

KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS, INC.
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We consider EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA important supplemental measures of our performance and believe they are frequently used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in the evaluation of our performance and companies in our industry. Further, management uses these measures to evaluate operating performance; our executive compensation plan bases incentive compensation payments on our EBITDA performance; and our long-term debt agreements use EBITDA (with additional adjustments) to measure our compliance with certain financial covenants such as leverage and interest coverage. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider them in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results under GAAP in the United States. Some of these limitations include: EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures, or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments; EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs; EBITDA does not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debt; although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements; and other companies in our industry may calculate EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure. In addition, we prepare Adjusted EBITDA by adjusting EBITDA to eliminate the impact of a number of items we do not consider indicative of our ongoing performance, and you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in this presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Because of these and other limitations, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business.

Update on 2011 Business Priorities



Earnings Growth

- Sales volume of 62 kT in Q4 and 303 kT for the year
- Sale revenue up 6% and 17% compared to Q4 and full-year 2010, respectively
- Q4 net loss of \$21 million, \$(0.66) per share
- 2011 net income of \$91 million, \$2.81 per share
- 2011 Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$194 million

Innovation-led Top-line Growth

- Year end vitality index at 14%
- 2011 innovation revenue up 29% year-on-year
- 2011 innovation volume up 13% year-on-year

Capital Investment

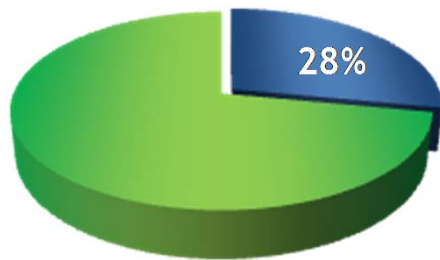
- Invested \$64 million in capital projects
- Progress on Asian HSBC plant:
 - Drafting of definitive documentation
 - Detailed engineering assessment ongoing
- Announced plans for semi-works plant

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Advanced Materials End Use Review

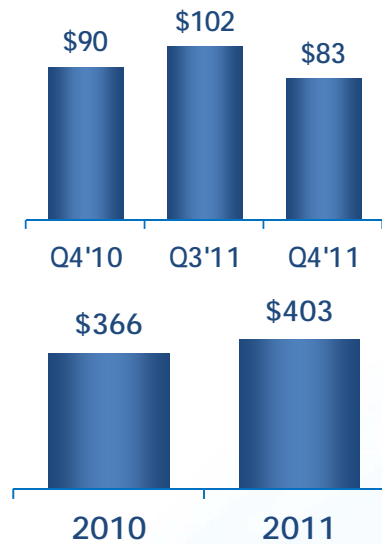


2011 Sales Revenue Profile

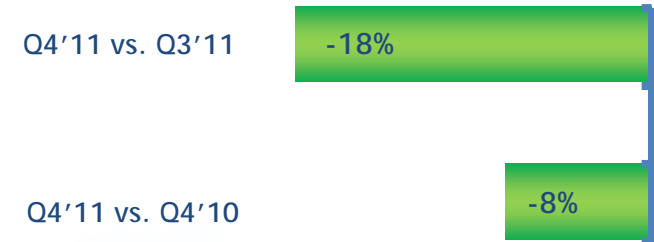


End Use Sales Revenue

US \$ in millions



Change in Sales Revenue



Adhesives, Sealants and Coatings End Use Review

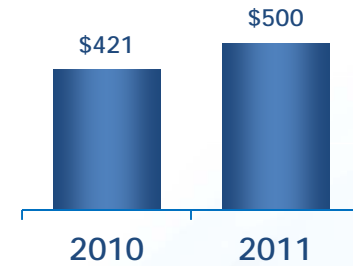
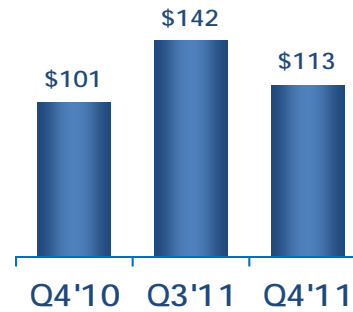


