Prepaid expenses | (0.8) | 5.3 |
| Other current assets | (13.1) | (15.0) |
| Other noncurrent assets | (0.8) | (0.8) |
| Accounts payable | 23.4 | (0.5) |
| Accrued liabilities | (61.4) | (44.2) |
| Other current liabilities | (2.9) | (0.3) |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | (0.1) | 0.1 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (59.2) | (133.2) |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (38.2) | (21.8) |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliate | (11.9) | — |
| Net cash received from unconsolidated affiliates | 1.8 | — |
| Advances to unconsolidated affiliates | (0.6) | (2.0) |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | — | 1.2 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (48.9) | (22.6) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Net borrowings (repayments) under revolving loan facilities | 88.0 | 134.2 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | — | (1.4) |
| Net borrowings under overdraft facility | 4.9 | — |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 92.9 | 132.8 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (2.1) | (3.1) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (17.3) | (26.1) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 97.8 | 75.4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 80.5 | \$ 49.3 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 104.0 | \$ 83.5 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$ 3.0 | \$ 3.4 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. General

Description of Business

Huntsman International LLC (the "Company," including its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires) is a global manufacturer and marketer of differentiated and commodity chemicals. The Company manages its business through four segments: Polyurethanes, Performance Products, Pigments and Base Chemicals. The Company manufactures its products at facilities located in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa and sells its products throughout the world.

Company

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Huntsman International Holdings LLC ("HIH"). All of the membership interests of HIH are owned directly and indirectly by HMP Equity Holdings Corporation ("HMP"). HMP is 100% owned by Huntsman Group Inc. ("HGI"), subject to warrants which, if exercised, would entitle the holders thereof to up to 12% of the common equity of HMP. HGI is 100% owned by Huntsman Holdings, LLC ("Huntsman Holdings"). The voting membership interests of Huntsman Holdings are owned by the Huntsman family, MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners, L.P. ("MatlinPatterson"), Consolidated Press (Finance) Limited ("Consolidated Press") and certain members of senior management. In addition, Huntsman Holdings has issued certain non-voting preferred units to Huntsman Holdings Preferred Member LLC, which, in turn, is owned by MatlinPatterson (indirectly), Consolidated Press, the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, certain members of senior management and certain members of the Huntsman family. Huntsman Holdings has also issued certain non-voting preferred units to the Huntsman family, MatlinPatterson, and Consolidated Press that track the performance of an affiliate, Huntsman Advanced Materials LLC ("AdMat"). AdMat's results of operations are not included in these consolidated financial statements. The Huntsman family has board and operational control of the Company.

Interim Financial Statements

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and in management's opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of results of operations, financial position and cash flows for the periods shown, have been made. Results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of those to be expected for the full year. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Use of Estimates

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

2. Recently Issued Financial Accounting Standards

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Financial Interpretation No. ("FIN") 46, "*Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*." FIN 46 addresses the requirements for business enterprises to consolidate related entities, for which they do not have

controlling interests through voting or other rights, if they are determined to be the primary beneficiary as a result of variable economic interests. Transfers to a qualifying special purpose entity are not subject to this interpretation. In December 2003, the FASB issued a complete replacement of FIN 46 (FIN 46R), to clarify certain complexities. The Company is required to adopt this financial interpretation on January 1, 2005 and is currently evaluating its impact but does not expect the impact to be significant.

3. Inventories

Inventories as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 consisted of the following (dollars in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Raw materials and supplies | \$ 140.3 | \$ 180.2 |
| Work in progress | 19.2 | 18.0 |
| Finished goods | 376.3 | 398.7 |
| Total | \$ 535.8 | \$ 596.9 |

In the normal course of operations, the Company exchanges raw materials with other companies. No gains or losses are recognized on these exchanges, and the net open exchange positions are valued at the Company's cost. The amount deducted from inventory under open exchange agreements owed by the Company at March 31, 2004 was \$3.5 million and 5.8 million pounds of feedstock and products, respectively, which represented the amount payable by the Company under open exchange agreements. The amount deducted from inventory under open exchange agreements owed by the Company at December 31, 2003 was \$6.6 million and 18.7 million pounds of feedstock and products, respectively, which represented the amount payable by the Company under open exchange agreements.

4. Property, Plant and Equipment

The cost and accumulated depreciation of property, plant and equipment are as follows (dollars in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Land | \$ 49.8 | \$ 49.4 |
| Buildings | 199.3 | 201.0 |
| Plant and equipment | 3,972.6 | 3,938.9 |
| Construction in progress | 158.2 | 156.1 |
| Total | 4,379.9 | 4,345.4 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (1,157.3) | (1,089.2) |
| Net | \$ 3,222.6 | \$ 3,256.2 |

Property, plant and equipment includes gross assets acquired under capital leases of \$19.5 million and \$19.0 million at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively; related amounts included in accumulated depreciation were \$6.1 million and \$5.3 million at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

5. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates

The Company's ownership percentage and investments in unconsolidated affiliates, primarily manufacturing joint ventures, are as follows (in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Louisiana Pigment Company, L.P. (50%) | \$ 128.6 | \$ 130.4 |
| BASF Huntsman Shanghai Isocyanate Investment BV (50%) | 17.9 | 6.1 |
| Rubicon, LLC (50%) | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Others | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Total | \$ 148.8 | \$ 138.7 |

As noted, the Company owns 50% of BASF Huntsman Shanghai Isocyanate Investment BV. BASF Huntsman Shanghai Isocyanate Investment BV owns a 70% interest in a manufacturing joint venture, thus giving the Company an indirect 35% interest in the manufacturing joint venture.

6. Intangible Assets

The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of intangible assets as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 were as follows (dollars in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | | | December 31, 2003 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net |
| Patents, trademarks, and technology | \$ 388.6 | \$ 123.1 | \$ 265.5 | \$ 389.2 | \$ 116.9 | \$ 272.3 |
| Non-compete agreements | 49.6 | 39.9 | 9.7 | 49.6 | 38.5 | 11.1 |
| Total | \$ 438.2 | \$ 163.0 | \$ 275.2 | \$ 438.8 | \$ 155.4 | \$ 283.4 |

Amortization expense for intangible assets for the three month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$8.3 million in both periods. Estimated future amortization expense for intangible assets through December 31, 2008 is \$32.0 million annually in 2004 through 2005 and \$24.0 million annually in 2006 through 2008.

7. Other Noncurrent Assets

Other noncurrent assets consist of the following (in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Prepaid pension assets | \$ 240.6 | \$ 235.1 |
| Debt issuance costs | 47.9 | 54.4 |
| Capitalized turnaround expense | 59.7 | 52.6 |
| Receivables from affiliates | 17.5 | 13.5 |
| Spare parts inventory | 51.7 | 55.6 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 20.7 | 33.9 |
| Total | \$ 438.1 | \$ 445.1 |

8. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consist of the following (in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Payroll, severance and related costs | \$ 82.7 | \$ 77.1 |
| Interest | 38.0 | 78.5 |
| Volume and rebates accruals | 47.3 | 64.8 |
| Income tax payable | 6.6 | 35.5 |
| Taxes (property and VAT) | 24.8 | 32.0 |
| Restructuring and plant closing costs | 21.4 | 22.5 |
| Interest and commodity hedging accruals | 6.3 | 10.8 |
| Environmental accruals | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Other miscellaneous accruals | 64.0 | 60.8 |
| Total | \$ 296.6 | \$ 387.7 |

9. Other Noncurrent Liabilities

Other noncurrent liabilities consist of the following (in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Pension liabilities | \$ 158.6 | \$ 149.0 |
| Other postretirement benefits | 10.8 | 11.8 |
| Environmental accruals | 11.0 | 11.6 |
| Payable to affiliate | 29.2 | 29.1 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 15.8 | 23.0 |
| Total | \$ 225.4 | \$ 224.5 |

10. Restructuring and Plant Closing Costs

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had reserves for restructuring and plant closing costs of \$21.4 million and \$22.5 million, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company recorded additional reserves for workforce reductions of \$8.7 million and \$17.1 million, respectively. During these same periods, the Company made cash payments against these reserves of \$9.8 million and \$4.2 million, respectively (dollars in millions).

| | Workforce Reductions | Demolition and Decommissioning | Non-cancelable lease costs | Total |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Accrued liability as of December 31, 2003 | \$ 22.5 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 22.5 |
| Charges | 8.7 | — | — | 8.7 |
| Payments | (9.8) | — | — | (9.8) |
| Accrued liability as of March 31, 2004 | \$ 21.4 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 21.4 |

Detail of these reserves by segment are as follows:

| | Polyurethanes | Performance Products | Pigments | Total |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| Accrued liability as of December 31, 2003 | \$ 15.8 | \$ 2.4 | \$ 4.3 | \$ 22.5 |
| Charges | 4.8 | — | 3.9 | 8.7 |
| Payments | (6.5) | (0.1) | (3.2) | (9.8) |
| Accrued liability as of March 31, 2004 | \$ 14.1 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 5.0 | \$ 21.4 |

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Polyurethanes segment reserve consisted of \$9.7 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, related to restructuring activities at the Rozenberg, Netherlands site announced in 2003, \$2.2 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, related to the workforce reductions throughout the Polyurethanes segment announced in 2003, and \$1.9 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, related to the closure of the Shepton Mallet, U.K. site announced in 2002. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Polyurethanes segment recorded additional restructuring charges of \$4.8 million and made cash payments of \$6.5 million related to these restructuring activities. Additional charges of approximately \$7.7 million related to these restructuring activities are expected to be recorded through 2005, resulting from additional workforce reductions of approximately 36 employees.

As of December 31, 2003, the Performance Products segment reserve consisted of \$2.4 million related to the closure of a number of plants at its Whitehaven, U.K. facility, the closure of an administrative office in London, U.K., the rationalization of its surfactants technical center in Oldbury, U.K., and the restructuring of its facility in Barcelona, Spain. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Performance Products segment made cash payments of \$0.1 million related to these restructuring activities. There are no material additional charges expected related to these restructuring activities.

As of December 31, 2003, the Pigments segment reserve consisted of \$4.3 million related to its global workforce reductions. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Pigments segment recorded additional restructuring charges of \$3.9 million and made cash payments of \$3.2 million related to these restructuring activities. Additional charges of approximately \$13 million related to these restructuring activities are expected to be recorded through 2005, resulting from additional workforce reductions of approximately 150 employees.

The Company continuously evaluates the effectiveness of all of its manufacturing facilities in serving its markets. The Company has been engaged in a detailed review of its Pigments business to improve its competitive position and financial performance. In connection with this review, the Company announced in April 2004 that it will idle approximately 55,000 tonnes, or about 10% of its total titanium dioxide ("TiO₂") production capacity. This action is expected to result in approximately \$40 million of annual fixed cost savings, and will involve approximately \$100 million of accelerated depreciation and non-cash charges and the payment of cash restructuring costs of approximately \$20 million in 2004 and 2005.

11. Debt

Outstanding debt consists of the following (dollars in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Senior Secured Credit Facilities: | | |
| Revolving loan facility | \$ 110.0 | \$ 22.0 |
| Term B loan | 620.1 | 620.1 |
| Term C loan | 620.1 | 620.1 |
| Senior Unsecured Notes | 456.8 | 457.1 |
| Senior Subordinated Notes | 1,154.4 | 1,169.8 |
| Other debt | 37.6 | 38.0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Subtotal | 2,999.0 | 2,927.1 |
| Less current portion | (1.8) | (1.8) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total | \$ 2,997.2 | \$ 2,925.3 |

HI Credit Facilities

As of March 31, 2004, the Company had senior secured credit facilities (the "HI Credit Facilities") which consisted of a revolving loan facility of up to \$400 million that matures on June 30, 2005 (the "HI Revolving Facility"), a term B loan facility that matures on June 30, 2007, and a term C loan facility that matures on June 30, 2008. The Company has commenced discussions with financial institutions for the renewal or replacement of the HI Revolving Facility and expect to address the pending maturity within the next three months. On October 22, 2003, the Company issued \$205 million of additional term B and term C loans, the net proceeds of which were applied to pay down the HI Revolving Facility by approximately \$53 million, and the remainder of the net proceeds, net of fees, were applied to repay, in full, the term A loan which had an initial maturity of June 2005. Principal payments on the term B and term C loans began in 2005.

Interest rates for the HI Credit Facilities are based upon, at the Company's option, either a eurocurrency rate (LIBOR) or a base rate (prime) plus the applicable spread. The applicable spreads vary based on a pricing grid, in the case of eurocurrency based loans, from 1.50% to 4.50% per annum depending on the loan facility and whether specified conditions have been satisfied, and, in the case of base rate loans, from 0.25% to 3.25% per annum. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the average interest rates on the HI Credit Facilities were 5.2% and 5.6%, respectively, excluding the impact of interest rate hedges.

The Company's obligations under the HI Credit Facilities are supported by guarantees of HIH and the Company's domestic and certain foreign subsidiaries (collectively, the "HI Guarantors"), as well as pledges of substantially all their assets, including 65% of the voting stock of certain non-U.S. subsidiaries.

The HI Credit Facilities contain covenants relating to the incurrence of debt, purchase and sale of assets, limitations on investments, affiliate transactions, change in control provisions and maintenance of certain financial ratios. The financial covenants include a leverage ratio, interest coverage ratio, minimum consolidated net worth level and a limit on capital expenditures. The HI Credit Facilities also limit the payment of dividends generally to the amount required by the members to pay income taxes. Management believes that, as of March 31, 2004, HI is in compliance with the covenants of the HI Credit Facilities.

Senior Unsecured Notes and Senior Subordinated Notes

In March 2002, the Company issued \$300 million 9⁷/₈% Senior Notes (collectively with the 2003 Senior Notes (defined below), the "Senior Notes"). Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semi-annually and the Senior Notes mature on March 1, 2009. The Senior Notes are unsecured and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several basis by the HI Guarantors. The Senior Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time by the Company on or prior to March 1, 2006 at 100% of the face value plus a "make whole" premium, as defined in the applicable indenture. After March 1, 2006, the Senior Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at a redemption price that declines from 104.937% to 100% after March 1, 2008. On April 11, 2003, the Company sold an additional \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of 9⁷/₈% Senior Notes due 2009 (the "2003 Senior Notes"). The 2003 Senior Notes were priced at 105.25%.

The Company also has outstanding \$600 million and €450 million (\$554.4 million as of March 31, 2004) 10¹/₈% Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Subordinated Notes"). Interest on the Subordinated Notes is payable semi-annually and the Subordinated Notes mature on July 1, 2009. The Subordinated Notes are unsecured and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several basis by the HI Guarantors. The Subordinated Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time by the Company prior to July 1, 2004 at 100% of the face value plus a "make whole" premium, as defined in the applicable indenture. On or after July 1, 2004 the Subordinated Notes may be redeemed at 105.063% of the principal amount thereof, declining ratably to par on and after July 1, 2007

The Senior Notes and the Subordinated Notes contain covenants relating to the incurrence of debt, limitations on distributions, asset sales and affiliate transactions, among other things. They also contain a change of control provision requiring the Company to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes and the Subordinated Notes upon a change of control. Management believes that the Company is in compliance with the covenants of the Senior Notes and the Subordinated Notes as of March 31, 2004.

Other Debt

The Company maintains a \$25 million multicurrency overdraft facility for its European subsidiaries (the "European Overdraft Facility"). As of March 31, 2004, the Company had approximately \$12.4 million outstanding under the European Overdraft Facility included within accounts payable. The European Overdraft Facility is used for daily working capital needs.

