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## ARKEMA: 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2009 RESULTS

# STRONG POSITIVE FREE CASH FLOW (+€96M) IN A CONTINUING CHALLENGING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

- Net debt reduction to €435 million, i.e. 21% of shareholders' equity
- Very low volumes, down –27% on first quarter 2008
- Major reduction in fixed costs reflecting in-depth internal progress
- Good resilience of Industrial Chemicals segment
- Ongoing restructuring initiatives

(In millions of euros)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008	<u>Variation</u>	
Sales	1,092	1,492	(27)%	
EBITDA	57	159	(64)%	
EBITDA margin	5.2%	10.7%		
Vinyl Products	0.8%	4.4%		
Industrial Chemicals	14.3%	13.9%		
Performance Products	5.3%	13.6%		
Recurring operating income	(12)	100	n/a	
Non-recurring items	(4)	5	n/a	
Adjusted net income	(30)	67	n/a	
Net income – Group share	(35)	72	n/a	

#### Press release



## Communiqué de presse

The Board of Directors of Arkema, chaired by Chairman and CEO Thierry Le Hénaff, met on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 to review Arkema's consolidated accounts for the first quarter 2009. Thierry Le Hénaff stated, commenting on the results:

« The very sharp drop in demand combined with de-stocking at our customers observed since November 2008 continued throughout the first quarter 2009. In this context, positive cash flow generation of some €100 million, the good performance of the Industrial Chemicals segment, and debt reduction to 21% of shareholders' equity are the direct result of the strong dynamic of internal projects and the quick rallying of teams to address these highly challenging market conditions.

For the coming months, visibility regarding the evolution of market conditions remains very low, and except for some more positive signs in China, we cannot see any noticeable improvement in the economic environment. In this context, we will be pursuing our efforts to adapt production capacities and enhance productivity with the same intensity in the coming weeks and months. »

## **1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2009 ACTIVITY**

**Sales** stood at €1,092 million against €1,492 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008, down 26.8%. The sharp downturn in demand in many end market together with de-stocking at customers which began in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008 continued throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, leading to a sharp reduction in volumes for most activities (-27.1%). On average, the price effect was negative (-1.3%), due primarily to lower prices in PVC and Acrylics. The currency translation effect was positive, primarily as a result of the rise of the US dollar vs the euro (+2.2%), and the effect of changes in the scope of business remained small (-0.6%).

**EBITDA** stood at €57 million euros in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009 against €159 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008, in a very poor economic environment. The impact of the sharp decline in volumes was partly offset by restructuring plans and new projects. The structural fixed cost savings were in line with the stated target of €110 million over the year. These gains were complemented by operational measures to adapt to weak demand.

**Recurring operating income** stood at -€12 million and includes depreciation of €69 million, up by €10 million compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008. The increase in depreciation is the result of capital expenditures exceeding depreciation because of asset impairment losses booked prior to Arkema's stock market listing in 2006 and the appreciation of the US dollar vs the euro.

Non-recurring items stood at -€4 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009 and primarily include restructuring costs.

Net income (Group share) stood at -€35 million against €72 mllion in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008.

#### **SEGMENT PERFORMANCE**

Vinyl Products sales stood at €257 million, 34% down on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008, with high caustic soda prices during the quarter unable to compensate for the sharp decline in volumes across all product lines as well as the drop in PVC prices. The deterioration in demand in construction and the de-stocking reported in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008 continued in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009. EBITDA stood at €2 million (against €17 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008), with lower ethylene prices and the restructuring plans undertaken particularly in the two downstream PVC activities in France and in Europe partly offsetting the decline in volumes.

Industrial Chemicals sales stood at €509 million against €675 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008. This reduction of almost 25% in the segment's sales reflects the impact on volumes of the significant contraction in demand in most end markets. The strong pressure on Acrylics sales prices due to lower propylene costs was partly offset by increases in sales prices across the segment's other business units and by a positive currency translation effect. The segment's EBITDA showed good resilience at €73 million (against €94 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008) despite the downturn in demand, low unit margins in Acrylics, and a very deteriorated situation in MMA in Europe. Good performance of Thiochemicals and Fluorochemicals and productivity measures launched in Acrylics, PMMA and Thiochemicals in particular contributed to limit the impact of the economic environment on the segment's results.