2011 Sales Revenue Profile



End Use Sales Revenue

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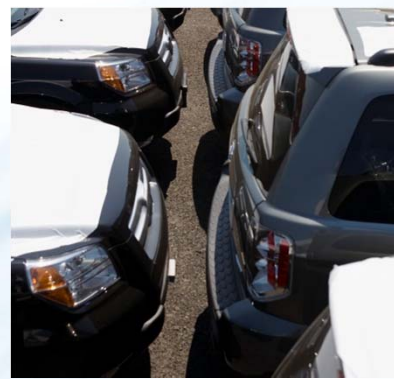
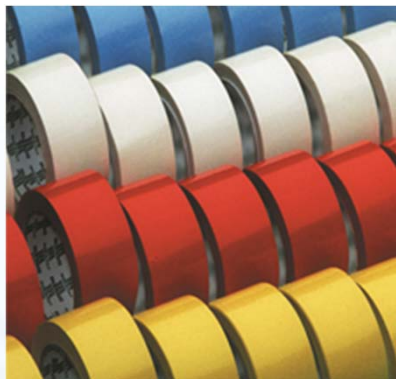


Change in Sales Revenue

Q4'11 vs. Q3'11



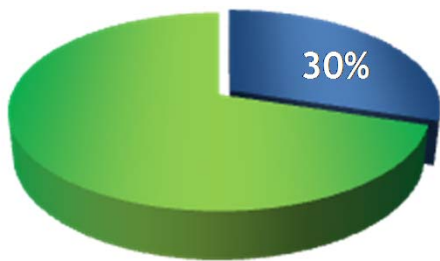
Q4'11 vs. Q4'10



Paving and Roofing End Use Review

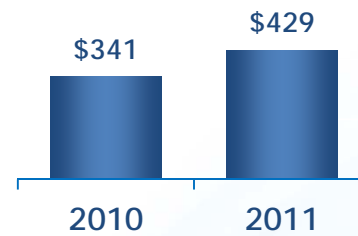


2011 Sales Revenue Profile

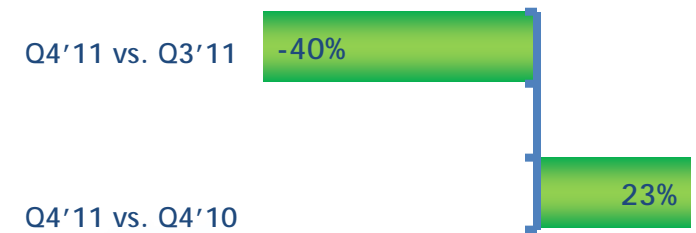


End Use Sales Revenue

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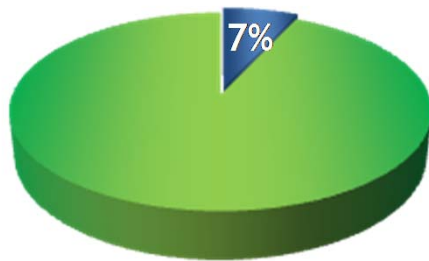
Change in Sales Revenue



Cariflex™ End Use Review



2011 Sales Revenue Profile



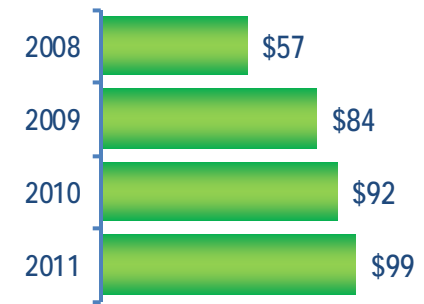
End Use Sales Revenue

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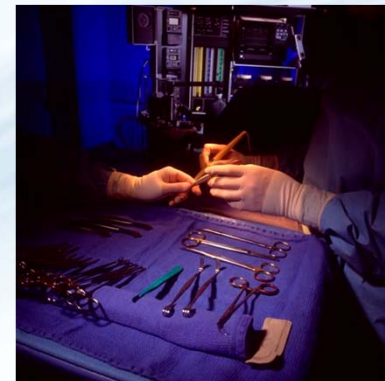


Sales Revenue

US \$ in millions



(1) The decrease in sales revenue in the fourth quarter 2011 compared to the fourth quarter 2010 is due to a significant purchase of Cariflex isoprene rubber in the fourth quarter 2010 by an existing customer that elected to increase its stock position as we were transitioning our isoprene rubber manufacturing capacity from Pernis, the Netherlands, to Belpre, Ohio.