Included within other debt is debt associated with the Company's China MDI project. In January 2003, the Company entered into two related joint venture agreements to build MDI production facilities near Shanghai, China. The Company owns 70% (a consolidating interest) of one of the joint ventures, Huntsman Polyurethanes Shanghai Ltd. ("HPS"), with Shanghai Chlor-Alkali Chemical Company, Ltd. On September 19, 2003, HPS obtained secured financing for the construction of the production facilities. HPS obtained term loans for the construction of its plant in the maximum principal amount of approximately \$82.4 million, a working capital credit line in the amount of approximately \$35.1 million, and a facility for funding VAT payments in the amount of approximately \$0.6 million. As of March 31, 2004, there were \$4.0 million outstanding in U.S. dollar borrowings and 10.0 million in RMB borrowings (\$1.2 million U.S. dollar equivalents) under these facilities. The interest rate on these facilities is LIBOR plus 0.48% for U.S. dollar borrowings and 90% of the Peoples Bank of China rate for RMB borrowings. As of March 31, 2004, the interest rate for U.S. dollar borrowings was 1.7% and 5.2% for RMB borrowings. The loans are secured by substantially all the assets of HPS and will be repaid in 16 semi-annual installments, beginning no later than June 30, 2007. The financing is non-recourse to our Company, but is guaranteed during the construction phase by affiliates of HPS, including Huntsman Holdings. Huntsman Holdings unconditionally guarantees 70% of any amounts due and unpaid by HPS under the loans described above (except for the VAT facility which is not guaranteed). Huntsman Holdings' guarantees remain in effect until HPS has

(i) commenced production at at least 70% of capacity for at least 30 days, and (ii) achieved a debt service cover ratio of at least 1:1.

12. Derivatives and Hedging Activities

Interest Rate Hedging

Through the Company's borrowing activities, it is exposed to interest rate risk. Such risk arises due to the structure of the Company's debt portfolio, including the duration of the portfolio and the mix of fixed and floating interest rates. The HI Credit Facilities require that a certain portion of debt be at fixed rates through either interest rate hedges or through other means that provide a similar effect. Actions taken to reduce interest rate risk include managing the mix and rate characteristics of various interest bearing liabilities as well as entering into interest rate swaps, collars and options.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had entered into various types of interest rate contracts to manage its interest rate risk on its long-term debt as indicated below (in millions):

| | <u>March 31, 2004</u> | <u>December 31, 2003</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Interest rate swaps | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 211.0 | \$ 212.7 |
| Fair value | \$ (2.8) | \$ (4.9) |
| Weighted average pay rate | 5.65% | 5.65% |
| Maximum weighted average pay rate | 6.60% | 6.60% |
| Maturing | 2004 | 2004 |
| Interest rate collars | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 150.0 | \$ 150.0 |
| Fair value | \$ (3.0) | \$ (4.8) |
| Weighted average cap rate | 7.00% | 7.00% |
| Weighted average floor rate | 5.08% | 5.08% |
| Maximum weighted average floor rate | 6.25% | 6.25% |
| Maturing | 2004 | 2004 |

Under interest rate swaps, the Company agrees with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed-rate and floating-rate interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed notional principal amount.

The Company purchases interest rate cap and interest rate collar agreements to reduce the impact of changes in interest rates on its floating-rate long-term debt. The cap agreements entitle the Company to receive from the counterparties (major banks) the amounts, if any, by which the Company's interest payments on certain of its floating-rate borrowings exceed a certain rate. The floor agreements require the Company to pay to the counterparties (major banks) the amount, if any, by which the Company's interest payments on certain of its floating-rate borrowings are less than a certain rate.

The majority of the interest rate contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges of future interest payments on its variable rate debt. The fair value of these interest rate contracts designated as hedges as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 was a loss of approximately \$3.7 million and \$6.2 million, respectively, which is recorded in other accrued liabilities and in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to the extent of the effective portions of the hedging instruments. Gains and losses related to these contracts will be reclassified from other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings in the periods in which the related hedged interest payments are made. As of March 31, 2004, losses of approximately \$3.4 million are expected to be reclassified into earnings over the remainder of

2004. Gains and losses on these agreements, including amounts recorded related to hedge ineffectiveness, are reflected as interest expense in the statement of operations. A loss of \$0.1 million and a gain \$0.1 million were recorded in interest expense in the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, swap agreement liabilities with a fair value of \$2.0 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, have not been designated as hedges for financial reporting purposes. The change in the liability resulted in income of \$1.4 million and \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, has been recognized in interest expense.

The Company is exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by a counterparty to the derivative financial instruments. The Company anticipates, however, that the counterparties will be able to fully satisfy obligations under the contracts.

Commodity Price Hedging

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, there were no cash flow commodity price hedging contracts recorded in other current assets and other comprehensive income.

As of March 31, 2004 commodity price hedging contracts designated as fair value hedges are included in the balance sheet as \$0.4 million in accrued liabilities and a credit of \$0.3 million in inventory. As of December 31, 2003, commodity price hedging contracts designated as fair value hedges are included in the balance sheet as \$0.8 million in accrued liabilities and \$0.5 million in inventory.

Commodity price contracts not designated as hedges as defined by SFAS No. 133 are reflected in the balance sheet as \$1.4 million and \$0.2 million in other current assets and accrued liabilities, respectively, as of March 31, 2004, and as \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million in other current assets and accrued liabilities, respectively, as of December 31, 2003.

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Company recorded an increase of \$2.6 million in cost of goods sold related to net gains and losses from settled contracts, net gains and losses in fair value price hedges, and the change in fair value on commodity price hedging contracts not designated as hedges as defined in SFAS No. 133. During the three months ended March 31, 2003, the Company recorded a reduction of \$0.9 million in cost of goods sold related to net gains and losses from settled contracts, net gains and losses in fair value price hedges, and the change in fair value on commodity price hedging contracts not designated as hedges as defined in SFAS No. 133.

Foreign Currency Rate Hedging

The Company may enter into foreign currency derivative instruments to minimize the short-term impact of movements in foreign currency rates. These contracts are not designated as hedges for financial reporting purposes and are recorded at fair value. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 and for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the fair value, change in fair value, and realized gains (losses) of outstanding foreign currency rate hedging contracts was not material.

Net Investment Hedging

Currency effects of net investment hedges produced a gain of \$15.2 million and a loss of \$18.4 million in other comprehensive income (loss) (foreign currency translation adjustments) for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, there was a cumulative net loss of approximately \$111.1 million and \$126.3 million, respectively.

13. Securitization of Accounts Receivable

On December 21, 2000, the Company initiated an accounts receivable securitization program under which it grants an undivided interest in certain of its trade receivables to a qualified off-balance sheet entity (the "Receivables Trust") at a discount. This undivided interest serves as security for the issuance of commercial paper and medium term notes by the Receivables Trust. At March 31, 2004, the Receivables Trust had outstanding approximately \$195 million in U.S. dollar equivalents in medium term notes and approximately \$115 million in commercial paper. Under the terms of the agreements, the Company and its subsidiaries continue to service the receivables in exchange for a 1% fee of the outstanding receivables, and the Company is subject to recourse provisions.

The Company's retained interest in receivables (including servicing assets) subject to the program was approximately \$148.7 and \$154.4 million as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. The value of the retained interest is subject to credit and interest rate risk. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, new sales of accounts receivable sold into the program totaled approximately \$1,095.6 million and \$1,002.4 million, respectively, and cash collections from receivables sold into the program that were reinvested totaled approximately \$1,086.8 million and \$990.6 million, respectively. Servicing fees received during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 were approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

The Company incurs losses on the accounts receivable securitization program for the discount on receivables sold into the program and fees and expenses associated with the program. The Company also retains responsibility for the economic gains and losses on forward contracts mandated by the terms of the program to hedge the currency exposures on the collateral supporting the off-balance sheet debt issued. Gains and losses on forward contracts included as a component of the loss on accounts receivable securitization program are a loss of \$1.4 million and a loss of \$7.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the fair value of the open forward currency contracts is \$0.9 million and \$6.8 million, respectively, which is included as a component of the residual interest reflected on the Company's balance sheet. On April 16, 2004 the Company amended the commercial paper facility. Pursuant to the amendment, the maturity of the commercial paper facility was extended to March 31, 2007. In addition, the amendment permits the issuance of euro-denominated commercial paper.

The key economic assumptions used in valuing the residual interest at March 31, 2004 are presented below:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Weighted average life (in months) | 3 |
| Credit losses (annual rate) | Less than 1% |
| Discount rate (annual rate) | 2% |

A 10% and 20% adverse change in any of the key economic assumptions would not have a material impact on the fair value of the retained interest. Total receivables over 60 days past due as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 were \$9.8 million and \$15.6 million, respectively.

14. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The components of other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows (in millions):

| | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | | Other comprehensive Income (loss) | |
|---|--|----------------------|---|---|
| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | \$ 157.1 | \$ 160.5 | \$ (3.4) | \$ 1.2 |
| Additional minimum pension liability, net of tax of \$29.5 million as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 | (74.4) | (77.1) | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| Additional minimum pension liability— unconsolidated affiliate | (5.6) | (5.6) | — | — |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on securities | 0.1 | 0.2 | (0.1) | 1.8 |
| Net unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate hedges | (3.4) | (6.0) | 2.6 | 0.6 |
| Total | \$ 73.8 | \$ 72.0 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 5.1 |

15. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company has various purchase commitments extending through 2017 for materials, supplies and services entered into in the ordinary course of business. The purchase commitments are contracts that require minimum volume purchases. Certain contracts allow for changes in minimum required purchase volumes in the event of a temporary or permanent shutdown of a facility. The contractual purchase price for substantially all of these contracts is variable based upon market prices, subject to annual negotiations. The Company has also entered into a limited number of contracts which require minimum payments, even if no volume is purchased. These contracts approximate \$35 million annually through 2005, declining to approximately \$16 million after 2011. Historically, the Company has not made any minimum payments under its take or pay contracts.

The Company is a party to various proceedings instituted by private plaintiffs, governmental authorities and others arising under provisions of applicable laws, including various environmental, products liability and other laws. Based in part on the indemnities provided to the Company by Imperial Chemical Industries PLC ("ICI") and Huntsman Specialty Chemicals Corporation ("Huntsman Specialty") in connection with the transfer of business to the Company and insurance coverage, management does not believe that the outcome of any of these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

16. Environmental Matters

General

The Company is subject to extensive federal, state, local and foreign laws, regulations, rules and ordinances relating to pollution, protection of the environment and the generation, storage, handling, transportation, treatment, disposal and remediation of hazardous substances and waste materials. In the ordinary course of business, the Company is subject to frequent environmental inspections and monitoring by governmental enforcement authorities. In addition, the Company's production facilities require operating permits that are subject to renewal, modification and, in certain circumstances, revocation. Actual or alleged violations of environmental laws or permit requirements could result in restrictions or prohibitions on plant operations, substantial fines and civil or criminal sanctions, as well as, under some environmental laws, the assessment of strict joint and several liability. Moreover,

changes in environmental regulations could inhibit or interrupt the Company's operations, or require it to change its equipment or operations, and any such changes could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Accordingly, environmental or regulatory matters may cause the Company to incur significant unanticipated losses, costs or liabilities.

Environmental Capital Expenditures and Accruals

The Company may incur future costs for capital improvements and general compliance under environmental and safety laws, including costs to acquire, maintain and repair pollution control equipment. The Company estimates that capital expenditures for environmental and safety matters during 2004 will be approximately \$38.5 million. However, since capital expenditures for these matters are subject to evolving regulatory requirements and depend, in part, on the timing, promulgation and enforcement of specific requirements, the Company cannot provide assurance that material capital expenditures beyond those currently anticipated will not be required under environmental and safety laws.

The Company has established financial reserves relating to anticipated environmental restoration and remediation programs, as well as certain other anticipated environmental liabilities. Management believes these reserves are sufficient for known requirements. Liabilities are recorded when potential liabilities are either known or considered probable and can be reasonably estimated. The Company's liability estimates are based upon available facts, existing technology and past experience. A total of approximately \$16.5 million has been accrued related to environmental related liabilities as of March 31, 2004. However, no assurance can be given that all potential liabilities arising out of the Company's present or past operations have been identified or fully assessed or that future environmental liabilities will not be material to the Company.

Potential Liabilities

Given the nature of the Company's business, violations of environmental laws may result in restrictions imposed on its operating activities, substantial fines, penalties, damages or other costs, any of which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company is aware of the following matters and believes (1) the reserves related to these matters to be sufficient for known requirements, and (2) the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material impact on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows:

On October 6, 2002, a leak of sulphuric acid from two tanks located near the Company's Whitehaven, U.K. plant was discovered. About 342 to 347 tonnes of acid were released onto the ground and into the soil near the tanks. Although the Company took immediate steps to contain the spillage and recover acid, a quantity of acid reached a nearby beach via a geological fault. The Company believes that it did not own the tanks from which the acid leaked; however, the Company did own the acid in the tanks. The U.K. Health and Safety Executive has issued three Improvement Notices requiring corrective action with which the Company is complying. The U.K. Environment Agency ("EA") on or about April 27, 2004, served a summons providing notice to Huntsman Surface Sciences UK Limited that a criminal prosecution is being initiated against it as a result of the spill based on alleged violations of the Water Resources Act and Environmental Protection Act. Although the Company can give no assurances, based on currently available information and its understanding of similar investigations and penalties in the past, the Company believes that if it is ultimately found to be legally responsible for the spill, the probable penalties or the cost of any additional corrective action would not be material to its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company is aware that there is or may be soil or groundwater contamination at some of its facilities resulting from past operations. Based on available information and the indemnification rights (including indemnities provided by Huntsman Specialty, ICI, The Rohm and Haas Company, Rhodia

S.A. and The Dow Chemical Company, for the facilities that each of them transferred to the Company), the Company believes that the costs to investigate and remediate known contamination will not have a material adverse effect on its business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows; however, the Company cannot give any assurance that such indemnities will fully cover the costs of investigation and remediation, that it will not be required to contribute to such costs or that such costs will not be material.

Regulatory Developments

Under the European Union ("EU") Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive ("IPPC"), EU member governments are to adopt rules and implement a cross-media (air, water, waste) environmental permitting program for individual facilities. The U.K. was the first EU member government to request IPPC permit applications from the Company. In the U.K., the Company has submitted several applications and, very recently, negotiated and received its first IPPC permits. Based upon the terms of these permits, the Company does not anticipate that it will have to make material capital expenditures to comply. Other IPPC permits are under review by the U.K. Environment Agency. The Company is not yet in a position to know with certainty what the other U.K. IPPC permits will require, and it is possible that the costs of compliance could be material; however, the Company believes, based upon its experience to date, that the costs of compliance with IPPC permitting in the U.K. will not be material to its financial condition or results of operations. Additionally, the IPPC directive has recently been implemented in France, and like the Company's operations in the U.K., the Company does not anticipate having to make material capital expenditures to comply.

With respect to the Company's facilities in EU jurisdictions other than the U.K. and France, IPPC implementing legislation is not yet in effect, or the Company has not yet been required to seek IPPC permits. Accordingly, while the Company expects to incur additional future costs for capital improvements and general compliance under IPPC requirements in these jurisdictions, at the present time it is unable to determine whether or not these costs will be material. Accordingly, the Company cannot provide assurance that material capital expenditures and compliance costs will not be required in connection with IPPC requirements.

On October 29, 2003, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new EU regulatory framework for chemicals. Under this proposed new system called "REACH" (*Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of CHemicals*), enterprises that manufacture or import more than one ton of a chemical substance per year would be required to register such manufacture or import in a central database. The REACH initiative, as proposed, would require risk assessment of chemicals, preparations (e.g., soaps and paints) and articles (e.g., consumer products) before those materials could be manufactured or imported into EU countries. Where warranted by a risk assessment, hazardous substances would require authorizations for their use. This regulation could impose risk control strategies that would require capital expenditures by the Company. As proposed, REACH would take effect in stages over the eleven years following the final effective date (assuming final approval). The impacts of REACH on the chemical industry and on the Company are unclear at this time because the parameters of the program are still being actively debated. Nevertheless, it is possible that REACH, if implemented, would be costly to the Company.