**Performance Products** sales stood at €323 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009, 24% down on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008. Increases in average sales prices across the segment's activities and the positive currency translation effect partly compensated for the impact of the downturn in demand in construction, automotive and electronics which heavily weighed on volumes in Functional Additives and Polyamides. EBITDA stood at €17 million against €58 million in the first quarter 2008, with fixed cost savings resulting from restructuring plans and the strict control of overhead costs helping to compensate partially for the very low demand.

The **Corporate** segment totaled EBITDA of -€35 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009, which included in particular the impact of the sale in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of inventories produced with high-cost raw materials estimated at approximately -€25 million.

#### **CASH FLOW AND NET DEBT**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, free cash flow¹ stood at €96 million (against -€101 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008). Arkema therefore confirms its ability to generate cash flow in a challenging environment. Net cash flow (from operations and investments), which includes the impact of portfolio management amounting to -€31 million, stood at €65 million against -€114 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008.

Cash flow includes €52 million recurring capital expenditures and a reduction of working capital of +€121 million resulting both from lower raw material costs and a consolidation of actions to optimize working capital.

By end of March 2009, the group's net debt dropped to €435 million against €495 million at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008, i.e. a very low gearing ratio of 21%. Arkema thereby demonstrates its commitment to maintain the quality and solidity of its balance sheet in today's highly challenging economic environment.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, Arkema announced the shutdown of production, due end 2009, for methyl ethyl ketone at its La Chambre site (France) which has been experiencing structural problems. This project would involve the sale of the marketing and sales assets of this business to Sasol Solvents Germany GmbH<sup>2</sup>.

Arkema also continued to refocus its portfolio with the acquisition of complementary product lines strengthening its specialty businesses. In this respect Arkema finalized the acquisition of the organic peroxides business of Geo Specialty Chemicals representing annual sales of approximately US\$30 million, and reinforced its position in filtration for the agro-food sector with the acquisition by CECA (Specialty Chemicals BU) of Winkelmann Mineraria, which generates annual sales of the order of €6 million. Meanwhile, the vinyl compounds activity based on the Vanzaghello site (Italy), accounting for annual sales of the order of €22 million, was divested.

Finally, Arkema announced the signature with Dyneon, a world leader in fluorinated polymers, of a long-term contract for the supply in Europe by Arkema of HCFC-22. HCFC-22 is to be produced on the Pierre-Bénite site (France) from 2010.

#### **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

In order to adapt to the current economic situation and boost the long-term competitiveness of its activities in North America, Arkema has announced a restructuring plan within its American subsidiary Arkema Inc. Headcount reductions, significant cost-cutting and process efficiency improvement will generate cost savings of €30 million in 2010, to achieve total annual savings of €37 million by 2012.

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Cash flow from operating and investment activities excluding the impact of portfolio management.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The implementation of the project is subject to the legal information and consultation process involving the trade unions of Arkema France and to the approval of the antitrust authorities in some countries.





Additionally, Arkema continued to refocus its Functional Additives business with the divestment of two non-core activities based on its Guangzhu site in China (ceramic opacifiers and catalysts for polyester resins) representing annual sales of the order of €13 million.

#### **O**UTLOOK

Visibility regarding market conditions in the coming months remains very limited. Arkema assumes that the global economic environment will remain highly challenging throughout the year even if volumes have been improving in China in recent weeks.

In this environment, the top priority remains a very strict management of cash flow and keeping the group's financial strength. Arkema confirms its target to generate a positive free cash flow in 2009.

The work already undertaken to reduce working capital will continue in order to generate between €100 and 150 million cash for the year. Capital expenditures should be lower than €270 million in 2009 and will focus primarily on maintenance work (MHSE³) and on Fluorochemicals projects in China.

Meanwhile, over and above its efforts to adapt to the economic environment, Arkema will continue its indepth transformation by improving its cost structure, consolidating its best product lines, and driving innovation in high performance polymers as well as sustainable development areas. As stated at the beginning of the year, these internal projects should generate EBITDA gains of at least €85 million for the full year. Arkema confirms its target to reduce fixed costs by €550 million in 2010 compared to 2005.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND COMPENSATION**

Documents and information regarding the Annual General Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 will be available to the shareholders in accordance with the current legal and regulatory conditions. The notice of meeting is due out on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Meanwhile, in the light of the current unprecedented economic environment, following a proposal from its Chairman, the Board of Directors has decided not to award stock options this year. It has been decided to put in place a performance share award scheme only, the definitive award of such shares being subject to performance criteria.