Innovation-led Top Line Growth

US \$ in millions



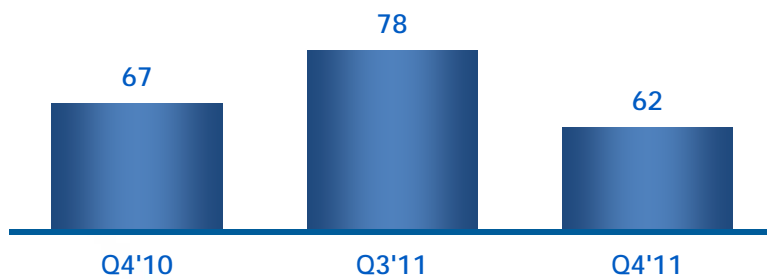
- 2011 Vitality Index 14%
- 2011 innovation revenue up 29% vs. 2010
- 2011 innovation volume up 13% vs. 2010
- Key innovations showing strong 2011 revenue growth:
 - PCR replacement up 80%
 - Roofing innovations up 72%
 - PVC replacement up 53%
 - Reactive SBS for printing plates up 33%
 - Adhesive innovations up 22%

Q4 2011 Sales Volume and Sales Revenue



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Sales Volume
(Kilotons)



Sales Revenue
(US \$ in Millions)