MTBE Developments

The use of MTBE is controversial in the United States and elsewhere and may be substantially curtailed or eliminated in the future by legislation or regulatory action. The presence of MTBE in some groundwater supplies in California and other states (primarily due to gasoline leaking from underground storage tanks) and in surface water (primarily from recreational watercraft) has led to public concern about MTBE's potential to contaminate drinking water supplies. Heightened public

awareness regarding this issue has resulted in state, federal and foreign initiatives to rescind the federal oxygenate requirements for reformulated gasoline or restrict or prohibit the use of MTBE in particular.

For example, the California Air Resources Board adopted regulations that prohibit the addition of MTBE to gasoline as of January 1, 2004. Certain other states have also taken actions to restrict or eliminate the current or future use of MTBE. States which have taken action to prohibit or restrict the use of MTBE accounted for over 40% of the U.S. market for MTBE prior to the taking of such action. In connection with its ban, the State of California requested that the EPA waive the federal oxygenated fuels requirements of the federal Clean Air Act for gasoline sold in California. The EPA denied the State's request on June 12, 2001. Certain of the state bans, including California's ban, have been challenged in court as unconstitutional (in light of the Clean Air Act). On June 4, 2003, a federal court of appeals rejected such a challenge to California's ban, ruling that the ban is not pre-empted by the Clean Air Act.

The energy bill pending in the U.S. Congress would eliminate the oxygenated fuels requirements in the Clean Air Act and phase out or curtail MTBE use. To date, no such legislation has become law. However, such legislation is being considered by Congress and, if it were to become law, it could result in a federal ban on the use of MTBE in gasoline. In addition, on March 20, 2000, the EPA announced its intention, through an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, to phase out the use of MTBE under authority of the federal Toxic Substances Control Act. In its notice, the EPA also called on the U.S. Congress to restrict the use of MTBE under the Clean Air Act.

In Europe, the EU issued a final risk assessment report on MTBE on September 20, 2002. While no ban of MTBE was recommended, several risk reduction measures relating to storage and handling of MTBE-containing fuel were recommended. Separate from EU action, Denmark entered into a voluntary agreement with refiners to reduce the sale of MTBE in Denmark. Under the agreement, use of MTBE in 92- and 95-octane gasoline in Denmark ceased by May 1, 2002; however, MTBE is still an additive in a limited amount of 98-octane gasoline sold in about 100 selected service stations in Denmark.

Any phase-out or other future regulation of MTBE in other states, nationally or internationally may result in a significant reduction in demand for the Company's MTBE and result in a material loss in revenues or material costs or expenditures. In the event that there should be a phase-out of MTBE in the United States, the Company believes it will be able to export MTBE to Europe or elsewhere or use its co-product TBA to produce saleable products other than MTBE. The Company believes that its low production costs at its PO/MTBE facility will put it in a favorable position relative to other higher cost sources (primarily, on-purpose manufacturing). If the Company opts to produce products other than MTBE, necessary modifications to its facilities may require significant capital expenditures and the sale of the other products may produce a materially lower level of cash flow than the sale of MTBE.

In addition, while the Company has not been named as a defendant in any litigation concerning the environmental effects of MTBE, it cannot provide assurances that it will not be involved in any such litigation or that such litigation will not have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a version of an energy bill that contained limited liability protection for producers of MTBE. The Senate's version of the bill did not have liability protection. The issue was one of the reasons that a compromise energy bill was not passed. Whether a compromise will be reached on this legislation in 2004, and whether any compromise will provide liability protection for producers, are unknown. In any event, the liability protection provision in the House bill applied only to defective product claims; it would not preclude other types of lawsuits.

Other Matters

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ," formerly the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission or TNRCC) approved a settlement with Huntsman Petrochemical Corporation effective June 12, 2003 regarding allegations of environmental regulatory violations at the Company's Port Neches, Texas, facilities. The settlement imposes penalties totaling \$302,250, of which \$7,000 has already been paid. The balance of the penalty is due on June 11, 2005. Additionally, the settlement requires that the Company apply for an air emissions permit for the joint wastewater treatment plant that services all of the Port Neches facilities. Less than \$100,000 of the aforementioned penalties are allocable to the Company. Although management does not anticipate it, it is possible that the terms of a joint wastewater treatment plant air permit may cause the Company to incur substantial costs that could be material.

17. Operating Segment Information

The Company derives its revenues, earnings and cash flows from the manufacture and sale of a wide variety of differentiated and commodity chemical products. The Company has four reportable operating segments: Polyurethanes, Performance Products, Pigments and Base Chemicals. Sales between segments are generally recognized at external market prices.

The major products of each reportable operating segment are as follows:

| Segment | Products |
|----------------------|---|
| Polyurethanes | MDI, TDI, TPU, polyols, aniline, PO and MTBE |
| Performance Products | Surfactants, ethyleneamines and other performance chemicals |
| Pigments | Titanium dioxide |
| Base Chemicals | Ethylene, propylene, benzene, cyclohexane and paraxylene |

The Company uses EBITDA to measure the financial performance of its global business units and for reporting the results of its operating segments. This measure includes all operating items relating to the businesses. The EBITDA of operating segments excludes items that principally apply to the Company as a whole. The Company believes that EBITDA is useful in helping investors assess the

results of its business operations. The revenues and EBITDA for each of the Company's reportable operating segments are as follows (dollars in millions):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| (In Millions) | | |
| Revenues | | |
| Polyurethanes | \$ 639.6 | \$ 554.9 |
| Performance Products | 184.1 | 161.1 |
| Pigments | 254.9 | 246.1 |
| Base Chemicals | 473.9 | 372.2 |
| Eliminations | (54.4) | (36.6) |
| Total | \$ 1,498.1 | \$ 1,297.7 |
| Segment EBITDA(1) | | |
| Polyurethanes | \$ 72.7 | \$ 40.2 |
| Performance Products | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Pigments | 7.7 | 28.9 |
| Base Chemicals | 31.4 | 26.5 |
| Unallocated and other(2) | (1.0) | (5.3) |
| Total EBITDA | \$ 112.7 | \$ 92.6 |
| Interest expense, net | (69.0) | (63.6) |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | (3.6) | 7.9 |
| Depreciation and amortization | (77.0) | (69.0) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (36.9) | \$ (32.1) |

(1) EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

(2) EBITDA from unallocated and other items includes unallocated corporate overhead, loss on sale of accounts receivable, foreign exchange gains or losses and other non-operating income (expense).

18. Restatement of 2003 Quarterly Financial Information

In March 2004, the Company's management discovered that it had inappropriately calculated foreign exchange gains and losses with respect to its accounts receivable securitization program and had inconsistently classified the foreign exchange gains and losses on the securitized receivables denominated in foreign currency in its statements of operations for each of the first three quarters of 2003. As a result, the Company has restated its consolidated financial statements for each of the first three quarters of 2003 to correct its accounting and classification of foreign exchange gains and losses

related to the accounts receivable securitization program. A summary of the significant effects of this restatement is provided below (dollars in millions):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
|--|--|--|
| | As previously reported | As restated |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$ 88.6 | \$ 71.1 |
| Operating income | 17.5 | 35.0 |
| Loss on accounts receivable securitization program | (9.6) | (9.2) |
| Net loss | (50.0) | (32.1) |

19. Consolidating Condensed Financial Statements

The following consolidating condensed financial statements present, in separate columns, financial information for the following: Huntsman International LLC (on a parent only basis), with its investment in subsidiaries recorded under the equity method; the guarantors, under the Company's indenture, on a combined, or where appropriate, consolidated basis, with the Company's investment in the non-guarantors recorded under the equity method; and the non-guarantors on a consolidated basis. Additional columns present eliminating adjustments and consolidated totals as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 and for the periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. There are no contractual restrictions limiting transfers of cash from guarantor subsidiaries to the Company. The combined guarantors are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company and have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the Senior Notes and Subordinated Notes on a joint and several basis. The Company has not presented separate financial statements and other disclosures for each of the guarantors because management believes that such information is not material to investors.

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

MARCH 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)(Dollars in Millions)

| | Parent Only Huntsman International | Guarantors | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Huntsman International |
|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4.5 | \$ — | \$ 76.0 | \$ — | \$ 80.5 |
| Accounts and notes receivables, net | 61.0 | 110.7 | 580.7 | (86.3) | 666.1 |
| Inventories | 40.4 | 78.6 | 416.8 | — | 535.8 |
| Prepaid expenses | 4.1 | 0.8 | 20.2 | — | 25.1 |
| Deferred tax asset | — | — | 3.0 | — | 3.0 |
| Other current assets | 169.2 | 294.2 | 69.9 | (460.5) | 72.8 |
| Total current assets | 279.2 | 484.3 | 1,166.6 | (546.8) | 1,383.3 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 517.9 | 329.1 | 2,375.6 | — | 3,222.6 |
| Investment in affiliates | 3,435.3 | 775.3 | 19.1 | (4,080.9) | 148.8 |
| Intangible assets, net | 251.9 | 4.1 | 19.2 | — | 275.2 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 75.6 | 1,808.0 | 344.7 | (1,790.2) | 438.1 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,559.9 | \$ 3,400.8 | \$ 3,925.2 | \$ (6,417.9) | \$ 5,468.0 |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 80.6 | \$ 90.2 | \$ 500.7 | \$ (86.0) | \$ 585.5 |
| Accrued liabilities | 297.1 | 25.1 | 435.2 | (460.8) | 296.6 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 1.7 | — | 0.1 | — | 1.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 379.4 | 115.3 | 936.0 | (546.8) | 883.9 |
| Long-term debt | 2,998.6 | — | 1,788.8 | (1,790.2) | 2,997.2 |
| Deferred income taxes | 8.4 | — | 228.3 | — | 236.7 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 54.9 | — | 170.5 | — | 225.4 |
| Total liabilities | 3,441.3 | 115.3 | 3,123.6 | (2,337.0) | 4,343.2 |
| Minority Interest | — | — | 6.2 | — | 6.2 |
| Member's equity: | | | | | |
| Member's equity | 1,026.1 | — | — | — | 1,026.1 |
| Subsidiary equity | — | 2,283.2 | 898.3 | (3,181.5) | — |
| Retained earnings | 18.7 | 614.4 | (67.9) | (546.5) | 18.7 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 73.8 | 387.9 | (35.0) | (352.9) | 73.8 |
| Total member's equity | 1,118.6 | 3,285.5 | 795.4 | (4,080.9) | 1,118.6 |
| Total liabilities and member's equity | \$ 4,559.9 | \$ 3,400.8 | \$ 3,925.2 | \$ (6,417.9) | \$ 5,468.0 |

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

DECEMBER 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)(Dollars in Millions)

| | Parent Only Huntsman International | Guarantors | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Huntsman International |
|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 16.6 | \$ (0.3) | \$ 81.5 | \$ — | \$ 97.8 |
| Accounts and notes receivables, net | 63.5 | 91.3 | 515.0 | (105.4) | 564.4 |
| Inventories | 47.9 | 78.6 | 470.4 | — | 596.9 |
| Prepaid expenses | 5.8 | 1.7 | 16.1 | — | 23.6 |
| Deferred tax asset | — | — | 3.0 | — | 3.0 |
| Other current assets | 224.1 | 316.9 | 85.5 | (542.9) | 83.6 |
| Total current assets | 357.9 | 488.2 | 1,171.5 | (648.3) | 1,369.3 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 526.5 | 331.5 | 2,398.2 | — | 3,256.2 |
| Investment in affiliates | 3,356.8 | 791.8 | 7.3 | (4,017.2) | 138.7 |
| Intangible assets, net | 259.5 | 4.6 | 19.3 | — | 283.4 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 80.5 | 1,696.9 | 355.2 | (1,687.5) | 445.1 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,581.2 | \$ 3,313.0 | \$ 3,951.5 | \$ (6,353.0) | \$ 5,492.7 |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 64.0 | \$ 68.3 | \$ 533.9 | \$ (104.9) | \$ 561.3 |
| Accrued liabilities | 381.4 | 40.1 | 509.6 | (543.4) | 387.7 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 1.7 | — | 0.1 | — | 1.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 447.1 | 108.4 | 1,043.6 | (648.3) | 950.8 |
| Long-term debt | 2,926.5 | — | 1,686.3 | (1,687.5) | 2,925.3 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | — | 234.8 | — | 234.8 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 53.9 | — | 170.6 | — | 224.5 |
| Total liabilities | 3,427.5 | 108.4 | 3,135.3 | (2,335.8) | 4,335.4 |
| Minority interests | — | — | 3.6 | — | 3.6 |
| Member's equity: | | | | | |
| Member's equity | 1,026.1 | — | — | — | 1,026.1 |
| Subsidiary equity | — | 2,220.0 | 874.0 | (3,094.0) | — |
| Retained earnings | 55.6 | 591.1 | (58.1) | (533.0) | 55.6 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 72.0 | 393.5 | (3.3) | (390.2) | 72.0 |
| Total member's equity | 1,153.7 | 3,204.6 | 812.6 | (4,017.2) | 1,153.7 |
| Total liabilities and member's equity | \$ 4,581.2 | \$ 3,313.0 | \$ 3,951.5 | \$ (6,353.0) | \$ 5,492.7 |

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)(Dollars in Millions)

| | Parent Only Huntsman International | Guarantors | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Huntsman International |
|--|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Trade sales and services | \$ 186.0 | \$ 134.6 | \$ 1,134.0 | \$ — | \$ 1,454.6 |
| Related party sales | 46.5 | 49.3 | 25.7 | (85.0) | 36.5 |
| Tolling fees | — | 6.8 | 0.2 | — | 7.0 |
| Total revenue | 232.5 | 190.7 | 1,159.9 | (85.0) | 1,498.1 |
| Cost of goods sold | 184.8 | 190.3 | 1,059.9 | (85.0) | 1,350.0 |
| Gross profit | 47.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | — | 148.1 |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 31.8 | 4.5 | 51.5 | — | 87.8 |
| Research and development | 7.0 | 0.5 | 4.7 | — | 12.2 |
| Restructuring and plant closing costs | — | — | 8.7 | — | 8.7 |
| Total expenses | 38.8 | 5.0 | 64.9 | — | 108.7 |
| Operating income (loss) | 8.9 | (4.6) | 35.1 | — | 39.4 |
| Interest (expense) income, net | (69.0) | 38.3 | (38.3) | — | (69.0) |
| Loss on accounts receivable securitization program | (0.2) | (0.3) | (3.0) | — | (3.5) |
| Equity in earnings (losses) of consolidated affiliates | 23.6 | (10.1) | — | (13.5) | — |
| Other expense | (0.2) | — | — | — | (0.2) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | (36.9) | 23.3 | (6.2) | (13.5) | (33.3) |
| Income tax expense | — | — | (3.6) | — | (3.6) |
| Net income (loss) | (36.9) | 23.3 | (9.8) | (13.5) | (36.9) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 1.8 | (5.6) | (31.7) | 37.3 | 1.8 |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ (35.1) | \$ 17.7 | \$ (41.5) | \$ 23.8 | \$ (35.1) |

