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# Arkema's transformation project at the time of the spin off

### Spin off in May 2006

### Challenge

Transform Arkema into a profitable company with growth momentum **Financial targets** 

- 12% EBITDA margin in 2010
- Gearing below 40%

### **4 strategic axes**

- Strong cost reductions
- Increase presence in Asia
- Innovation based on sustainable development
- Focused M&A



## Three business segments

Vinyl Products 18% of 2010e sales

- Well integrated chain from chlorine to PVC conversion
- #3 European player in PVC

Industrial Chemicals 52% of 2010e sales

- Large integrated chemical lines
- Worldwide leadership positions
- Complex technologies

Performance Products 30% of 2010e sales

- Leadership positions in niche markets
- Innovative chemical solutions
- Customized applications



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## Best performance since spin off





## 2010 outlook (reminder of 3Q'10 release)

### • FY'10 EBITDA target significantly increased to around €740m

- Market conditions remain well orientated
- Traditional far lower seasonality in 4Q'
- Impact of the external strikes (refineries and Marseille harbor) related to the national pension reform in France estimated at around -€20m (this will mainly concern Vinyls)
- FY'10 EBITDA target should result in around 12.5% EBITDA margin
  - Above the 12% target set at the spin off, 5 years ago
  - Previous high in 2007 with 9.1% EBITDA margin
- 2010 ROCE will exceed cost of capital



## EBITDA more than doubled in 5 years

**EBITDA** (€m) and **EBITDA** margin (%)



\* Including - €20m negative impact from national external strikes related to pension reform in France

\*\* Net financial debt end 2005 - €532m capital increase by Total + €580m non-recurring pre spin off items



## Transformation drives performance turnaround



## Improved and more uniform performance

**EBITDA margin distribution** (% of total sales excluding corporate)



## Positive cash generation on strong EBITDA

in€m	9m'10
EBITDA	624
Working capital variation	(154)
Сарех	(185)
Tax & cost of debt	(116)
Restructuring outflows	(51)
Others	(8)
Free cash flow*	+110



9m'10 net cash flow\*\*\*: +€70m

Working capital as % of sales\*\*



Net debt (€m) and gearing (%)



\* Free cash flow = cash flow including non-recurring items and excluding impact from M&A

\*\* At 30 September = (working capital end of September) / (4x 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales)

9 \*\*\* Net cash flow = Cash flow from operating activities - cash flow from investing activities

## Successful diversification of debt sources







## Entering 2011 with confidence

Assumptions for 2011 market conditions

- Similar market conditions expected in acrylic acid and MMA (2010 average = 2011 average)
- €/\$ exchange rate at 1.35
- Raw material costs to remain at current high levels
- Some improvement of PVC spread on higher caustic soda prices
- Increased cost of electricity (France)
- Market conditions to remain well oriented in Asia

#### Internal projects to deliver in 2011

- Full-year benefit of HFC-125 in China (1 quarter more)
- Full integration of former Dow acrylic assets (1 month more and synergies)
- 2 new plants in China in Kynar® PVDF (1Q'11) and for Coatex (mid-2011)
- Short-term benefits from innovation projects started 4 years ago including:
  - Paladin<sup>®</sup>, DMDS for soil fumigation
  - Fast emerging LED TV market for PMMA
  - Continuous growth of Photovoltaics
  - Bio-based high performance polymers (Rilsan<sup>®</sup> and Pebax<sup>®</sup> Rnew for sport, electronics...)
- Maintain tight fixed cost management with an obvious priority on Chlorochemicals
- Recurring capex at ~€330m
- Working capital on sales at ~16%



## investor day

# Our ambition for 2015



# Continuity of strategy but acceleration of growth component



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In 2015 versus 2010

## Strategic priorities by segment

### **Vinyl Products**

- Continue to refocus on best sites and reinforce competitiveness
- Open to partnerships

### **Industrial Chemicals**

- Develop acrylic downstream
- Increase manufacturing presence in Asia
- Strengthen partnerships with customers on a multi-region and multi-BU approach
- Selective investment on mega-trends

### **Performance Products**

- Innovate on sustainability
- Support strong Asian development through local manufacturing
- Balanced external and organic growth
- Pursue acquisitions of small start-ups for tomorrow's chemicals



Sales by segment



## Our ambition for 2015: a new breakthrough



Assumptions:

- Mid-cycle conditions in a normalized environment - Worldwide GDP growth at 3% / yr over the period



• Oil price and raw material index at current levels • €/\$ exchange rate at 1.35

## Our analysis on... sales bridge

Sales (€bn)



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## Our analysis on...sales by region



## Selective acquisitions

• +€1 bn sales from acquisitions over next 5 years

- - €0.3 bn sales from disposals in next 5 years
- Selective and strict criteria
  - Strategic fit with our existing core businesses
  - Accretive from first full year
  - No better use of cash
- Successful track-record on M&A
  - Net EBITDA impact: +€90m
  - Net cash out: -€ 230m



## Superior underlying growth

Business	Main end-markets	Growth drivers
Thiochemicals	Animal nutrition Refineries / Petrochemicals	Increasing poultry consumption
		Projects in Asia and Middle-East
		Stronger regulations on sulfur content
Acrylics	Coatings	Substitution to higher performance formulations
	Superabsorbants	Aging population in mature markets
	(hygiene)	Baby diapers in China / India
	Water treatment	Need for water purification
	Enhanced O&G recovery	Shale gas
Methacrylates	Electronics	Emerging LED TV market
Fluorochemicals/ Fluoropolymers	Air-conditioning	Next-generation products, lower VOC products
	New energies	Development of photovoltaic, lithium-ion batteries
	Water treatment	Acces to drinking water in developing countries
Hydrogen	Detergents	Increasing green cleaning
Peroxide	Water treatment	Increasing waste-water treatment
Polyamides	Automotive	Lightweight vehicles
	Oil & Gas	Increasing deep offshore fields and natural gas distribution pipelines
	Renewables	Booming bio-plastic demand
Specialty Chemicals	Filtration and adsorption	Gas separation



## Conclusion

- We deliver constantly on our targets
- Very promising platform for future growth
- Successfully repositioned on higher value markets with strong potential on sustainability
- Confident on 2011 both on acrylic momentum and benefits from internal projects
- Ambitious target for 2015 leading to significant further value creation
- Cautious acquisition strategy with strict financial criteria

## **Turning Arkema into an industry leader**



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