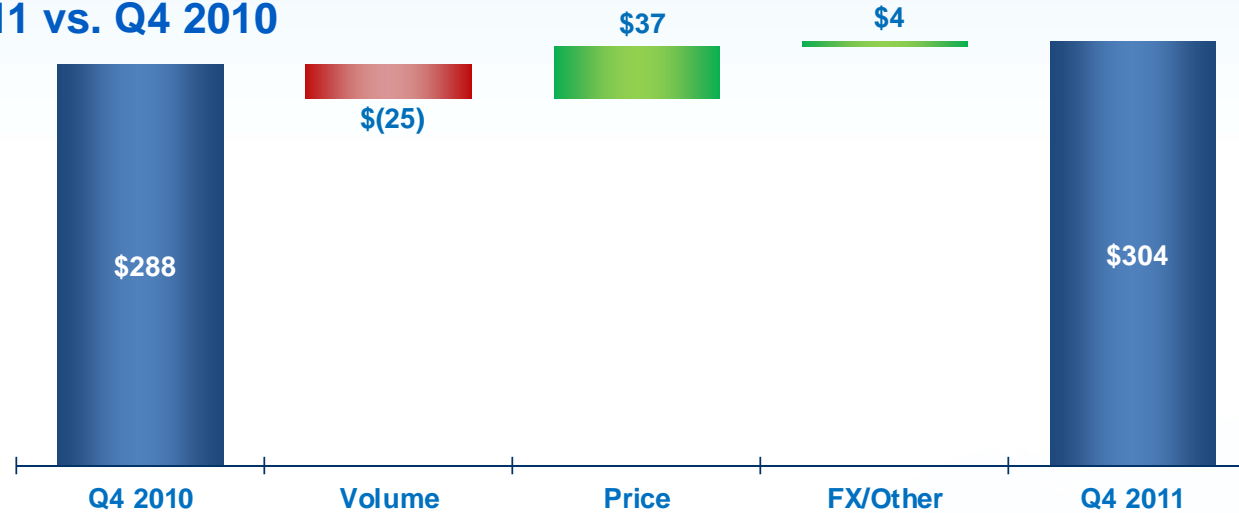


Q4 2011 Sales Revenue Walk

US \$ in millions



Q4 2011 vs. Q4 2010



Q4 2011 vs. Q3 2011

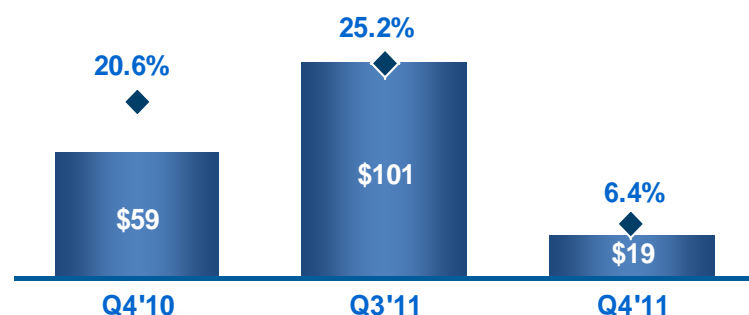


Q4 2011 Gross Profit and Adjusted EBITDA



Gross Profit and Gross Margin

(US \$ in Millions)



Adjusted EBITDA and Margin⁽¹⁾

(US \$ in Millions)



Gross profit in the fourth quarter 2011 includes the impact of a \$36.6 million charge associated with the difference between inventory valuation on a FIFO basis and inventory valuation on an estimated current replacement cost (ECRC) basis. Gross profit in the third quarter 2011 includes a \$32.1 million benefit associated with the difference between FIFO and ECRC. Gross profit in the fourth quarter 2010 includes the impact of a \$8.1 million charge associated with the difference between FIFO and ECRC.

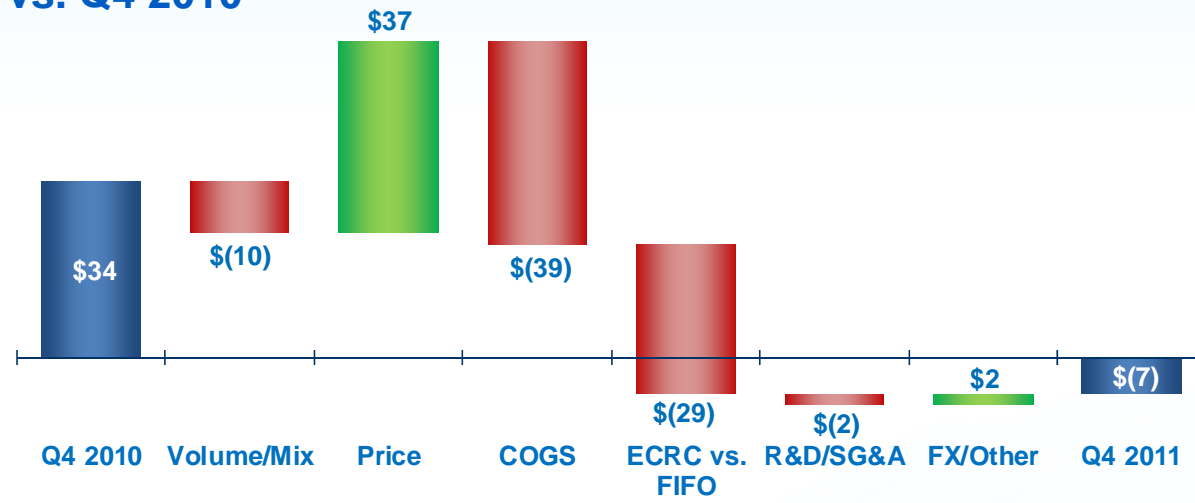
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Q4 2011 Adjusted EBITDA Walk