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)(Dollars in Millions)

| | Parent Only Huntsman International | Guarantors | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Huntsman International |
|--|--|----------------|--------------------|------------------|---|
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Trade sales and services | \$ 171.4 | \$ 163.2 | \$ 854.2 | \$ — | \$ 1,188.8 |
| Related party sales | 29.7 | 28.6 | 94.7 | (52.5) | 100.5 |
| Tolling fees | — | 8.2 | 0.2 | — | 8.4 |
| Total revenue | 201.1 | 200.0 | 949.1 | (52.5) | 1,297.7 |
| Cost of goods sold | 169.7 | 177.8 | 867.3 | (52.5) | 1,162.3 |
| Gross profit | 31.4 | 22.2 | 81.8 | — | 135.4 |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 18.0 | 3.2 | 49.9 | — | 71.1 |
| Research and development | 9.6 | 0.5 | 2.1 | — | 12.2 |
| Restructuring and plant closing costs | — | — | 17.1 | — | 17.1 |
| Total expenses | 27.6 | 3.7 | 69.1 | — | 100.4 |
| Operating income | 3.8 | 18.5 | 12.7 | — | 35.0 |
| Interest (expense) income, net | (64.4) | 34.5 | (33.7) | — | (63.6) |
| Loss on accounts receivable securitization program | (6.6) | (0.6) | (2.0) | — | (9.2) |
| Equity in earnings (losses) of consolidated affiliates | 37.3 | (17.0) | — | (20.3) | — |
| Other expense | (2.2) | — | — | — | (2.2) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | (32.1) | 35.4 | (23.0) | (20.3) | (40.0) |
| Income tax benefit | — | — | 7.9 | — | 7.9 |
| Net income (loss) | (32.1) | 35.4 | (15.1) | (20.3) | (32.1) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 5.1 | 19.1 | (13.5) | (5.6) | 5.1 |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ (27.0) | \$ 54.5 | \$ (28.6) | \$ (25.9) | \$ (27.0) |

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)(Dollars in Millions)

| | Parent Only Huntsman International | Guarantors | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Huntsman International |
|--|--|------------|--------------------|--------------|---|
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ (88.7) | \$ 27.3 | \$ 2.2 | \$ — | \$ (59.2) |
| Investing activities: | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (1.5) | (2.1) | (34.6) | — | (38.2) |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliate | — | — | (11.9) | — | (11.9) |
| Net cash received from unconsolidated affiliates | — | 1.8 | — | — | 1.8 |
| Advances to unconsolidated affiliates | (0.6) | — | — | — | (0.6) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2.1) | (0.3) | (46.5) | — | (48.9) |
| Financing activities: | | | | | |
| Net borrowings under revolving loan facilities | 88.0 | — | — | — | 88.0 |
| Net borrowings under overdraft facility | 4.9 | — | — | — | 4.9 |
| Cash contributions by parent | — | 129.1 | 1,102.2 | (1,231.3) | — |
| Cash distributions from subsidiaries | 1,174.1 | — | — | (1,174.1) | — |
| Cash distributions to parent | — | (65.9) | (1,108.2) | 1,174.1 | — |
| Cash distributions to subsidiaries | (1,231.3) | — | — | 1,231.3 | — |
| Intercompany advances—net of repayments | 38.8 | (89.0) | 50.2 | — | — |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 74.5 | (25.8) | 44.2 | — | 92.9 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 4.2 | (0.9) | (5.4) | — | (2.1) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | (12.1) | 0.3 | (5.5) | — | (17.3) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 16.6 | (0.3) | 81.5 | — | 97.8 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 4.5 | \$ — | \$ 76.0 | \$ — | \$ 80.5 |

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)(Dollars in Millions)

| | Parent Only Huntsman International | Guarantors | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Huntsman International |
|--|--|------------|--------------------|--------------|---|
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ (91.0) | \$ 44.4 | \$ (86.6) | \$ — | \$ (133.2) |
| Investing activities: | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (1.8) | (0.7) | (19.3) | — | (21.8) |
| Advances to unconsolidated affiliates | (0.7) | (1.3) | — | — | (2.0) |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | — | — | 1.2 | — | 1.2 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2.5) | (2.0) | (18.1) | — | (22.6) |
| Financing activities: | | | | | |
| Net borrowings under revolving loan facilities | 134.2 | — | — | — | 134.2 |
| Repayment of long term debt | — | — | (1.4) | — | (1.4) |
| Cash contributions by parent | — | 134.2 | 1,003.8 | (1,138.0) | — |
| Cash distributions from subsidiaries | 1,041.8 | — | — | (1,041.8) | — |
| Cash distributions to parent | — | (32.4) | (1,009.4) | 1,041.8 | — |
| Cash distributions to subsidiaries | (1,138.0) | — | — | 1,138.0 | — |
| Intercompany advances—net of repayments | 33.7 | (142.4) | 108.7 | — | — |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 71.7 | (40.6) | 101.7 | — | 132.8 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 4.0 | — | (7.1) | — | (3.1) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | (17.8) | 1.8 | (10.1) | — | (26.1) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 19.0 | 0.3 | 56.1 | — | 75.4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 1.2 | \$ 2.1 | \$ 46.0 | \$ — | \$ 49.3 |

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Forward-looking Statements

Some of the statements contained in this report are forward-looking in nature. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "anticipates" or "intends" or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. You are cautioned that our business and operations are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, and, consequently, our actual results may materially differ from those projected by any forward-looking statements. Some of the risks and uncertainties are discussed below in "—Cautionary Statement for Forward Looking Information" and elsewhere in this report.

Certain Defined Terms

In this report, "HI," the "Company," "we," "us" or "our" refer to Huntsman International LLC and, unless the context otherwise requires, its subsidiaries. In this report, "HIH" refers to Huntsman International Holdings LLC, "Huntsman LLC" or "HLLC" refers to Huntsman LLC and, unless the context otherwise requires, its subsidiaries, "AdMat" refers to Huntsman Advanced Materials LLC and, unless the context otherwise requires, its subsidiaries, "Huntsman Specialty" refers to Huntsman Specialty Chemicals Corporation, "HSCHC" refers to Huntsman Specialty Chemical Holdings Corporation, "MatlinPatterson" refers to MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners, L.P and, unless the context otherwise requires, its affiliates, "Consolidated Press" refers to Consolidated Press Holdings Limited and, unless the context otherwise requires, its subsidiaries, and "ICI" refers to Imperial Chemical Industries PLC and, unless the context otherwise requires, its subsidiaries.

Overview

We derive our revenues, earnings and cash flow from the sale of a wide variety of differentiated and commodity chemicals. We manage our operations through our four principal operating segments: Polyurethanes, Performance Products, Pigments and Base Chemicals. We manufacture products at facilities located in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa, and our products are sold throughout the world. The major products of each reportable operating segment are as follows:

| Segment | Products |
|----------------------|---|
| Polyurethanes | MDI, TDI, TPU, polyols, aniline, PO and MTBE |
| Performance Products | Surfactants, ethyleneamines and other performance chemicals |
| Pigments | Titanium dioxide ("TiO ₂ ") |
| Base Chemicals | Ethylene, propylene, benzene, cyclohexane and paraxylene |

Our products are divided into two broad categories—differentiated and commodity chemicals. Our Polyurethanes and Performance Products businesses mainly produce differentiated products and our Pigments and Base Chemicals businesses mainly produce commodity chemicals. Among our commodity products, our Pigments business, while cyclical, tends to follow different trends and is not influenced by the same factors as our petrochemical-based commodity products. In addition, there are a limited number of significant competitors in our Pigments business, relatively high barriers to entry and strong customer loyalty. Each of our four operating segments is impacted to varying degrees by economic conditions, prices of raw materials and global supply and demand pressures.

Historically, the demand for many of our Polyurethanes products, which accounted for 43% of our revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2004, has been relatively resistant to changes in global economic conditions as industry growth in product demand has been strongly influenced by continuing product substitution, innovation and new product development. The stability of demand has also benefited from the wide variety of end markets for our Polyurethanes products. Historically, sales

volumes of MDI, a Polyurethanes segment product, have grown at rates in excess of global GDP growth and margins for MDI have been relatively stable. However, in 2003, volatile feedstock pricing negatively impacted overall margins. The global market for PO, also a Polyurethanes product, is influenced by supply and demand imbalances. PO demand is largely driven by growth in the polyurethane industry, and, as a result, growth rates for PO have generally exceeded GDP growth rates. As a co-product of our PO manufacturing process, we also produce MTBE. MTBE is an oxygenate that is blended with gasoline to reduce harmful vehicle emissions and to enhance the octane rating of gasoline. See "—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Environmental Matters—MTBE Developments" below for more information on the legal and regulatory developments that may curtail or eliminate the use of MTBE in gasoline in the future.

In comparison to our commodity businesses, the demand for many of the products we produce in our Performance Products segment historically has also been relatively resistant to changes in global economic conditions. Like our Polyurethanes segment, Performance Products growth in general is strongly influenced by product substitution, innovation and new product development. Also, demand stability benefits from a broad range of end markets. A significant portion of our Performance Products is sold into consumer end use applications including household detergents, personal care products and cosmetics. As such, historically, demand for these products has been relatively stable and tends to be less susceptible to changes in global economic conditions. In the past year, weak economic conditions in Europe, high raw material and energy costs, significant overcapacity in surfactants and the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar (which negatively impacts the competitiveness of European exports), has had a negative impact on the surfactants portion of our Performance Products segment.

Historically, growth in demand for TiO₂ pigments has generally been linked with GDP growth rates and has trended somewhat below overall GDP growth rates as strong growth in the developing world economies has been tempered by modest growth in the developed world economies. Our Pigments segment accounted for 17% of our revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2004. Pigment prices have historically reflected industry-wide operating rates, but have typically lagged behind movements in these rates by up to twelve months due to the effects of product stocking and destocking by customers and suppliers, contract arrangements and cyclical nature. The industry experiences some seasonality in its sales because sales of paints in Europe and North America, the largest end use for TiO₂, are generally highest in the spring and summer months in those regions. This results in greater sales volumes in the first half of the year because the proportion of our TiO₂ products sold in Europe and North America is greater than that sold in the southern hemisphere. Profitability in our Pigments segment has been negatively impacted by the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar because with over 70% of our Pigments' production capacity located in Europe, approximately 60% of our production costs are denominated in European currencies, while only approximately 40-50% of our products are sold in European currencies.

Many of the markets for Base Chemicals products, particularly ethylene, propylene, paraxylene and cyclohexane, are cyclical and sensitive to changes in the balance between supply and demand, the price of raw materials, and the level of general economic activity. Historically, these markets have experienced alternating periods of tight supply and rising prices and profit margins, followed by periods of capacity additions resulting in over-capacity and falling prices and profit margins. Demand for the majority of our Base Chemicals has generally grown at rates that are approximately equal to or slightly greater than GDP growth. Market conditions during recent years have been characterized by a general weakening in demand and overcapacity. We believe that weak economic conditions have resulted in a contraction in production capacity. If this contraction in industry capacity is sustained and if demand growth returns to the rates which have been achieved historically, we believe that industry profitability will improve.

Recent Development

Idling of TiO₂ Capacity

We continuously evaluate the effectiveness of all of our manufacturing facilities in serving our markets. We have been engaged in a detailed review of our Pigments business to improve its competitive position and financial performance. In connection with this review, we announced in April 2004 that we will idle approximately 55,000 tonnes, or about 10% of our total TiO₂ production capacity. This action is expected to result in approximately \$40 million of annual fixed cost savings, and will involve approximately \$100 million of accelerated depreciation and non-cash charges and the payment of cash restructuring costs of approximately \$20 million in 2004 and 2005.

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 (Unaudited) (Dollars in Millions)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003(2) |
|---|--|---|
| Revenues | \$ 1,498.1 | \$ 1,297.7 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,350.0 | 1,162.3 |
| Gross profit | 148.1 | 135.4 |
| Expenses of selling, general, and administrative, research, and development | 100.0 | 83.3 |
| Restructuring and plant closing costs | 8.7 | 17.1 |
| Operating income | 39.4 | 35.0 |
| Interest expense, net | (69.0) | (63.6) |
| Loss on accounts receivable securitization program | (3.5) | (9.2) |
| Other expense | (0.2) | (2.2) |
| Loss before income taxes | (33.3) | (40.0) |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | (3.6) | 7.9 |
| Net loss | \$ (36.9) | \$ (32.1) |
| Interest expense, net | 69.0 | 63.6 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | 3.6 | (7.9) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 77.0 | 69.0 |
| EBITDA(1) | \$ 112.7 | \$ 92.6 |

- (1) EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. We believe that EBITDA information enhances an investor's understanding of our financial performance and our ability to satisfy principal and interest obligations with respect to our indebtedness. In addition, we refer to EBITDA because certain covenants in our borrowing arrangements are tied to similar measures. However, EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or viewed as a substitute for net income, cash flow from operations or other measures of performance as defined by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. We understand that while EBITDA is frequently used by securities analysts, lenders and others in their evaluation of companies, EBITDA as used herein is not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to potential inconsistencies in the method of calculation. Our management uses EBITDA to assess financial performance and debt service capabilities. In assessing financial performance, our management reviews EBITDA as a general indicator of economic performance compared to prior periods. Because EBITDA excludes interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, EBITDA provides an indicator of general economic performance that is not affected by debt restructurings, fluctuations in interest rates or effective tax rates, or levels of depreciation and amortization. Our management believes this type of measurement is useful for comparing general operating performance from period to period and making certain related management decisions. Nevertheless, our management recognizes that there are material limitations associated with the use of EBITDA as compared to net income, which reflects overall financial performance, including the effects of interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

Included in EBITDA are the following items of income (expense):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
|--|--|--|
| Foreign exchange gains—unallocated | \$ 13.4 | \$ 14.5 |
| Loss on accounts receivable securitization program | (3.5) | (9.2) |
| Asset write-down | — | (2.8) |
| Restructuring and plant closing costs: | | |
| Polyurethanes | (4.8) | (17.1) |
| Pigments | (3.9) | — |
| Total restructuring and plant closing costs | \$ (8.7) | \$ (17.1) |

(2) As restated, see Note 18 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 (As Restated)

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, we had a net loss of \$36.9 million on revenues of \$1,498.1 million compared to a net loss of \$32.1 million on revenues of \$1,297.7 million for the same period in 2003. The increase of \$4.8 million in net loss was the result of the following items:

- Revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased by \$200.4 million, or 15%, to \$1,498.1 million from \$1,297.7 million during the same period in 2003. Revenues increased in all segments due to higher average selling prices and increased sales volumes in the Polyurethanes and Base Chemicals segments. Average selling prices increased primarily due to the effects of increased underlying raw material and energy costs, and the significant volume increases achieved in the Polyurethanes and Base Chemicals segments were due to significantly improved market demand. Higher revenues also resulted from the strengthening of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar.
- Gross profit for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased by \$12.7 million to \$148.1 million from \$135.4 million in the same period in 2003. This increase was mainly the result of increased average selling prices, which more than offset increased raw material and energy costs in the first quarter of 2004 as compared to the same period in 2003.
- Selling, administrative and research and development ("SG&A") and other expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased by \$16.7 million, or 20%, to \$100.0 million from \$83.3 million for the same period in 2003. This increase largely resulted from the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar and an increase in management fees paid to Huntsman LLC.
- Restructuring and plant closing costs for the three months ended March 31, 2004 decreased by \$8.4 million to \$8.7 million from \$17.1 million in the same period of 2003. In the current period our Polyurethanes segment recorded restructuring charges of \$4.8 million related to workforce reductions at our Rozenberg, Netherlands site and the further restructuring of our Polyurethanes sites across the world as announced in December 2003, and our Pigments segment recorded restructuring charges of \$3.9 million related to its global workforce reductions. In the prior period our Polyurethanes segment recorded \$17.1 million related to the integration its global flexible products unit into its urethane specialties unit.
- Net interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased by \$5.4 million to \$69.0 million from \$63.6 million for the same period in 2003. The increase was primarily due to

additional debt and higher interest rates on our borrowings in the first quarter 2004 as compared to the same period in 2003.