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer as well as the Executive Committee members have decided that they would forego this 2009 performance share award.

Information on the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer's compensation is available on the company's website: www.finance.arkema.com.

A presentation of the results is available on the company's website (www.finance.arkema.com).

#### **FINANCIAL CALENDAR**

June 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 Annual Shareholders Meeting

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 2009 1<sup>st</sup> half results November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter results

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Arkema is a global chemical player consisting of three business segments: Vinyl Products, Industrial Chemicals, and Performance Products. Established in over 40 countries with 15,000 employees, Arkema achieves sales of 5.6 billion euros. With its 6 research centers in France, the United States and Japan, and internationally recognized brands, Arkema holds leadership positions in its principal markets.

#### **Disclaimer**

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Balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, statement of changes in shareholders' equity and information by business segment included in this press release are extracted from the consolidated financial statements at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 closed by the Board of Directors of Arkema on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Quarterly financial information is not audited.

The business segment information is presented in accordance with Arkema's internal reporting system used by the management.



#### **INVESTOR AND ANALYST FACTSHEET**

	1Q'09	1Q'08	1Q'09
	in € m	in € m	vs 1Q'08
Sales	1,092	1,492	(26.8)%
Vinyl Products	257	389	(33.9)%
Industrial Chemicals	509	675	(24.6)%
Performance Products	323	427	(24.4)%
Corporate	3_	1	(04.0)0/
EBITDA	57	159	(64.2)%
Vinyl Products Industrial Chemicals	2	17 94	(88.2)%
Performance Products	73 17	58 58	(22.3)% (70.7)%
Corporate	(35)	(10)	(10.1)70
EBITDA margin	5.2%	10.7%	
Vinyl Products	0.8%	4.4%	
Industrial Chemicals	14.3%	13.9%	
Performance Products	5.3%	13.6%	
Depreciation and amortization	(69)	(59)	-
Recurring EBIT	(12)	100	n.a.
Vinyl Products	(10)	8	n.a.
Industrial Chemicals	40	65	(38.5)%
Performance Products Corporate	(7) (35)	37 (10)	n.a.
NR items	(33)_ (4)	<b>5</b>	
Equity in income of affiliates	2	2	
Financial results	(8)	(7)	
Income taxes	(13)	(28)	
Net income of continuing operations	(35)	72	n.a.
Net income of discontinued operations	0	0	
Net income – Group share	(35)	72	n.a.
EPS (diluted)	(0.58)	1.19	
Adjusted EPS (diluted)	(0.43)	1.11	
Adjusted net income	(30) <b>83</b>	67	n.a
Capital expenditures		40	+107%
Vinyl Products Industrial Chemicals	12 25	11 17	
Performance Products	45	12	
Net cash flow <sup>4</sup>	65	(114)	n.a.
Free cash flow⁵	96	(101)	
Working capital (versus 12/31)	1,006	1,055	
WC as % of sales <sup>6</sup>	23.0%	18.7%	
Net debt (versus 12/31)	435	495	
Gearing <sup>7</sup>	21%	25%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Calculated as cash flow from operating activities plus cash flow from investing activities
<sup>5</sup> Calculated as net cash flow excluding the impact of M&A
<sup>6</sup> Calculated as working capital end of period divided by sales figure
<sup>7</sup> Calculated as net financial debt divided by shareholders' equity

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#### SALES AT €1,092 M VERSUS €1,492 M IN 1Q'08

- Sales down 26.8% in 1Q'09 versus 1Q'08.
- Weak demand with volumes at -27%
- Decrease of PVC and Acrylics prices following decreasing raw material costs.
- Positive translation effect from foreign exchange rate mainly due to the strengthening of the US dollar versus euro.
- Limited impact of the changes in the scope of business mainly resulting from the:
  - acquisitions of Repsol's PMMA, Odor-Tech and of the organic peroxide business of Geo Specialty Chemicals
  - o divestments of the Sanitary and Heating Pipes business of Alphacan and of the vinyl compound business in Vanzaghello (Italy).