US \$ in millions

Q4 2011 vs. Q4 2010



Q4 2011 vs. Q3 2011

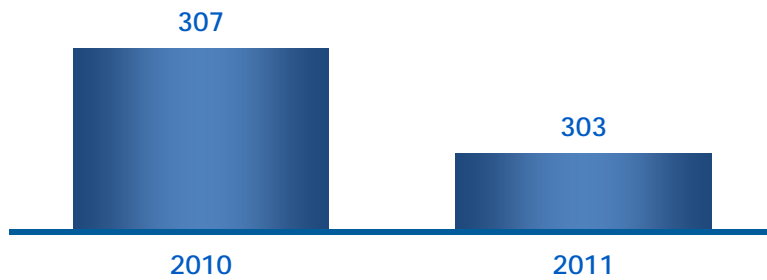


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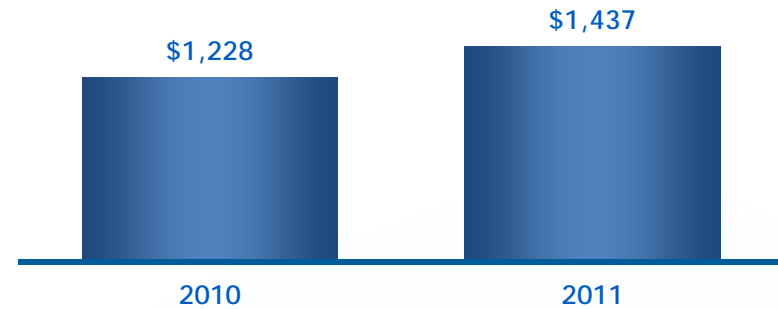
2011 Sales Volume and Sales Revenue



Sales Volume
(Kilotons)



Sales Revenue
(US \$ in Millions)



Sales Revenue Walk

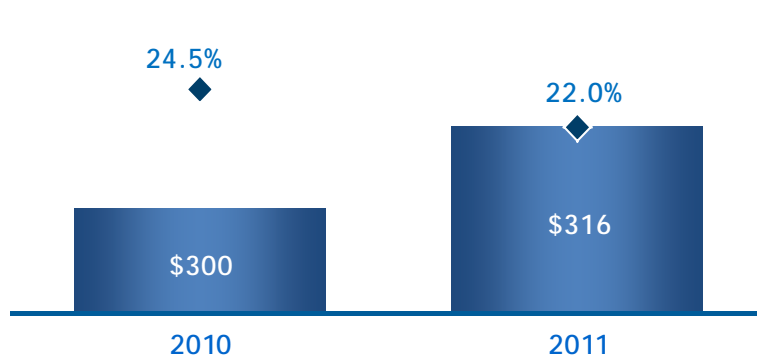
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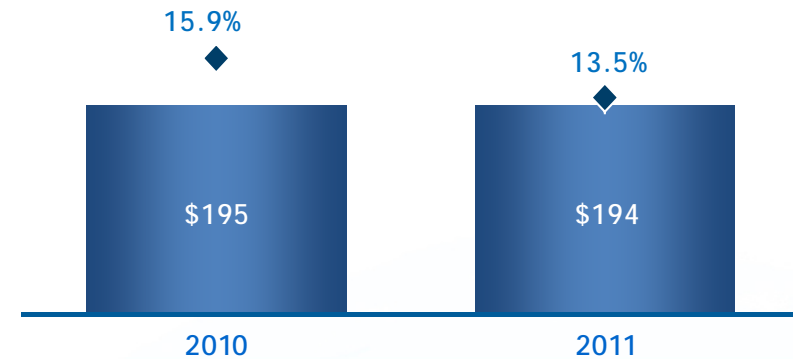
2011 Gross Profit and Adjusted EBITDA



Gross Profit and Gross Margin⁽¹⁾
(US \$ in Millions)