- Loss on our accounts receivable securitization program decreased \$5.7 million to a loss of \$3.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared to a loss of \$9.2 million for the same period in 2003. Losses on the accounts receivable securitization program include the discount on receivables sold into the program, fees and expenses associated with the program and gains (losses) on foreign currency hedge contracts mandated by the terms of the program to hedge currency exposures on the collateral supporting the off-balance sheet debt issued. This decrease is mainly attributable to reduced losses on foreign currency hedge contracts mandated by the accounts receivable securitization program in the current period.
- Income tax expense increased by \$11.5 million to an expense of \$3.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared to a benefit of \$7.9 million for the same period in 2003. Our tax obligations are affected by the tax regimes of the jurisdictions in which we operate. Increased tax expenses were due primarily to increases in valuation allowances against net operating loss carryforwards in certain of these jurisdictions.

The following table sets forth the sales and segment EBITDA for each of our operating segments.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Revenues | | |
| Polyurethanes | \$ 639.6 | \$ 554.9 |
| Performance Products | 184.1 | 161.1 |
| Pigments | 254.9 | 246.1 |
| Base Chemicals | 473.9 | 372.2 |
| Eliminations | (54.4) | (36.6) |
| Total | \$ 1,498.1 | \$ 1,297.7 |
| Segment EBITDA | | |
| Polyurethanes | \$ 72.7 | \$ 40.2 |
| Performance Products | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Pigments | 7.7 | 28.9 |
| Base Chemicals | 31.4 | 26.5 |
| Corporate and other | (1.0) | (5.3) |
| Total | \$ 112.7 | \$ 92.6 |

Polyurethanes

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Polyurethanes revenues increased by \$84.7 million, or 15%, to \$639.6 million from \$554.9 million for the same period in 2003. MDI sales revenue increased by 27%, due to 9% higher average selling prices supported by 17% higher sales volumes. MDI sales volumes rose by 57%, 2% and 16% in Asia, the Americas and Europe, respectively. Our spot sales to co-producers were flat compared to first quarter 2003. Accordingly, higher MDI volumes reflect significantly improved market demand. A strong rigid polyurethane market, coupled with tight supply, gave rise to strong volume gains in Asia. MDI overall average selling prices increased by 9%, of which 6% was due to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar and 3% was due to our continued efforts to increase selling prices in response to higher raw material and energy costs. Polyol sales revenue increased by 14% as average selling prices increased by 12% and sales volumes increased by 2%. PO sales revenues decreased by 3%, primarily due to the planned turnaround and

inspection ("T&I") at our Port Neches, Texas PO facility. MTBE sales revenue decreased by 28% due to a 32% decrease in volumes, resulting primarily from the loss of co-product volume due to the planned T&I at our Port Neches PO facility, partially offset by a 5% increase in average selling prices. Average selling prices for MTBE were higher in response to higher gasoline prices.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Polyurethanes segment EBITDA increased by \$32.5 million to \$72.7 million from \$40.2 million for the same period in 2003. Increased EBITDA resulted mainly from increased volumes and higher average selling prices totaling \$54.6 million, partially offset by increased raw material and energy costs of \$30.4 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, we recorded \$4.8 million in restructuring charges in connection with the cost reduction efforts at our Rozenburg, Netherlands site and the further restructuring of our sites across the world as announced in December 2003. Restructuring charges for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were \$4.8 million, lower by \$12.3 million compared to \$17.1 million in the comparable period in 2003. Fixed manufacturing costs increased by \$4.3 million as lower costs of \$3.9 million, as measured in local currencies, were offset by a \$5.8 million increase that resulted from the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar and a \$2.4 million increase due to a reduction in the amount of fixed costs absorbed in inventories. SG&A and other operating expenses were relatively flat.

Performance Products

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Performance Products revenues increased by \$23.0 million, or 14%, to \$184.1 million from \$161.1 million for the same period in 2003. Overall, Performance Products average selling prices increased by 21%, of which 15% was due to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar, and sales volumes fell by 5%. Surfactants revenues increased by 7% as compared to the comparable period in 2003, resulting from a 19% increase in average selling prices partially offset by a 9% decrease in sales volumes. The 19% increase in surfactants average selling prices was mainly due to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar. The reduction in surfactants sales volumes was largely the result of softer European demand, competitive activity and decreased export business as a result of the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar. Ethyleneamines revenues decreased by 10% compared with the comparable period in 2003, resulting from a 6% increase in average selling prices and a 12% reduction in sales volumes. The increase in ethyleneamines average selling prices was due to price increases implemented to offset increased raw material and energy costs. Sales volumes of ethyleneamines were lower due to a scheduled T&I at one of the two manufacturing units at our Freeport, Texas facility during the first quarter of 2004. Other sales revenues, primarily for other amines, increased by 89% compared with the same period in 2003, primarily as a result of the initiation of tolling agreements with affiliates.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Performance Products segment EBITDA fell by \$0.4 million to \$1.9 million from \$2.3 million for the same period in 2003. The 21% increase in average selling prices was completely offset by raw material and energy cost increases. Manufacturing costs decreased by \$1.6 million, despite adverse foreign exchange movements of \$2.2 million, due to the effect of cost reduction programs initiated in our surfactants business during 2003. SG&A and other operating expenses increased by \$0.5 million, with \$1.4 million of adverse foreign exchange movements offset by cost reductions in our surfactants business.

Pigments

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Pigments revenues increased by \$8.8 million, or 4%, to \$254.9 million from \$246.1 million for the same period of 2003. Average selling prices increased by 4% primarily due to the strength of the major European currencies against the U.S. dollar. Average selling prices as measured in local currency decreased by 8% and 2% in Europe and North America, respectively, due to on-going industry oversupply conditions, and increased by 1% in Asia-Pacific. Sales

volumes for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were essentially unchanged from the comparable period in 2003.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Pigments segment EBITDA decreased by \$21.2 million, or 73%, to \$7.7 million from \$28.9 million in the same period in 2003. A \$22.0 million increase in revenues due to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar was offset by a \$25.3 million increase in manufacturing costs, a \$13.1 million reduction in local currency selling prices, and a \$4.6 million increase in SG&A and other operating expenses. Manufacturing costs increased by \$19.6 million due to the strength of the major European currencies against the U.S. dollar and by \$6.5 million due to a reduction in the amount of fixed costs absorbed in inventories as compared to the same period in 2003, offset by a reduction of fixed costs as a result of cost reduction initiatives. SG&A and other operating expenses increased due to restructuring charges of \$3.8 million and by \$1.6 million due to the strength of the major European currencies against the U.S. dollar.

Base Chemicals

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Base Chemicals revenues increased by \$101.7 million, or 27%, to \$473.9 million from \$372.2 million for the same period in 2003. Overall sales volumes increased by 15%, reflecting stronger industry demand, and average selling prices increased by 11%, which was due primarily to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar. Ethylene revenues increased by 40%, resulting from a 27% increase in average selling prices and a 10% increase in volumes. Propylene revenues increased by 5%, resulting from a 7% increase in average selling prices, partially offset by a 2% decrease in volumes. Paraxylene revenues increased by 22%, resulting from a 13% increase in average selling prices and an 8% increase in volumes. Benzene revenues increased by 26%, resulting from a 17% increase in average selling prices and a 7% increase in volumes. Cyclohexane revenues increased by 15%, resulting from a 13% increase in average selling prices and a 2% increase in volumes. Increased demand in the PVC, ethylene oxide and derivatives markets contributed to the increase in ethylene sales volumes, while additional sales of benzene and paraxylene resulted from a general increase in demand in those markets.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, Base Chemicals segment EBITDA increased by \$4.9 million to \$31.4 million from \$26.5 million for the same period in 2003. Increased EBITDA resulted mainly from stronger margins and increased demand growth, with average selling price and volume increases contributing \$54.3 million, partially offset by \$32.4 million in increased raw material and energy costs. Fixed manufacturing costs increased by \$7.4 million, of which \$5.7 million was due to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar. SG&A and other operating expenses increased by \$9.6 million, of which \$4.2 million was due to the strength of the major European currencies versus the U.S. dollar and \$4.4 million of which was due to other income in the three months ended March 31, 2003 of \$1.0 million from insurance claim recoveries and \$3.0 million from the sale of precious metals used in our process catalysts.

Corporate and Other

Corporate and other items includes unallocated corporate overhead, loss on our accounts receivable securitization program and unallocated foreign exchange gains and losses. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, EBITDA from corporate and other items increased by \$4.3 million to a loss of \$1.0 million from a loss of \$5.3 million for the same period of 2003. Increased EBITDA resulted primarily from reduced losses on our accounts receivable securitization program, which decreased by \$5.7 million to a loss of \$3.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared to a loss of \$9.2 million in the same period of 2003. Losses on the accounts receivable securitization program include the discount on receivables sold into the program, fees and expenses associated with the program and gains (losses) on foreign currency hedge contracts mandated by the terms of the program to hedge currency exposures on the collateral supporting the off-balance sheet debt issued. The

decreased loss on the accounts receivable securitization program was primarily due to reduced losses on foreign exchange hedge contracts mandated by our accounts receivable securitization program. EBITDA from corporate and other items also increased as the result of an asset valuation adjustment of \$2.8 million in the first quarter of 2003. Other items of unallocated corporate overhead remained relatively flat compared with the prior period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash

Net cash used in operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 decreased to \$59.2 million from \$133.2 million for the same period in 2003. The variance is primarily attributable to a smaller increase in net working capital in the three months ended March 31, 2004.

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased to \$48.9 million from \$22.6 million for the same period in 2003. The increase in cash used in the first quarter 2004 was primarily attributable to increased capital expenditures related to the planned T&Is at our PO and ethylenamines facilities and capital expenditures associated with our Chinese MDI joint venture. In addition, we made an investment of \$11.9 million in our Chinese MDI joint venture during the three months ended March 31, 2004.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 decreased to \$92.9 million, as compared to \$132.8 million for the same period in 2003. The decrease in cash provided by financing activities is mainly a result of reduced net borrowings to fund operating cash requirements as explained above.

Debt and Liquidity

The HI Credit Facilities consist of a revolving loan facility of up to \$400 million that matures on June 30, 2005 (the "HI Revolving Facility"), a term B loan facility of \$620.1 million as of March 31, 2004 that matures on June 30, 2007, and a term C loan facility of \$620.1 million as of March 31, 2004 that matures on June 30, 2008. As of March 31, 2004, we had outstanding variable rate borrowings of approximately \$1.3 billion and the weighted average interest rate of these borrowings was approximately 5.2%. This weighted average rate does not consider the effects of interest rate hedging activities.

We depend upon the \$400 million HI Revolving Facility to provide liquidity for our operations and working capital needs. As of March 31, 2004, we had \$110.0 million of outstanding borrowings and approximately \$7 million of outstanding letters of credit under the HI Revolving Facility, and we had \$80.5 million in cash. We also maintain \$25.0 million of short-term overdraft facilities, of which \$12.6 million was available at March 31, 2004. Total cash and unused borrowing capacity as of March 31, 2004 was approximately \$376 million. The HI Revolving Facility matures in June 2005. We have commenced discussions with financial institutions for the renewal or replacement of the HI Revolving Facility and expect to address the pending maturity within the next three months.

In March 2002, we issued \$300 million 9⁷/₈% Senior Notes (collectively with the 2003 Senior Notes (defined below), the "Senior Notes"). On April 11, 2003, we sold an additional \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of 9⁷/₈% Senior Notes due 2009 (the "2003 Senior Notes"). The 2003 Senior Notes were priced at 105.25%. We also have outstanding \$600 million and €450 million 10¹/₈% Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Subordinated Notes").

We also depend upon an accounts receivable securitization program arranged by JP Morgan, under which interests in certain of our trade receivables are transferred to a qualified off-balance sheet entity (the "Receivables Trust"). The Receivables Trust is not an affiliate of our Company. The acquisitions of these receivables by the Receivables Trust are financed through the issuance of commercial paper

and/or medium term notes. The debt associated with the commercial paper and medium term notes is not reflected on our balance sheet. The accounts receivable securitization program is an important source of liquidity to our Company.

A portion of the medium term notes (€90.5 million) is denominated in euros and is subject to fluctuation in currency rates against the U.S. dollar. The total outstanding balance of medium term notes is approximately \$195 million in U.S. dollar equivalents as of March 31, 2004. In addition to medium term notes, the Receivables Trust also maintains an annual commitment with a third party to issue commercial paper for an amount up to \$125 million. As of March 31, 2004, the total outstanding balance of such commercial paper was approximately \$115 million. On April 16, 2004 we amended the commercial paper facility. Pursuant to the amendment, the maturity of the commercial paper facility was extended to March 31, 2007. In addition, the amendment permits the issuance of euro-denominated commercial paper.

Subject to the annual seasonality of our accounts receivable, we estimate that the total liquidity resources from the accounts receivable securitization program may range between \$270 million to \$310 million at certain periods during a calendar year. As of March 31, 2004, the Receivables Trust had approximately \$464 million of total assets (consisting of cash and accounts receivable), and \$195 million of medium term notes and \$115 million of commercial paper outstanding. The weighted average interest rates on the medium term notes and commercial paper was approximately 2.1% as of March 31, 2004. Losses on the accounts receivable securitization program in the three months ended March 31, 2004 were \$3.5 million. Losses on the accounts receivable securitization program include the discount on receivables sold into the program, fees and expenses associated with the program and gains (losses) on foreign currency hedge contracts mandated by the terms of the program to hedge currency exposures on the collateral supporting the off-balance sheet debt issued. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, losses on the accounts receivable securitization program include losses of \$1.4 million on foreign currency hedge contracts mandated by the accounts receivable securitization program. We believe that a multicurrency commercial paper facility discussed above will enable us to better naturally hedge the off-balance sheet debt to the underlying collateral supporting such debt and thereby reduce the impact on, and need for, foreign currency hedges as experienced in prior periods under the accounts receivable securitization program.

The HI Credit Facilities require a mandatory prepayment to the extent that the proceeds from the securitization program exceed \$310 million. To date, proceeds from the accounts receivable securitization program have not exceeded this limit. While we do not anticipate it, if at any time we were unable to sell sufficient receivables into the program to support the volume of commercial paper and medium term notes issued under the program, we would be required to inject cash into the program as collateral. Under such circumstance, and depending on the timing of such circumstance, the requirement to provide cash collateral to the program could have a negative effect on our liquidity.

We believe our current liquidity, together with funds generated by our operations, is sufficient to meet the short-term and long-term needs of our businesses, including funding operations, making capital expenditures and servicing our debt obligations in the ordinary course. We believe we are currently in compliance with the covenants contained in the agreements governing our debt obligations.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

We have various purchase commitments for materials and supplies entered into in the ordinary course of business. Those commitments extend up to 13 years and the purchase price is generally based on market prices subject to certain minimum price provisions.