	Volume	Price	Scope	FX rate
Arkema	(27.1)%	(1.3)%	(0.6)%	+2.2%
Vinyl Products			-	=
Industrial Chemicals			=	++
Performance Products		++	=	++
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#### EBITDA AT €57M VERSUS €159M IN 1Q'08

- Tough economic environment in line with the sharp decline in demand observed end of 4Q'08.
- Good resilience of Thiochemicals, Fluorochemicals and Specialty Chemicals
- Quick implementation of the announced productivity initiatives: structural savings from these initiatives in line with the €110m target set for 2009
- Further adaptation to the current economic downturn
  - o Adjust production capacities to weak level demand
  - Tight control of all types of costs.
- -€25 million negative impact resulting from the sale in 1Q'09 of inventories produced at the end of 2008 with high raw material costs.
- Positive translation effect mainly from €/\$ exchange rate
- No contribution from acquisitions and divestments achieved in 2008.

#### **VINYL PRODUCTS**

- High prices in caustic soda in 1Q'09
- Decrease of ethylene cost resulting in lower PVC prices
- Sharp contraction of demand and de-stocking at customers
- Benefits from restructuring initiatives in particular in downstream PVC

#### **INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS**

- Resilience of EBITDA at €73 million (€94m in 1Q'08)
- Sharp contraction of demand in most end markets.
- Pressure on Acrylics prices and deterioration in market conditions for MMA in Europe.
- Price increases in other business units.
- Good resilience of Thiochemicals and Fluorochemicals
- Positive contribution from productivity initiatives especially in Acrylics, PMMA and Thiochemicals and tight control of fixed costs.



#### **PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS**

- Contraction of demand in construction, automotive or electronics strongly affected volumes in Functional Additives and polyamides.
- Price increases in all business units.
- Good resilience of Specialty Chemicals
- Fixed cost savings through implementation of restructuring plans and strict control of costs.

#### Non recurring items at €(4) m versus €5 m in 1Q'08: Include mainly restructuring charges

#### **CASH FLOWS AND NET DEBT**

Items	1Q'09	1Q'08	Comments on 1Q'09
Operating cash flow	142	(45)	
Investing cash flow	(77)	(69)	
Net cash flow	65	(114)	Cash flows from operating and investing activities
Impact from M&A	(31)	(13)	Mainly acquisition of the organic peroxide business of the US company Geo Specialty Chemicals
Free cash flow	96	(101)	Excluding M&A
NR items	(3)	(12)	
Recurring FCF	+99	(89)	Recurring FCF excluding NR items and impact of M&A
Recurring capex	(52)	(36)	
Variation in working capital	+121	(150)	

- Confirmation of the priority given to cash generation and Arkema's ability to generate cash in a tougher economic environment
- €18m cash outflows from restructuring initiatives partly compensated by proceeds received from the sale of real estate.
- Net debt at €435m versus €495m at 12/31/2008 (and €76m at 03/31/3008)
- Low level of net debt at 21% of shareholders' equity which demonstrated Arkema's committment to maintain the quality and solidity of its balance sheet despite tough current market conditions.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS IN 1Q'09**

- Announced plan<sup>8</sup> to shutdown the production of methyl ethyl ketone at the La Chambre (France) industrial site by end 2009 and to sell the marketing and sales assets of this business to Sasol Solvents Germany GmbH
- Refocus of the business portfolio with the acquisitions of product lines reinforcing its portfolio of specialty businesses and the divestments of non-core assets:
  - acquisition of the organic peroxides of Geo Specialty Chemicals finalized with annual sales of approximately US\$30 million
  - o acquisition by CECA (Specialty Chemicals BU) of the Italian company Winkelmann Mineraria, with annual sales of around €6 million, to further expand in filtration business for the agro-food markets;
  - o divestment of the vinyl compounds production activities based in Vanzaghello (Italy) generating annual sales of around €22 million.
- Signature of a long-term agreement with Dyneon, a world leader in fluoropolymers, to supply HCFC-22 in Europe. The HCFC-22 will be produced at the Pierre-Bénite industrial site (France).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> These plans are subject to the information/consultation of the work council.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS SINCE APRIL1ST