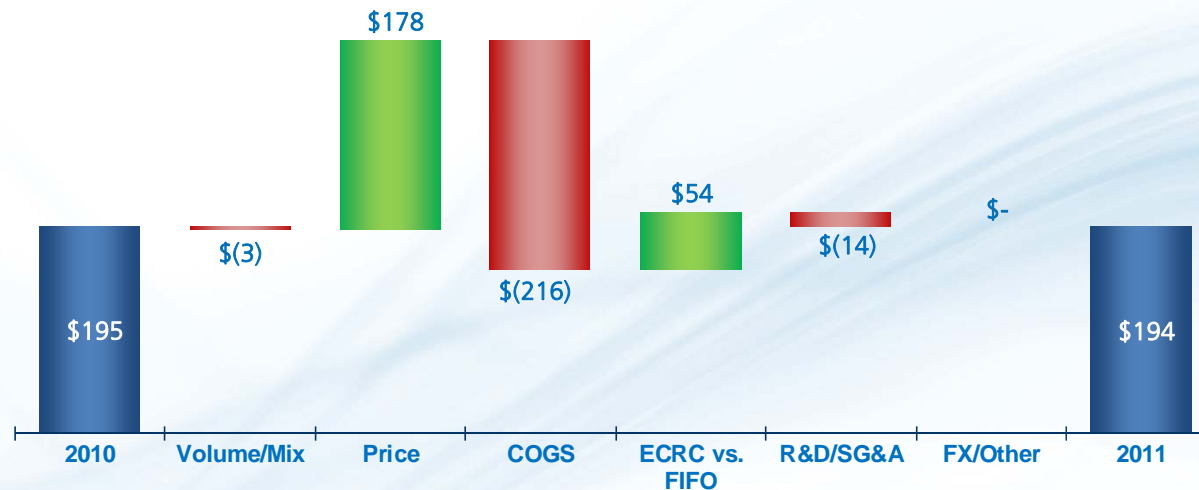


Adjusted EBITDA and Margin⁽¹⁾
(US \$ in Millions)



2011 vs. 2010 Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ Walk

US \$ in millions



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2011 Financial Overview



US \$ in Thousands except per share data

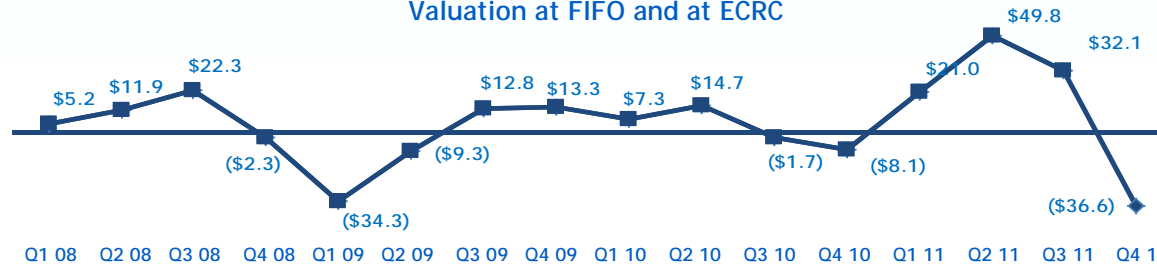
	Fourth Quarter		Full Year	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Sales Volume (Kilotons)	62	67	303	307
Sales Revenues	\$ 304,230	\$ 288,165	\$ 1,437,479	\$ 1,228,425
Cost of Goods Sold	284,744	228,793	1,121,293	927,932
Gross Profit	19,486	59,372	316,186	300,493
Operating expenses				
Research and Development	7,725	5,947	27,996	23,628
Selling, General and Administrative	20,685	23,652	101,606	92,305
Depreciation and Amortization	15,816	13,178	62,735	49,220
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	-	-	2,985	-
Earnings of Unconsolidated Joint Venture	673	170	529	487
Interest Expense, net	6,500	5,506	29,884	23,969
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(30,567)	11,259	91,509	111,858
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	(9,545)	960	584	15,133
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (21,022)	\$ 10,299	\$ 90,925	\$ 96,725
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share - Diluted	\$ (0.66)	\$ 0.32	\$ 2.81	\$ 3.07
Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾	\$ (6,953)	\$ 34,312	\$ 194,327	\$ 194,906

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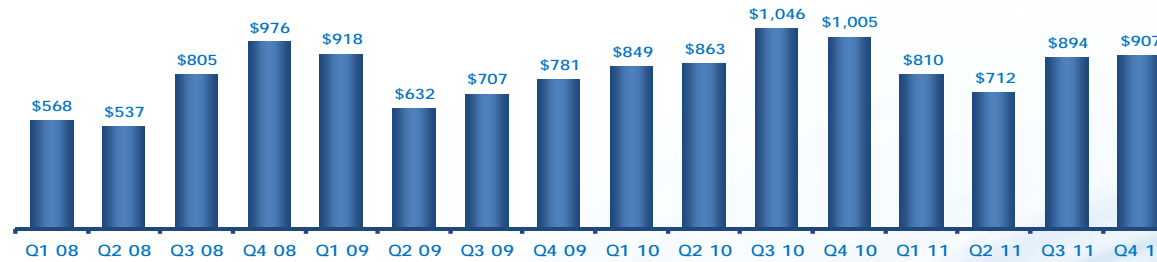
Monomer Volatility