Restructuring and Plant Closing Costs

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, we had reserves for restructuring and plant closing costs of \$21.4 million and \$22.5 million, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, we recorded additional reserves for workforce reductions of \$8.7 million and \$17.1 million, respectively. During these same periods, we made cash payments against these reserves of \$9.8 million and \$4.2 million, respectively. (dollars in millions)

| | Workforce Reductions | Demolition and Decommissioning | Non-cancelable lease costs | Total |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Accrued liability as of December 31, 2003 | \$ 22.5 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 22.5 |
| Charges | 8.7 | — | — | 8.7 |
| Payments | (9.8) | — | — | (9.8) |
| Accrued liability as of March 31, 2004 | \$ 21.4 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 21.4 |

Detail of these reserves by segment are as follows:

| | Polyurethanes | Performance Products | Pigments | Total |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| Accrued liability as of December 31, 2003 | \$ 15.8 | \$ 2.4 | \$ 4.3 | \$ 22.5 |
| Charges | 4.8 | — | 3.9 | 8.7 |
| Payments | (6.5) | (0.1) | (3.2) | (9.8) |
| Accrued liability as of March 31, 2004 | \$ 14.1 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 5.0 | \$ 21.4 |

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, our Polyurethanes segment reserve consisted of \$9.7 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, related to restructuring activities at our Rozenberg, Netherlands site announced in 2003, \$2.2 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, related to the workforce reductions throughout the Polyurethanes segment announced in 2003, and \$1.9 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, related to the closure of the Shepton Mallet, U.K. site announced in 2002. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Polyurethanes segment recorded additional restructuring charges of \$4.8 million and made cash payments of \$6.5 million related to these restructuring activities. Additional charges of approximately \$7.7 million related to these restructuring activities are expected to be recorded through 2005, resulting from additional workforce reductions of approximately 36 employees.

As of December 31, 2003, the Performance Products segment reserve consisted of \$2.4 million related to the closure of a number of plants at its Whitehaven, U.K. facility, the closure of an administrative office in London, U.K., the rationalization of its surfactants technical center in Oldbury, U.K., and the restructuring of its facility in Barcelona, Spain. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Performance Products segment made cash payments of \$0.1 million related to these restructuring activities. There are no material additional charges expected related to these restructuring activities.

As of December 31, 2003, our Pigments segment reserve consisted of \$4.3 million related to global workforce reductions. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, our Pigments segment recorded additional restructuring charges of \$3.9 million and made cash payments of \$3.2 million related to these restructuring activities. Additional charges of approximately \$13 million related to these restructuring activities are expected to be recorded through 2005, resulting from additional workforce reductions of approximately 150 employees.

We continuously evaluate the effectiveness of all of our manufacturing facilities in serving our markets. We have been engaged in a detailed review of our Pigments business to improve its competitive position and financial performance. In connection with this review, we announced in April 2004 that we will idle approximately 55,000 tonnes, or about 10% of our total TiO₂ production capacity. This action is expected to result in approximately \$40 million of annual fixed cost savings, and will involve approximately \$100 million of accelerated depreciation and non-cash charges and the payment of cash restructuring costs of approximately \$20 million in 2004 and 2005.

Securitization of Accounts Receivable

On December 21, 2000, we initiated an accounts receivable securitization program under which we grant an undivided interest in certain of our trade receivables to a qualified off-balance sheet entity (the "Receivables Trust") at a discount. This undivided interest serves as security for the issuance of commercial paper and medium term notes by the Receivables Trust. At March 31, 2004, the Receivables Trust had outstanding approximately \$195 million in U.S. dollar equivalents in medium term notes and approximately \$115 million in commercial paper. Under the terms of the agreements, we, together with our subsidiaries, continue to service the receivables in exchange for a 1% fee of the outstanding receivables, and we are subject to recourse provisions.

Our retained interest in receivables (including servicing assets) subject to the program was approximately \$148.7 and \$154.4 million as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. The value of the retained interest is subject to credit and interest rate risk. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, new sales of accounts receivable sold into the program totaled approximately \$1,095.6 million and \$1,002.0 million, respectively, and cash collections from receivables sold into the program that were reinvested totaled approximately \$1,086.8 million and \$990.6 million, respectively. Servicing fees received during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 were approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

We incur losses on the accounts receivable securitization program for the discount on receivables sold into the program and fees and expenses associated with the program. We also retain responsibility for the economic gains and losses on forward contracts mandated by the terms of the program to hedge the currency exposures on the collateral supporting the off-balance sheet debt issued. Gains and losses on forward contracts included as a component of the loss on accounts receivable securitization program are a loss of \$1.4 million and a loss of \$7.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the fair value of the open forward currency contracts is \$0.9 million and \$6.8 million, respectively, which is included as a component of the residual interest reflected on our balance sheet. On April 16, 2004 we amended the commercial paper facility. Pursuant to the amendment, the maturity of the commercial paper facility was extended to March 31, 2007. In addition, the amendment permits the issuance of euro-denominated commercial paper.

The key economic assumptions used in valuing the residual interest at March 31, 2004 are presented below:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Weighted average life (in months) | 3 |
| Credit losses (annual rate) | Less than 1% |
| Discount rate (annual rate) | 2% |

A 10% and 20% adverse change in any of the key economic assumptions would not have a material impact on the fair value of the retained interest. Total receivables over 60 days past due as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 were \$9.8 million and \$15.6 million, respectively.

Investing Activities

Capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were \$38.2 million, an increase of approximately \$16.4 million as compared to the same period in 2003. The increase was largely attributable to increased capital expenditures related to the planned T&Is at our PO and ethyleneamines facilities and increased capital expenditures associated with our Chinese MDI joint venture. In addition, we made an investment of \$11.9 million in our Chinese MDI joint venture during the three months ended March 31, 2004. We expect to spend approximately \$180 million during 2004 on capital projects, which would include any expenditures for the proposed LDPE facility at Wilton, U.K. in the event board and other approvals are sought and obtained in connection with this project. In addition, we expect to spend approximately \$25 million (approximately \$13 million of which will be recorded as capital expenditures and approximately \$12 million of which has been recorded as an investment) during 2004 to fund our Chinese MDI joint ventures. We expect to fund up to a total of approximately \$85 million to the Chinese MDI joint venture over the next several years (approximately \$35 million to be recorded as capital expenditures and approximately \$50 million to be recorded as investments).

We believe that the cost position of our Wilton, U.K. olefins facility uniquely positions it to be the site of a polyethylene production facility. While we export approximately one-third of our ethylene production each year to continental Europe, incurring significant shipping and handling costs, the U.K. annually imports approximately 1.9 billion pounds of polyethylene. We believe this provides an opportunity to capitalize on the low-cost operating environment and extensive petrochemical infrastructure and logistics at Wilton, and we are engaged in a feasibility study with respect to the possible construction of a world-scale LDPE facility at our Wilton site. The potential LDPE facility under study would have the capacity to produce approximately 900 million pounds of LDPE annually and is estimated to cost \$300 million to construct. We have had preliminary discussions with governmental authorities concerning potential assistance and other matters in connection with the potential project, and we may seek the necessary board and other approvals for the project this year. If such approvals are granted this year, the facility could be operational in late 2006.

In connection with our agreements with our Rubicon and Louisiana Pigment joint ventures, we are obligated to fund our proportionate share of capital expenditures. During the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, we invested \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, in Rubicon. With respect to Louisiana Pigment, during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, we received \$1.8 million and invested \$1.3 million, respectively.

Environmental Matters

General

We are subject to extensive federal, state, local and foreign laws, regulations, rules and ordinances relating to pollution, protection of the environment and the generation, storage, handling, transportation, treatment, disposal and remediation of hazardous substances and waste materials. In the

ordinary course of business, we are subject to frequent environmental inspections and monitoring by governmental enforcement authorities. In addition, our production facilities require operating permits that are subject to renewal, modification and, in certain circumstances, revocation. Actual or alleged violations of environmental laws or permit requirements could result in restrictions or prohibitions on plant operations, substantial fines and civil or criminal sanctions, as well as, under some environmental laws, the assessment of strict joint and several liability. Moreover, changes in environmental regulations could inhibit or interrupt our operations, or require us to change our equipment or operations, and any such changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Accordingly, environmental or regulatory matters may cause our Company to incur significant unanticipated losses, costs or liabilities.

Environmental Capital Expenditures and Accruals

We may incur future costs for capital improvements and general compliance under environmental and safety laws, including costs to acquire, maintain and repair pollution control equipment. We estimate that capital expenditures for environmental and safety matters during 2004 will be approximately \$38.5 million. However, since capital expenditures for these matters are subject to evolving regulatory requirements and depend, in part, on the timing, promulgation and enforcement of specific requirements, we cannot provide assurance that material capital expenditures beyond those currently anticipated will not be required under environmental and safety laws.

We have established financial reserves relating to anticipated environmental restoration and remediation programs, as well as certain other anticipated environmental liabilities. We believe these reserves are sufficient for known requirements. Liabilities are recorded when potential liabilities are either known or considered probable and can be reasonably estimated. Our liability estimates are based upon available facts, existing technology and past experience. A total of approximately \$16.5 million has been accrued related to environmental related liabilities as of March 31, 2004. However, no assurance can be given that all potential liabilities arising out of our present or past operations have been identified or fully assessed or that future environmental liabilities will not be material to our Company.

Potential Liabilities

Given the nature of our business, violations of environmental laws may result in restrictions imposed on our operating activities, substantial fines, penalties, damages or other costs, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We are aware of the following matters and believe (1) the reserves related to these matters to be sufficient for known requirements, and (2) the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows:

On October 6, 2002, a leak of sulphuric acid from two tanks located near our Whitehaven, U.K. plant was discovered. About 342 to 347 tonnes of acid were released onto the ground and into the soil near the tanks. Although we took immediate steps to contain the spillage and recover acid, a quantity of acid reached a nearby beach via a geological fault. We believe that we did not own the tanks from which the acid leaked; however, we did own the acid in the tanks. The U.K. Health and Safety Executive has issued three Improvement Notices requiring corrective action with which we are complying. The U.K. Environment Agency ("EA") on or about April 27, 2004, served a summons providing notice to Huntsman Surface Sciences UK Limited that a criminal prosecution is being initiated against it as a result of the spill based on alleged violations of the Water Resources Act and Environmental Protection Act. Although we can give no assurances, based on currently available information and our understanding of similar investigations and penalties in the past, we believe that if we are ultimately found to be legally responsible for the spill, the probable penalties or the cost of any additional corrective action would not be material to our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

We are aware that there is or may be soil or groundwater contamination at some of our facilities resulting from past operations. Based on available information and the indemnification rights (including indemnities provided by Huntsman Specialty, ICI, The Rohm and Haas Company, Rhodia S.A. and The Dow Chemical Company, for the facilities that each of them transferred to us), we believe that the costs to investigate and remediate known contamination will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows; however, we cannot give any assurance that such indemnities will fully cover the costs of investigation and remediation, that we will not be required to contribute to such costs or that such costs will not be material.

Regulatory Developments

Under the European Union ("EU") Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive ("IPPC"), EU member governments are to adopt rules and implement a cross-media (air, water, waste) environmental permitting program for individual facilities. The U.K. was the first EU member government to request IPPC permit applications from us. In the U.K., we have submitted several applications and, very recently, negotiated and received our first IPPC permits. Based upon the terms of these permits, we do not anticipate that we will have to make material capital expenditures to comply. Other IPPC permits are under review by the U.K. Environment Agency. We are not yet in a position to know with certainty what the other U.K. IPPC permits will require, and it is possible that the costs of compliance could be material; however, we believe, based upon our experience to date, that the costs of compliance with IPPC permitting in the U.K. will not be material to our financial condition or results of operations. Additionally, the IPPC directive has recently been implemented in France, and like our operations in the U.K., we do not anticipate having to make material capital expenditures to comply.

With respect to our facilities in EU jurisdictions other than the U.K. and France, IPPC implementing legislation is not yet in effect, or we have not yet been required to seek IPPC permits. Accordingly, while we expect to incur additional future costs for capital improvements and general compliance under IPPC requirements in these jurisdictions, at the present time we are unable to determine whether or not these costs will be material. Accordingly, we cannot provide assurance that material capital expenditures and compliance costs will not be required in connection with IPPC requirements.

On October 29, 2003, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new EU regulatory framework for chemicals. Under this proposed new system called "REACH" (*Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of CHemicals*), enterprises that manufacture or import more than one ton of a chemical substance per year would be required to register such manufacture or import in a central database. The REACH initiative, as proposed, would require risk assessment of chemicals, preparations (e.g., soaps and paints) and articles (e.g., consumer products) before those materials could be manufactured or imported into EU countries. Where warranted by a risk assessment, hazardous substances would require authorizations for their use. This regulation could impose risk control strategies that would require capital expenditures by the Company. As proposed, REACH would take effect in stages over the eleven years following the final effective date (assuming final approval). The impacts of REACH on the chemical industry and on us are unclear at this time because the parameters of the program are still being actively debated. Nevertheless, it is possible that REACH, if implemented, would be costly to our Company.

MTBE Developments

The use of MTBE is controversial in the United States and elsewhere and may be substantially curtailed or eliminated in the future by legislation or regulatory action. The presence of MTBE in some groundwater supplies in California and other states (primarily due to gasoline leaking from underground storage tanks) and in surface water (primarily from recreational watercraft) has led to

public concern about MTBE's potential to contaminate drinking water supplies. Heightened public awareness regarding this issue has resulted in state, federal and foreign initiatives to rescind the federal oxygenate requirements for reformulated gasoline or restrict or prohibit the use of MTBE in particular.

For example, the California Air Resources Board adopted regulations that prohibit the addition of MTBE to gasoline as of January 1, 2004. Certain other states have also taken actions to restrict or eliminate the current or future use of MTBE. States which have taken action to prohibit or restrict the use of MTBE accounted for over 40% of the U.S. market for MTBE prior to the taking of such action. In connection with its ban, the State of California requested that the EPA waive the federal oxygenated fuels requirements of the federal Clean Air Act for gasoline sold in California. The EPA denied the State's request on June 12, 2001. Certain of the state bans, including California's ban, have been challenged in court as unconstitutional (in light of the Clean Air Act). On June 4, 2003, a federal court of appeals rejected such a challenge to California's ban, ruling that the ban is not pre-empted by the Clean Air Act.

The energy bill pending in the U.S. Congress would eliminate the oxygenated fuels requirements in the Clean Air Act and phase out or curtail MTBE use. To date, no such legislation has become law. However, such legislation is being considered by Congress and, if it were to become law, it could result in a federal ban on the use of MTBE in gasoline. In addition, on March 20, 2000, the EPA announced its intention, through an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, to phase out the use of MTBE under authority of the federal Toxic Substances Control Act. In its notice, the EPA also called on the U.S. Congress to restrict the use of MTBE under the Clean Air Act.

In Europe, the EU issued a final risk assessment report on MTBE on September 20, 2002. While no ban of MTBE was recommended, several risk reduction measures relating to storage and handling of MTBE-containing fuel were recommended. Separate from EU action, Denmark entered into a voluntary agreement with refiners to reduce the sale of MTBE in Denmark. Under the agreement, use of MTBE in 92- and 95-octane gasoline in Denmark ceased by May 1, 2002; however, MTBE is still an additive in a limited amount of 98-octane gasoline sold in about 100 selected service stations in Denmark.

Any phase-out or other future regulation of MTBE in other states, nationally or internationally may result in a significant reduction in demand for our MTBE and result in a material loss in revenues or material costs or expenditures. In the event that there should be a phase-out of MTBE in the United States, we believe we will be able to export MTBE to Europe or elsewhere or use its co-product TBA to produce saleable products other than MTBE. We believe that our low production costs at our PO/MTBE facility will put us in a favorable position relative to other higher cost sources (primarily, on-purpose manufacturing). If we opt to produce products other than MTBE, necessary modifications to our facilities may require significant capital expenditures and the sale of the other products may produce a materially lower level of cash flow than the sale of MTBE.

In addition, while we have not been named as a defendant in any litigation concerning the environmental effects of MTBE, we cannot provide assurances that we will not be involved in any such litigation or that such litigation will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a version of an energy bill that contained limited liability protection for producers of MTBE. The Senate's version of the bill did not have liability protection. The issue was one of the reasons that a compromise energy bill was not passed. Whether a compromise will be reached on this legislation in 2004, and whether any compromise will provide liability protection for producers, are unknown. In any event, the liability protection provision in the House bill applied only to defective product claims; it would not preclude other types of lawsuits.