- To further adapt to the current economic environment and to reinforce over the long term the competitiveness of its businesses in North America, Arkema announced a restructuring plan within its American subsidiary Arkema Inc. Headcount reductions, significant cost-cutting and process efficiency improvement will generate cost savings of €30 million in 2010, to achieve total annual savings of €37 million by 2012.
- Arkema continues to refocus its Functional Additives business with the divestment of two non-core product lines produced at its Chinese site of Guangzhou (ceramic opacifiers and polyester resin catalysts), which represent annual sales of around €13 million.

#### **OUTLOOK**

- Very limited visibility
- Assume a very challenging 2009 environment
- Priority to cash and fixed cost management confirmed
  - Positive 2009 free cash flow
    - Cash from working capital optimization: +€100 to 150 million
    - CAPEX level lower than €270 million
  - EBITDA gain from structural projects greater than €85 million
  - o €550 million fixed cost savings target in 2010 vs 2005 confirmed
- Strong adaptation to the economic environment
  - Adjust production capacity to the level of demand
  - Tight control of fixed costs
  - New initiatives: US\$50 million cost-cutting plan in the US
- Pursue in-depth transformation of the company



## **ARKEMA Financial Statements**

Consolidated financial statements - At the end of March 2009

## **INCOME STATEMENT**

	1st Quarter 2009	1st Quarter 2008
(In millions of euros)	Consolidated	Consolidated
	(non audited)	(non audited)
Sales	1 092	1 492
Operating expenses	(973)	(1 255)
Research and development expenses	(36)	(39)
Selling and administrative expenses	(95)	(98)
Recurring operating income	(12)	100
Other income and expenses	(4)	5
Operating income	(16)	105
Equity in income of affiliates	2	2
Financial result	(8)	(7)
Income taxes	(13)	(28)
Net income of continuing operations	(35)	72
Net income of discontinued operations	•	-
Net income	(35)	72
Of which minority interests	<u> </u>	-
Net income - Group share	(35)	72
Earnings per share (amount in euros)	(0,58)	1,19
Diluted earnings per share (amount in euros)	(0,58)	1,19
Depreciation and amortization	(69)	(59)
Recurring EBITDA	57	159
Adjusted net income	(30)	67
Adjusted net income per share (amount in euros)	(0,43)	1,11
Diluted adjusted net income per share (amount in euros)	(0,43)	1,11

## **BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>31.03.2009</u>	31.12.2008
	(non audited)	(audited)
(In millions of euros)  ASSETS		
	40.4	400
Intangible assets, net	494 1 655	466 1 638
Property, plant and equipment, net Equity affiliates: investments and loans	56	53
Other investments	20	22
Deferred income tax assets	27	25
Other non-current assets	108	137
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2 360	2 341
Inventories	977	1 026
Accounts receivable	764	838
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	126	149
Income taxes recoverable	15	22
Other current assets	30	30
Cash and cash equivalents	70	67
Total assets of discontinued operations	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1 982	2 132
TOTAL ASSETS		
TOTAL ASSETS	4 342	4 473
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	605	605
Paid-in surplus and retained earnings	1 440	1 476
Treasury shares	(1)	(1)
Cumulative translation adjustment	(32)	(84)
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY - GROUP SHARE	2 012	1 996
Minority interests	22	22
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	2 034	2 018
	40	47
Deferred income tax liabilities	46	47
Provisions and other non current liabilities	851	835
Non-current debt	80	69
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	977	951
Accounts payable	597	690
Other creditors and accrued liabilities	272	259
Income taxes payable	18	17
Other current liabilities	19	45
Current debt	425	493
Total liabilities of discountinued operations	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1 331	1 504
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	4 342	4 473