Quarterly Difference Between Inventory Valuation at FIFO and at ECRC



Gross Profit per Ton at Estimated Current Replacement Cost



Gross Profit per Ton at FIFO

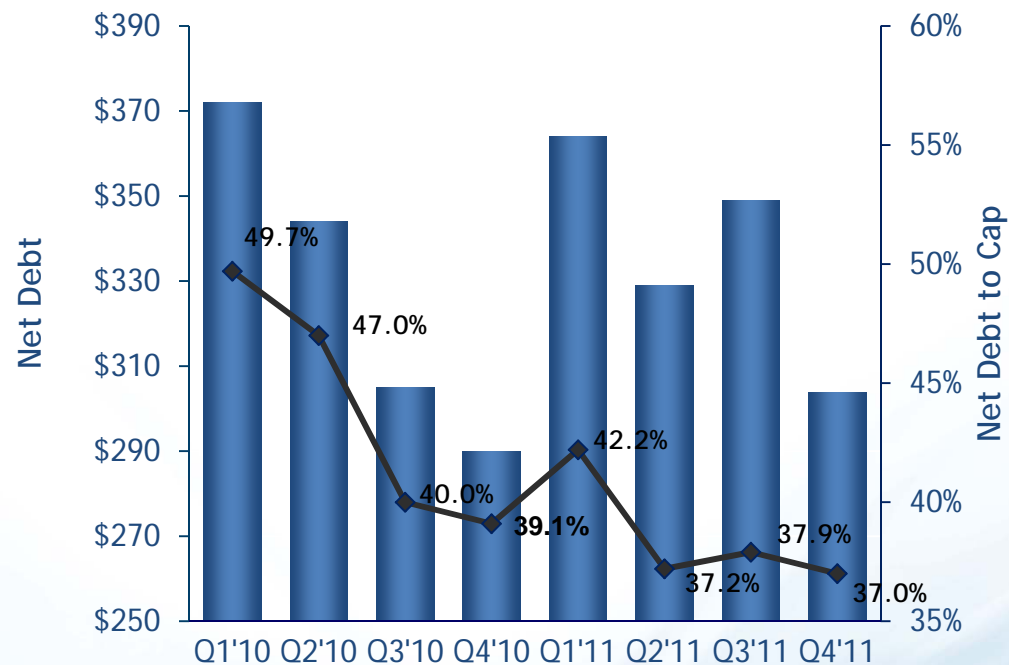


Balance Sheet

US \$ in millions



Net Debt ⁽¹⁾ and Net Debt to Capitalization



- Cash at year end of \$89 million.
- Net Debt-to-Capitalization ratio of 37.0% at 12/31/11.
- Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA was 1.56x at 12/31/11.

(1) Net debt is equal to total debt, less cash and cash equivalents.

Selected 2012 P&L Estimates⁽¹⁾



Interest expense	~ \$24 million
Research & development	~ \$32 million
SG&A	~ \$96 million
Depreciation and amortization	~ \$65 million
Book tax rate	~ 10%

(1) Management's estimates. These estimates are forward-looking statements and speak only as of March 1, 2012. Management assumes no obligation to update these estimates in light of new information or future events.

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Q4 2011 Financial Overview



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	Three months Ended 12/31/2011	Three months Ended 9/30/2011	Three months Ended 12/31/2010
Sales Volume (Kilotons)	62	78	67
Sales Revenues	\$ 304,230	\$ 401,993	\$ 288,165
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>284,744</u>	<u>300,539</u>	<u>228,793</u>
Gross Profit	19,486	101,454	59,372
Operating expenses			
Research and Development	7,725	6,703	5,947
Selling, General and Administrative	20,685	25,838	23,652
Depreciation and Amortization	15,816	16,689	13,178
Earnings of Unconsolidated Joint Venture	673	595	170
Interest Expense, net	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,288</u>	<u>5,506</u>
Income (loss) Before Income Taxes	(30,567)	46,531	11,259
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	<u>(9,545)</u>	<u>3,438</u>	<u>960</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (21,022)</u>	<u>\$ 43,093</u>	<u>\$ 10,299</u>
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share - Diluted	\$ (0.66)	\$ 1.33	\$ 0.32
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$ (6,953)	\$ 71,063	\$ 34,312

(1) Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA excluding restructuring and related charges, non-cash compensation expenses and loss on the extinguishment of debt.

Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾

US \$ in Thousands



	Twelve months Ended 12/31/2011	Twelve months Ended 12/31/2010
Net Income	\$ 90,925	\$ 96,725
Add(deduct):		
Interest expense, net	29,884	23,969
Income tax expense	584	15,133
Depreciation and amortization expenses	<u>62,735</u>	<u>49,220</u>
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 184,128</u>	<u>\$ 185,047</u>
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Add(deduct):		
Restructuring and related charges ⁽²⁾	1,755	6,387
Non-cash compensation expense	5,459	3,472
Loss on extinguishment of debt	<u>2,985</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽³⁾	<u>\$ 194,327</u>	<u>\$ 194,906</u>

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- (2) The restructuring and related charges were recorded as Selling, General and Administrative expenses.
- (3) Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA excluding restructuring and related charges and non-cash compensation expenses and the loss on extinguishment of debt.

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾



US \$ in Thousands

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Add(deduct):			
Restructuring and related charges ⁽²⁾	35	308	3,733
Non-cash compensation expense	1,263	1,247	636
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽³⁾	<u>\$ (6,953)</u>	<u>\$ 71,063</u>	<u>\$ 34,312</u>

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End Use Realignment - Revenue



(\$ Millions)

<u>PRIOR</u>	<u>Q1'09</u>	<u>Q2'09</u>	<u>Q3'09</u>	<u>Q4'09</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Q1'10</u>	<u>Q2'10</u>	<u>Q3'10</u>	<u>Q4'10</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Q1'11</u>	<u>Q2'11</u>	<u>Q3'11</u>	<u>Q4'11</u>	<u>2011</u>
Advanced Materials	56.0	68.3	82.3	75.3	281.8	92.4	98.0	92.2	91.8	374.5	111.3	108.5	103.3	85.1	408.2
Adhesives, Sealants & Coatings	59.8	72.4	83.1	82.3	297.5	92.3	104.4	108.1	93.1	398.0	110.1	121.9	112.5	100.8	445.2
Paving & Roofing	33.1	70.2	91.0	48.6	242.9	61.6	107.5	111.1	63.6	343.8	94.2	127.8	130.4	77.7	430.1
Emerging Businesses	9.6	14.1	12.8	24.2	60.8	13.7	18.9	19.4	27.4	79.4	20.0	20.2	26.1	22.9	89.1
Other	19.4	8.8	1.2	8.0	37.4	12.7	3.2	4.6	12.2	32.8	9.3	8.0	29.8	17.8	64.8
Total	177.9	233.7	270.5	238.3	920.4	272.7	332.1	335.4	288.2	1,228.4	344.8	386.4	402.0	304.2	1,437.5
<u>REALIGNED</u>	<u>Q1'09</u>	<u>Q2'09</u>	<u>Q3'09</u>	<u>Q4'09</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Q1'10</u>	<u>Q2'10</u>	<u>Q3'10</u>	<u>Q4'10</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Q1'11</u>	<u>Q2'11</u>	<u>Q3'11</u>	<u>Q4'11</u>	<u>2011</u>
Advanced Materials	51.9	62.7	78.6	71.9	265.2	89.4	95.7	90.8	90.3	366.2	109.8	107.1	102.3	83.4	402.6
Adhesives, Sealants & Coatings	77.0	77.8	81.5	84.8	321.2	102.8	104.9	112.4	101.0	421.1	118.2	127.0	141.8	112.8	499.7
Paving & Roofing	33.1	70.2	91.0	48.6	242.9	61.6	106.7	109.8	63.2	341.3	93.3	127.8	130.3	77.8	429.3
Cariflex™	14.6	21.9	18.0	29.5	84.1	17.6	22.4	21.5	30.3	91.9	22.8	23.3	27.6	25.6	99.3
Other	1.2	1.2	1.3	3.4	7.0	1.3	2.4	0.9	3.5	8.0	0.8	1.2	0.1	4.6	6.7
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