Other Matters

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "TCEQ," formerly the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission or TNRCC) approved a settlement with Huntsman Petrochemical Corporation effective June 12, 2003 regarding allegations of environmental regulatory violations at our Port Neches, Texas, facilities. The settlement imposes penalties totaling \$302,250, of which \$7,000 has already been paid. The balance of the penalty is due on June 11, 2005. Additionally, the settlement requires that we apply for an air emissions permit for the joint wastewater treatment plant that services all of the Port Neches facilities. Less than \$100,000 of the aforementioned penalties are allocable to our Company. Although we do not anticipate it, it is possible that the terms of a joint wastewater treatment plant air permit may cause our Company to incur substantial costs that could be material.

Recent Financial Accounting Standards

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Financial Interpretation No. ("FIN") 46, "*Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*." FIN 46 addresses the requirements for business enterprises to consolidate related entities, for which they do not have controlling interests through voting or other rights, if they are determined to be the primary beneficiary as a result of variable economic interests. Transfers to a qualifying special purpose entity are not subject to this interpretation. In December 2003, the FASB issued a complete replacement of FIN 46 (FIN 46R), to clarify certain complexities. We are required to adopt this financial interpretation on January 1, 2005 and are currently evaluating its impact but do not expect the impact to be significant.

Critical Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in the first quarter 2004 with respect to our critical accounting policies as presented in our 2003 annual report on Form 10-K.

Changes in Financial Condition

The following information summarizes our working capital position as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 (dollars in millions):

| | March 31, 2004 | December 31, 2003 | Difference |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 80.5 | \$ 97.8 | \$ (17.3) |
| Accounts and notes receivable | 666.1 | 564.4 | 101.7 |
| Inventories | 535.8 | 596.9 | (61.1) |
| Prepaid expenses | 25.1 | 23.6 | 1.5 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3.0 | 3.0 | — |
| Other current assets | 72.8 | 83.6 | (10.8) |
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| Total current assets | 1,383.3 | 1,369.3 | 14.0 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | 585.5 | 561.3 | 24.2 |
| Accrued liabilities | 296.6 | 387.7 | (91.1) |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 1.8 | 1.8 | — |
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| Total current liabilities | 883.9 | 950.8 | (66.9) |
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| Working capital | \$ 499.4 | \$ 418.5 | \$ 80.9 |

As of March 31, 2004, our working capital increased by \$80.9 million as a result of the net impact of the following significant changes:

- The decrease in cash balances of \$17.3 million results from the matters identified in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows set out in our consolidated financial statements;
- The increase in accounts receivable of \$101.7 million is primarily due to higher average selling prices in response to increased raw material and energy costs, and higher sales volumes in certain markets;
- The decrease in inventories of \$61.1 million is mainly due to reduced inventory volumes, partially offset by an increase in raw material and energy prices;
- The increase of \$24.2 million in accounts payable is primarily attributable to increases in raw material and energy costs;
- The decrease in accrued liabilities of \$91.1 million results from the timing of cash payments for various accruals, of which significant fluctuations include decreases of \$40.5 million in interest payable, \$17.5 million in rebate accruals and \$7.2 million in taxes payable.

Cautionary Statement for Forward-Looking Information

Certain information set forth in this report contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions and other information that is not historical information. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," or "anticipates," or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. We may also make additional forward-looking statements from time to time. All such subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, by us or on our behalf, are also expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

All forward-looking statements, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends, are based upon our current expectations and various assumptions. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them, but there can be no assurance that management's expectations, beliefs and projections will result or be achieved. All forward-looking statements apply only as of the date made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in or contemplated by this report. The following are among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. There may be other factors, including those discussed elsewhere in this report, that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in light of the risk factors specified in our 2003 annual report on Form 10-K, some of which are summarized below.

- Demand for some of our products is cyclical and we may experience prolonged depressed market conditions for our products.
- We have substantial debt that we may be unable to service and that restricts our activities, which could adversely affect our ability to meet our obligations.
- If our subsidiaries do not make sufficient distributions to us, then we will not be able to make payment on our debt.

- Significant price volatility of raw materials or disruptions in the availability of raw materials may result in increased costs that we may not be able to pass on to our customers.
- The industries in which we compete are highly competitive and we may not be able to compete effectively with our competitors that are larger and have greater resources.
- Our ability to repay our debt may be adversely affected if our joint venture partners do not perform their obligations or we have disagreements with them.
- Terrorist attacks, such as the attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, the current military action in Iraq, general instability in various OPEC member nations and the threat of prolonged military action in Iraq and other attacks or acts of war in the United States and abroad may adversely affect the markets in which we operate, our operations and our profitability.
- Pending or future litigation or legislative initiatives related to MTBE may subject us or our products to environmental liability or materially adversely affect our sales and costs.
- If we are unable to maintain our relationships with Huntsman LLC, then we may not be able to replace on favorable terms our contracts with them or the services and facilities that they provide, if at all.
- We are subject to many environmental and safety regulations that may result in unanticipated costs or liabilities.
- Our business may be adversely affected by international operations and fluctuations in currency exchange rates.
- Our business is dependent on our intellectual property. If our patents are declared invalid or our trade secrets become known to our competitors, our ability to compete may be adversely affected.
- We rely on our key executives to achieve important financial goals.
- If we are unable to maintain an effective working relationship with MatlinPatterson, our business could be adversely affected.
- Certain events could result in a change of control of our Company.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk, including changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates and certain commodity prices. Our exposure to foreign currency market risk is somewhat limited since our sales prices are typically denominated in euros or U.S. dollars. From time to time, we may enter into foreign currency derivative instruments to minimize the short-term economic impact of movements in foreign currency rates. Our exposure to changing commodity prices is somewhat limited since the majority of our raw materials are acquired at posted or market related prices, and sales prices for finished products are generally at market related prices which are set on a quarterly basis in line with industry practice. To manage the volatility relating to these exposures, from time to time, we enter into various derivative transactions. We hold and issue derivative financial instruments for economic hedging purposes only.

Our cash flows and earnings are subject to fluctuations due to exchange rate variation. Short-term exposures to changing foreign currency exchange rates at certain foreign subsidiaries are first netted with exposures of other subsidiaries and the remaining exposures then, from time to time, may be managed through financial market transactions, principally through the purchase of forward foreign exchange contracts (with maturities of nine months or less) with various financial institutions, to reflect the currency denomination of our cash flows. We do not hedge our currency exposures in a manner that would eliminate the effect of changes in exchange rates on our cash flows and earnings. As of March 31, 2004, we had no outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts with third party banks. Predominantly, our foreign currency hedging activity is to sell forward our surplus non-dollar receivables for U.S. dollars. In addition, our accounts receivable securitization program requires that we enter into certain forward foreign currency hedges intended to hedge currency exposures on the collateral supporting the off-balance sheet debt issued in the program.

Under the terms of the HI Credit Facilities, we are required to hedge a significant portion of our floating rate debt through June 2004. In recent years, we have issued fixed rate debt in the form of the Senior Unsecured Notes that serve as a natural hedge for a portion of our floating rate debt. As of March 31, 2004, we had outstanding approximately \$361 million notional amount of interest rate swap, cap and collar transactions, which have maturities of six months or less. The majority of these transactions hedge against movements in U.S. dollar interest rates. The U.S. dollar swap transactions obligate us to pay fixed amounts ranging from approximately 5.0% to approximately 6.9%. The U.S. dollar collar transactions carry floors ranging from 5.0% to 6.25% and caps ranging from 6.75% to 7.25%. We have also entered into a euro-denominated swap transaction that obligates us to pay a fixed rate of approximately 4.31%. We do not hedge our interest rate exposure in a manner that would eliminate the effects of changes in market interest rates on our cash flow and earnings. Assuming a 1.0% (100 basis point) increase in interest rates, without giving effect to interest rate hedges, the effect on the annual interest expense would be an increase of approximately \$13 million. This increase would be reduced by approximately \$4 million, on an annualized basis, as a result of the effects of the interest rate swap, cap and collar transactions described above.

In order to reduce overall raw material cost volatility, from time to time we enter into various commodity contracts to hedge our purchase of commodity products. We do not hedge our commodity exposure in a manner that would eliminate the effects of changes in commodity prices on our cash flows and earnings. At March 31, 2004, we had forward purchase contracts for 35,000 tonnes of naphtha and 20,000 tonnes of other hydrocarbons, which do not qualify for hedge accounting. Assuming a 10% increase or a 10% decrease in the price per tonne of naphtha, the impact on the forward purchase contracts would result in losses and gains of approximately \$0.3 million, respectively.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e)

and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") as of March 31, 2004. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that, as of March 31, 2004, our disclosure controls and procedures were (1) designed to ensure that material information relating to our Company, including our consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the chief executive officer and chief financial officer by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report was being prepared, and (2) effective, in that they provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by our Company in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the applicable rules and forms.

In February 2004, we discovered an error in accounting for product exchange balances under a toll processing agreement with a customer. The error was caused by the use of an incorrect exchange factor in our new SAP-based enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system. The use of the incorrect exchange factor resulted from the implementation of and transition to our new SAP-based ERP system in 2003. In investigating this error, we discovered that timely reconciliation of product exchange balances maintained by certain business units was not performed by the business unit's staff, and corporate accounting reviews of such reconciliations were not performed. In response to our discovery of this accounting error and the reconciliation failures, we have implemented improvements to our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) in February 2004. These improvements consisted of the implementation of the following policies:

- Responsibility for accounting for these product exchanges has been centralized in the corporate accounting group rather than in the business unit finance group.
- Business unit managers must certify monthly that they have reconciled product exchange balances to the accounting records.
- Business unit managers must certify quarterly that they have reconciled product exchange balances as stated in the accounting records to the records maintained by third-party exchange partners.

In March 2004, our management discovered that we had inappropriately calculated foreign exchange gains and losses with respect to our accounts receivable securitization program and had incorrectly classified the foreign exchange gains and losses on the securitized receivables denominated in foreign currency in our consolidated statements of operations for each of the first three quarters of 2003. The use of this inappropriate calculation methodology and the incorrect classification of the foreign exchange gains and losses on the receivables denominated in foreign currency was caused by (i) our accounting group management's lack of understanding of the calculation method employed, (ii) a failure to train the accounting staff personnel responsible for these calculations in the structure of the accounts receivable securitization program and (iii) a failure to properly supervise and review the work of the personnel making these calculations. In response to our discovery of the use of this inappropriate calculation methodology and the management failures, we have implemented improvements to our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 3a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) in March 2004. These improvements consisted of the following:

- Accounting staff have received additional training in the structure of the accounts receivable securitization program and the proper calculation of foreign exchange gains and losses with respect to the program.
- Persons responsible for supervising and reviewing the work of accounting staff performing such calculations must certify each quarter in writing to our Vice President, Controller that such calculations have been reviewed by such persons and, to the best knowledge of such persons after exercising due diligence, such calculations do not contain any material misstatement.

Except as described above, no change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2004 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act).

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are a party to various proceedings instituted by private plaintiffs, governmental authorities and others arising under provisions of applicable laws, including various environmental, products liability and other laws. Except as otherwise disclosed in this report, and based in part on the indemnities provided to us in connection with the transfer of businesses to us and our insurance coverage, we do not believe that the outcome of any of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. See "Part I—Item 2—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Environmental Matters" for a discussion of environmental proceedings.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Third Amendment, dated as of April 16, 2004, among Huntsman Receivables Finance LLC, Huntsman (Europe) BVBA and J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) PLC to Series 2001-1 Supplement
- 10.2 Amendment, dated as of April 16, 2004, among Huntsman Receivables Finance LLC, as the Company, Huntsman (Europe) BVBA, as Master Servicer, Tioxide Americas Inc., Huntsman Holland B.V., Tioxide Europe Limited, Huntsman International LLC, Huntsman Petrochemicals (UK) Limited, Huntsman Propylene Oxide Ltd., Huntsman International Fuels, L.P., Tioxide Europe SRL, Huntsman Surface Sciences Italia SRL, Huntsman Patrica S.R.L., Tioxide Europe S.L., Huntsman Surface Sciences Iberica, S.L., Tioxide Europe SAS, Huntsman Surface Sciences (France) S.A.S., Huntsman Surface Sciences UK Ltd, Huntsman Ethyleneamines Ltd., as Local Servicers, J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) PLC, as Trustee, Pricewaterhousecoopers, as Liquidation Servicer, and Huntsman International LLC, as Servicer Guarantor to Amended and Restated Servicing Agreement
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- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

(b) Reports Submitted on Form 8-K:

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, we filed current reports on Form 8-K on the following specified dates:

February 10, 2004, with respect to Item 9 and Item 12; and

March 31, 2004, with respect to Item 9 and Item 12.

SIGNATURE

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.

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC

/s/ J. KIMO ESPLIN

J. Kimo Esplin
*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer (Authorized Signatory and Principal
Financial and Accounting Officer)*

Date: May 17, 2004

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THIRD AMENDMENT
dated as of April 16, 2004
between
HUNTSMAN RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC,
as Company
HUNTSMAN (EUROPE), BVBA,
as Master Servicer
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
as Funding Agent
and
J.P. MORGAN BANK (IRELAND) plc,
as Trustee
to
SERIES 2000-1 SUPPLEMENT
Dated as of December 21, 2000

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT, dated as of April 16, 2004 (the "*Amendment*") between Huntsman Receivables Finance LLC (the "*Company*"), a Delaware limited liability company, Huntsman (Europe) BVBA (the "*Master Servicer*"), and J.P. MORGAN BANK (IRELAND) plc, successor-in-interest to Chase Manhattan Bank (Ireland) plc, as trustee (the "*Trustee*") modifies the Series 2000-1 Supplement dated as of December 21, 2000, as amended by the Amendment dated as of December 18, 2001 and as further amended by the Second Amendment dated as of October 21, 2002 (the "*Supplement*"), which supplements the Amended and Restated Pooling Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2001, as amended by the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Pooling Agreement dated October 21, 2002 (the "*Pooling Agreement*" and, together with the Supplement, the "*Agreement*") between the Company, the Master Servicer and the Trustee.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto (the "*Parties*") wish to amend the Supplement;

WHEREAS, Section 10.01 of the Pooling Agreement permits the amendment of the Supplement upon the terms and conditions specified therein;

WHEREAS, Section 11.07(b) of the Supplement permits the amendment of the Supplement with the written consent of the Funding Agent and all the Series 2000-1 Purchasers to add any other provisions to or change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions of the Supplement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree that the Supplement is hereby amended effective as of the date hereof and the Parties agree hereto as follows:

Section 1. *Definitions.* Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Annex X to the Pooling Agreement or in the Supplement. In the event of any inconsistency between the definitions in the Supplement and in Annex X to the Pooling Agreement, the Supplement as amended will govern.

Section 2. *Amendment.*

(a) The definition of "Administrative Agent" as contained in the Supplement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"Administrative Agent" shall mean any administrative agent on behalf of any Series 2000-1 Purchaser and its successor and assigns in such capacity."

(b) The definition of "PARCO" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"PARCO" shall mean, as applicable (a) Park Avenue Receivables Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and any successor thereto, or (b) any other Series 2000-1 Acquiring Purchaser who becomes party to the Supplement at any time pursuant to a Transfer Supplement, provided that at the time such Transfer Supplement becomes effective all references to PARCO in any of the Transaction Documents as amended and supplemented from time to time, including all defined terms therein, shall be references to such Series 2000-1 Acquiring Purchaser."