## **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	End of March 2009	End of March 2008
(In millions of euros)	(non audited)	(non audited)
Cash flow - operating activities		
Net income	(35)	72
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of assets	69	60
Provisions, valuation allowances and deferred taxes (Gains)/losses on sales of assets	(9)	(8) (20)
Undistributed affiliate equity earnings	(2)	(2)
Change in working capital	121	(150)
Other changes	(2)	3
Cash flow from operating activities	142	(45)
		(10)
Cash flow - investing activities		
Intangible assets and property, plant, and equipment additions	(83)	(40)
Change in fixed asset payables	(44)	(37)
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(3)	(13)
Increase in long-term loans	(8)	(6)
Total expenditures	(138)	(96)
Proceeds from sale of intangible assets and property, plant and		
equipment	2	21
Change in fixed asset receivables	14	
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries, net of cash sold Proceeds from sale of other investments	3	
Repayment of long-term loans	42	6
Total divestitures	61	27
	()	(22)
Cash flow from investing activities	(77)	(69)
Cash flow - financing activities		
Issuance (repayment) of shares		(10)
Purchase of treasury shares		,
Dividends paid to parent company shareholders		
Dividends paid to minority shareholders		••
Increase/ Decrease in long-term debt	9 (72)	90
Increase/ Decrease in short-term borrowings and bank overdrafts	(72)	65
Cash flow from financing activities	(63)	145
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2	30
Effect of exchange rates and changes in scope	1	(25)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	67	58
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	70	63

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(non audited)

	Shares is	ssued				Treasur	y shares			
(In millions of euros)	Number	Amount	Paid-in surplus	Retained earnings	Cumulative translation adjustment	Number	Amount	Shareholders' equity - Group share	Minority interests	Total shareholders' equity
As of January 1, 2009	60 454 973	605	999	477	(84)	(39 707)	(1)	1 996	22	2 018
Cash dividend Issuance of share capital Purchase of treasury shares Cancellation of purchased treasury shares Sale of treasury shares Share-based payments Other										
Transactions with shareholders										
Net income				(35)				(35)		(35)
Income and expenses recognized directly through equity				(1)	52			51		51
Total of recognized income and expenses				(36)	52			16		16
As of March 31, 2009	60 454 973	605	999	441	(32)	(39 707)	(1)	2 012	22	2 034

#### RECOGNIZED INCOME AND EXPENSES

(non audited)

#### As of March 31, 2009

En millions of euros	Shareholders' equity - Group share	Minority interests	Total shareholder s' equity
Net income	(35)		(35)
Changes in items recognized directly through equity	8	-	8
Actuarial gains or losses net of taxes	(9)	-	(9)
Change in translation adjustments	52	-	52
Others	-	-	-
Total of income and expenses recognized directly through equity	51	-	51
Total of income and expenses recognized	16		16

## **INFORMATION BY BUSINESS SEGMENT**

(non audited)

#### 1st Quarter 2009

(In millions of euros)	Vinyl Products	Industrial Chemicals	Performance Products	Corporate	Group total
Non-Group sales Inter-segment sales Total sales	257 15 <b>272</b>	509 23 <b>532</b>	323 4 <b>327</b>	3 - <b>3</b>	1 092
Recurring operating income	(10)	40	(7)	(35)	(12)
Other income and expenses	(3)	1	-	(2)	(4)
Operating income	(13)	41	(7)	(37)	(16)
Equity in income of affiliates	2	-	-	-	2
Depreciation and amortization Asset impairment Changes in non-current provisions recognized through	(12)	(33)	(24)	-	(69)
income	1	2	(4)	8	7
Recurring EBITDA	2	73	17	(35)	57
Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, additions Of which exceptional intangible assets	12	<b>25</b> 3	<b>45</b> 28	1 -	<b>83</b> 31

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(In millions of euros)	Vinyl Products	Industrial Chemicals	Performance Products	Corporate	Group total
Non-Group sales Inter-segment sales Total sales	389 16 <b>405</b>	675 38 <b>713</b>	427 5 <b>432</b>	1 - 1	1 492
Recurring operating income	8	65	37	(10)	100
Other income and expenses	2	-	-	3	5
Operating income	10	65	37	(7)	105
Equity in income of affiliates	2	-	-	-	2
Depreciation and amortization Asset impairment Changes in non-current provisions recognized through	(9)	(29)	(21)	-	(59) -
income	6	-	-	(3)	3
Recurring EBITDA	17	94	58	(10)	159
Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, additions Of which exceptional intangible assets	11 4	17 -	12	0	<b>40</b> 4