(c) The definition of "Series 2000-1 Dilution Reserve Ratio" is hereby deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with the following:

"Series 2000-1 Dilution Reserve Ratio" shall mean, as of any Settlement Report Date, and continuing until (but not including) the next Settlement Report Date, an amount (expressed as a percentage) that is calculated as follows:

$$DRR = [(c * d) + [(e - d) * (e / d)]] * f$$

where:

DRR = Series 2000-1 Dilution Reserve Ratio;

- c = (i) 2.0 if the Servicer Guarantor's senior secured rating by S&P is equal to or greater than "BB-" or the senior implied rating by Moody's is equal to or greater than "Ba3";
- (ii) 2.25 if the Servicer Guarantor's senior secured rating by S&P is equal to or greater than "B" but less than "BB-" or the senior implied rating by Moody's is equal to or greater than "B2" but less than "Ba3";
- (iii) 2.5 if the Servicer Guarantor's senior secured rating by S&P is "B-" or below and the senior implied rating by Moody's is "B3" or below.
- d = the twelve-month rolling average of the Dilution Ratio that occurred during the period of twelve consecutive Settlement Periods ending immediately prior to such earlier Settlement Report Date;
- e = the highest Dilution Ratio that occurred during the period of twelve consecutive Settlement Periods ending prior to such earlier Settlement Report Date; and
- f = the Dilution Period."

(d) The definition of "Series 2000-1 Loss Reserve Ratio" is hereby deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with the following:

"Series 2000-1 Loss Reserve Ratio" shall mean, on any Settlement Report Date, and continuing until (but not including) the next Settlement Report Date, an amount (expressed as a percentage) that is calculated as follows:

$$\text{LRR} = [(a * b)/c] * d * e$$

where:

LRR = Series 2000-1 Loss Reserve Ratio;

- a = the aggregate Principal Amount of Receivables contributed by the Contributor to the Company (and in which a Participation and a security interest has been granted by the Company to the Trust) during the three Settlement Periods immediately preceding such earlier Settlement Report Date;
- b = the highest three-month rolling average of the Aged Receivables Ratio that occurred during the period of twelve consecutive Settlement Periods ending prior to such earlier Settlement Report Date;
- c = the Aggregate Receivables Amount as of the last day of the Settlement Period immediately preceding such earlier Settlement Report Date;
- d = (i) 2.0 if the Servicer Guarantor's senior secured rating by S&P is equal to or greater than "BB-" or the senior implied rating by Moody's is greater than or equal to "Ba3";
- (ii) 2.25 if the Servicer Guarantor's senior secured rating by S&P is equal to or greater than "B" but less than "BB-" or the senior implied rating by Moody's is equal to or greater than "B2" but less than "Ba3";
- (iii) 2.5 if the Servicer Guarantor's senior secured rating by S&P is "B-" or below and the senior implied rating by Moody's is "B3" or below.
- e = Payment Terms Factor."

(e) The definition of "Series 2000-1 Minimum Ratio" is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"Series 2000-1 Minimum Ratio" shall mean, as of any Settlement Report Date and continuing until (but not including) the next Settlement Report Date, an amount (expressed as a percentage) that is calculated for the Series 2000-1 VFC Certificate as follows:

$$\text{MR} = (a * b) + c$$

where:

MR = Series 2000-1 Minimum Ratio;

- a = the average of the Dilution Ratio during the period of the twelve consecutive Settlement Periods ending prior to such earlier Settlement Report Date;
- b = the Dilution Period; and
- c = with respect to Series 2000-1 VFC Certificate, 12.5%."

(f) For the sole purpose of the defined term "Series 2000-1 Purchase Price" as defined in the Third Amendment to the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 16, 2004, the definition of "Series 2000-1 Purchaser Invested Amount" is hereby amended by deleting the words "minus (d)" through the end of the sentence ending with the words "Series 2000-1 Supplement".

(g) Section 2.03(a) of the Supplement is hereby amended by deleting the words "to the Funding Agent for payment" from the last sentence thereof.

(h) Section 2.05(d) of the Supplement is hereby amended by deleting the words "to the Funding Agent for payment" from the third and fourth sentence thereof.

(i) Section 3A.05(a)(ii) of the Supplement is hereby amended by deleting the words "to the Funding Agent" from the first sentence thereof and replacing them with "to the Series 2000-1 Purchaser".

(j) Section 11.17 of the Supplement is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 3. *Agreement.* The parties hereto agree that (a) notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the Pooling Agreement, the Series 2000-1 Scheduled Commitment Termination Date shall mean April 16, 2007, as may be extended for an additional 364 days from time to time in writing by the Series 2000-1 Purchaser, the Funding Agent and the Series 2000-1 APA Banks, (b) for the avoidance of doubt, in the event the Company requests a Series 2000-1 Commitment Termination Date prior to such Series 2000-1 Scheduled Commitment Date at least 30 days prior to such date, no prepayment penalty, exit fee or other charge shall be due or payable to the Series 2000-1 Purchaser, the Funding Agent or the Series 2000-1 APA Bank, and (c) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pooling Agreement, Manager shall mean for the purposes of the Supplement any manager on behalf of any Series 2000-1 Purchaser, and its successors and assigns in such capacity.

Section 4. *Ratification of Supplement.* The Supplement, as amended hereby, is in all respects ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. *Waiver of Notice by Funding Agent.* The Funding Agent hereby waives any prior notice and any notice period that may be required in connection with the execution of this Amendment by the Pooling Agreement or the Supplement.

Section 6. *Waiver of Notice by All Parties.* Each of the Parties waives any prior notice and any notice period that may be required by any other agreement or document in connection with the execution of this Amendment.

Section 7. **GOVERNING LAW. THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND PERFORMED WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY CONFLICT OF LAW PRINCIPLES.**

Section 8. *Counterparts.* This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 9. *Headings.* The headings of Sections contained in this Amendment are provided for convenience only. They form no part of this Amendment or the Supplement and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Amendment or Supplement or any provisions hereof or thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date set forth on the first page hereof.

HUNTSMAN RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC,
as Company

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President

HUNTSMAN (EUROPE) BVBA,
as Master Servicer

By: /s/ PATRICK VERRAES

Name: Patrick Verraes
Title:

JPMORGAN BANK (IRELAND) plc,
not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee

By: /s/ PETER RUPERT LIGHTE

Name: Peter Rupert Lighte
Title: Director

CONSENTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
as Funding Agent

By: /s/ CHRISTOPHER LEW

Name: Christopher Lew
Title: Assistant Vice President

PARK AVENUE RECEIVABLES COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ ANDREW L. STIDD

Name: Andrew L. Stidd
Title: President

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[THIRD AMENDMENT dated as of April 16, 2004 between HUNTSMAN RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC, as Company HUNTSMAN \(EUROPE\), BVBA, as Master Servicer JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, as Funding Agent and J.P. MORGAN BANK \(IRELAND\) plc, as Trustee to SERIES 2000-1 SUPPLEMENT Dated as of December 21, 2000](#)

AMENDMENT
dated as of April 16, 2004
among
HUNTSMAN RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC,
as the Company

HUNTSMAN (EUROPE) BVBA,
as Master Servicer

TIOXIDE AMERICAS INC.,
HUNTSMAN HOLLAND B.V.,
TIOXIDE EUROPE LIMITED,
HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC,
HUNTSMAN PETROCHEMICALS (UK) LIMITED,
HUNTSMAN PROPYLENE OXIDE LTD.,
HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL FUELS L.P.,
TIOXIDE EUROPE SRL,
HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES ITALIA SRL,
HUNTSMAN PATRICA S.R.L.,
TIOXIDE EUROPE S.L.,
HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES IBÉRICA, S.L.,
TIOXIDE EUROPE SAS,
HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES (FRANCE) S.A.S.,
HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES UK LTD.,
HUNTSMAN ETHYLENEAMINES LTD.,
as Local Servicers

J.P. MORGAN BANK (IRELAND) plc,
as Trustee

PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS,
as Liquidation Servicer
and
HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC,
as Servicer Guarantor
to
AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICING AGREEMENT
dated as of
October 21, 2002

THIS AMENDMENT, dated as of April 16, 2004 ("*Amendment*") is made among (i) HUNTSMAN RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "*Company*"), (ii) HUNTSMAN (EUROPE) BVBA, a company organized under the laws of Belgium, as the master servicer (the "*Master Servicer*"), (iii) HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, TIOXIDE AMERICAS, INC., a company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, HUNTSMAN PROPYLENE OXIDE LTD., a limited partnership organized under the laws of Texas; HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL FUELS L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of Texas, HUNTSMAN HOLLAND B.V. (f/k/a HUNTSMAN ICI HOLLAND B.V.), a limited liability company organized under the laws of the Netherlands, TIOXIDE EUROPE LIMITED, a corporation organized under the laws of England and Wales, HUNTSMAN PETROCHEMICALS (UK) LIMITED, a corporation organized under the laws of England and Wales, TIOXIDE EUROPE SRL, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Italy, HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES ITALIA SRL, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Italy, HUNTSMAN PATRICA SRL, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Italy, TIOXIDE EUROPE S.L., a closed limited liability company organized under the laws of Spain, HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES IBERICA, S.L. (f/k/a HUNTSMAN SURFACTANTS IBERICA S.L.), a closed limited liability company organized under the laws of Spain, TIOXIDE EUROPE SAS, a closed, simplified limited liability company organized under the laws of France, HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES (FRANCE) S.A.S., a closed simplified limited liability company organized under the laws of France, HUNTSMAN SURFACE SCIENCES UK LTD., a private limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales and HUNTSMAN ETHYLENEAMINES LTD., a limited partnership organized under the laws of Texas as Local Servicers (defined below) (iv) HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC, a limited liability company established under the laws of the State of Delaware, as Servicer Guarantor (the "*Servicer Guarantor*" and, from time to time "Huntsman International", and (v) J.P. MORGAN BANK (IRELAND) plc (f/k/a CHASE MANHATTAN BANK (IRELAND) plc) selected, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee (in such capacity, as "*Trustee*") and (vi) PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS as Liquidation Servicer (the "*Liquidation Servicer*") amends the Amended and Restated Servicing Agreement, dated as of October 21, 2002 (the "*Agreement*").

WHEREAS, the parties to the Agreement (the "*Parties*") wish to amend the Agreement;

WHEREAS, Section 8.01 of the Agreement and Section 10.01(a) of the Amended and Restated Pooling Agreement dated June 26, 2001 between the Company, the Master Servicer and the Trustee as amended by the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated

Pooling Agreement dated October 21, 2002 (the "*Pooling Agreement*") permits the amendment of the Agreement by the Company and the Master Servicer with the written consent of the Funding Agent with respect to any Outstanding Series, and without the consent of any Holder, to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provisions therein which may be inconsistent with any other provisions therein or to add any other provisions thereof to change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions with respect to matters or questions raised under the Agreement which shall not be inconsistent with the provisions therein;

WHEREAS, the Company has executed the Officer's Certificate attached as Exhibit A hereto for the benefit of the Trustee in accordance with the requirements of Section 10.01(a) of the Pooling Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree that the Agreement is hereby amended effective as of the date hereof as follows:

Section 1. *Definitions.* Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Annex X to the Agreement.

Section 2. *Amendment.* Section 6.01 of the Agreement is hereby amended by deleting *clause (i)* in its entirety and replacing it by the following clause (i) and by adding the following language immediately following clause (i) of Section 6.01 in lieu of the words "then, in the event of any Master Servicer Default,":

"(i) (a) the Servicer Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries shall default in the observance or performance of any agreement or condition relating to any of its outstanding Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or (b) any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; *provided, however,* that no Series 2001-1 Early Amortization Event shall be deemed to occur under this paragraph unless the aggregate amount of Indebtedness in respect of which any default or other event or condition referred to in this paragraph shall have occurred shall be equal to at least \$20,000,000;

then, in the case of (x) any event described in *clause (i)(b)* above, automatically without any notice or action on the part of the Trustee or Holders of the Investor Certificates, all rights and obligations of the Master Servicer and each Local Servicer hereunder and under the Pooling Agreement and Servicing Agreements (other than rights and obligation of the Master Servicer under the Pooling and Servicing Agreements existing prior to a Master Servicer Default), shall be terminated or (y) any other event described above of any Master Servicer Default,"

Section 3. *Ratification of Supplement.* The Agreement, as amended hereby, is in all respects ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. *Waiver of Notice.* Each of the Parties waives any prior notice and any notice period that may be required by any other agreement or document in connection with the execution of this Amendment.

Section 5. *Notifications Required.* The Parties hereby agree to provide written notification of this Amendment to the Rating Agencies in accordance with the requirements of Section 10.01(d) of the Pooling Agreement;

Section 6. **GOVERNING LAW. THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND PERFORMED WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY CONFLICT OF LAW PRINCIPLES.**

Section 7. *Counterparts.* This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 8. *Headings.* The headings of Sections contained in this Amendment are provided for convenience only. They form no part of this Amendment or the Agreement and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Amendment or the Agreement or any provisions hereof or thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company, the Servicer Guarantor, the Master Servicer, each of the Local Servicers and the Trustee have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective officers as of the day and year first written.

HUNTSMAN RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC,
as Company

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President

HUNTSMAN (EUROPE) BVBA,
as Master Servicer

By: /s/ PATRICK VERRAES

Name: Patrick Verraes

Title:

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

TIOXIDE AMERICAS, INC.,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ L. RUSSELL HEALY

Name: L. Russell Healy
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

HUNTSMAN PROPYLENE OXIDE LTD.,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL FUELS, L.P.,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President

HUNTSMAN HOLLAND B.V.,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ PATRICK VERRAES

Name: Patrick Verraes
Title:

TIOXIDE EUROPE LIMITED,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ PATRICK VERRAES

Name: Patrick Verraes
Title:

HUNTSMAN PETROCHEMICALS (UK) LIMITED,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ PATRICK VERRAES

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as Local Servicer

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Name: Patrick Verraes
Title:

HUNTSMAN ETHYLENEAMINES LTD.,
as Local Servicer

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President

J.P. MORGAN BANK (IRELAND) plc,
not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee

By: /s/ PETER RUPERT LIGHTE

Name: Peter Rupert Lighte
Title: Director

HUNTSMAN INTERNATIONAL LLC,
as Servicer Guarantor

By: /s/ SEAN DOUGLAS

Name: Sean Douglas
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS,
as Liquidation Servicer

By: /s/ P.B. BUCKLE

Name: P.B. Buckle
Title: Partner

CONSENTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
as Funding Agent

By: /s/ CHRISTOPHER LEW

Name: Christopher Lew
Title: Assistant Vice President

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HUNTSMAN \(EUROPE\) BVBA, as Master Servicer](#)

CERTIFICATION

I, Peter R. Huntsman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Huntsman International LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2004;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual 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 officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) 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) 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
 - (c) 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 officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 17, 2004

/s/ PETER R. HUNTSMAN

Peter R. Huntsman
Chief Executive Officer

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I, J. Kimo Esplin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Huntsman International LLC for the three months ended March 31, 2004;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual 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 officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) 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) 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
 - (c) 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 officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 17, 2004

/s/ J. KIMO ESPLIN

J. Kimo Esplin
Chief Financial Officer

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**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 on Form 10-Q of Huntsman International LLC (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Peter R. Huntsman, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, 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/ PETER R. HUNTSMAN

Peter R. Huntsman
Chief Executive Officer
May 17, 2004

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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[CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002](#)

**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 on Form 10-Q of Huntsman International LLC (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, J. Kimo Esplin, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, 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/ J. KIMO ESPLIN

J. Kimo Esplin
Chief Financial Officer
May 17, 2004

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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