

Third-Quarter Fiscal 2011 Earnings

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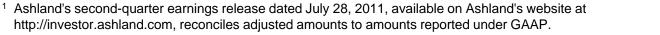
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Fiscal Third Quarter 2011 Highlights¹

- Announced acquisition of International Specialty Products Inc. (ISP)
- Reported EPS from continuing operations of 86 cents
 - Adjusted EPS of 92 cents versus \$1.01 in 2010 June quarter
- Achieved 13% sales growth over June 2010 quarter, to \$1.7 billion
- Ongoing pricing efforts to recover lost margins
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$194 million
- Returned value to shareholders
 - Increased annual dividend rate to 70 cents
 - Repurchased 1.2 million shares of Ashland stock





Fiscal Third Quarter – Continuing Operations Key Items Affecting Income

(\$ in millions, except EPS)		Total										
Preliminary 2011	Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients	Ashland Hercules Water Tech- nologies	Ashar Perform Materia	ance	Ashand Consumer Markets (Valvoline)	allocated and Other	Pr	etax	Aft	ertax		rnings Share
Accelerated depreciation	ingrouronte	norogico	\$	(2)	(reirreinie)		\$	(2)		(2)	ب ەت \$	(0.02)
Environmental reserves				. ,		\$ (6)		(6)		(3)	\$	(0.04)
Total			\$	(2)		\$ (6)	\$	(8)	\$	(5)	\$	(0.06)
2010												
Net gain on purchase of Ara Quimica JV							\$	23	\$	20	\$	0.25
R & D tax credit								-		22		0.28
European legal-entity-restructuring tax expense								_		(6)		(0.08)
Total							\$	23	\$	36	\$	0.45



Adjusted Results Summary¹

(\$ in millions) Preliminary]	Fiscal Third Quarter Three months ended June 30,							Three months March 31				ded
	2	2011		2	2010		Chang	е	2	2011		Chan	ge
Sales	\$	1,667		\$	1,478		13	%	\$	1,557		7	%
Gross profit as a percent of sales		26.0	%		29.8	%	(380) I	bp		27.5	%	(150)	bp
Selling, general and admin./R&D costs	\$	320		\$	314		2 9	%	\$	314		2	%
Operating income	\$	128		\$	139		(8)	%	\$	128		-	%
Operating income as a percent of sales		7.7	%		9.4	%	(170)	bp		8.2	%	(50)	bp
Depreciation and amortization	\$	66		\$	68		(3)	%	\$	64		3	%
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciatio	n												
and amortization (EBITDA)	\$	194		\$	207		(6)	%	\$	192		1	%
EBITDA as a percent of sales		11.6	%		14.0	%	(240) I	bp		12.3	%	(70)	bp

- Sales growth driven by increased volumes and pricing
- Gross profit decline due to significant raw-material cost escalation in each commercial unit

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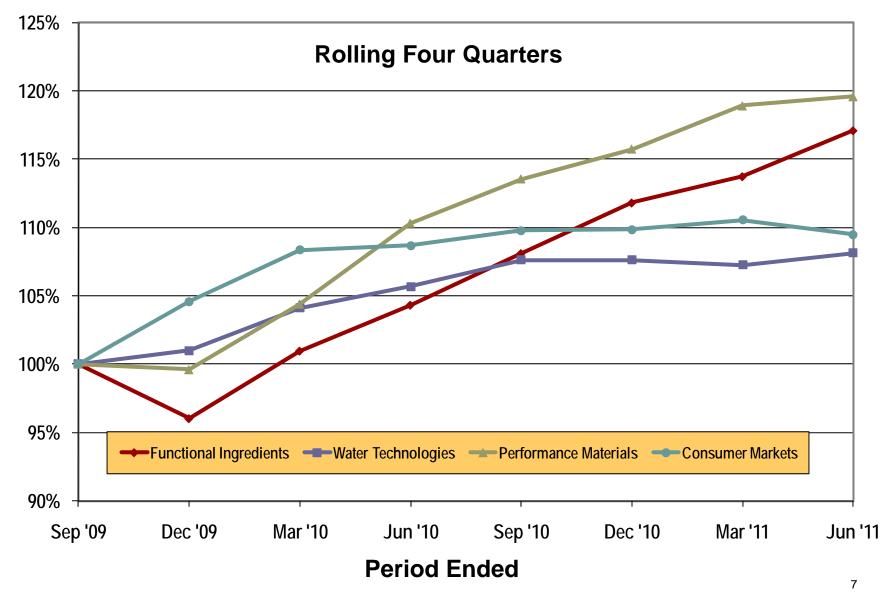
Sequential Pricing Actions and Costs

(in millions)	Quarter Ended										
Change in Raw Material Costs	-	ot. 30, 010		:. 31, 010		r. 31, 011		ie 30, 011			
Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients	\$	3	\$	4	\$	5	\$	5			
Ashland Hercules Water Technologies		4		8		9		10			
Ashland Performance Materials		(2)		2		10		11			
Ashland Consumer Markets		22		(2)		10		31			
Ashland Raw-Material Cost Increases	\$	27	\$	12	\$	34	\$	57			
Ashland Price Increases	\$	15	\$	30	\$	31	\$	57			

- Significant cost increases in each commercial unit
- June quarter increases particularly high for Ashland overall



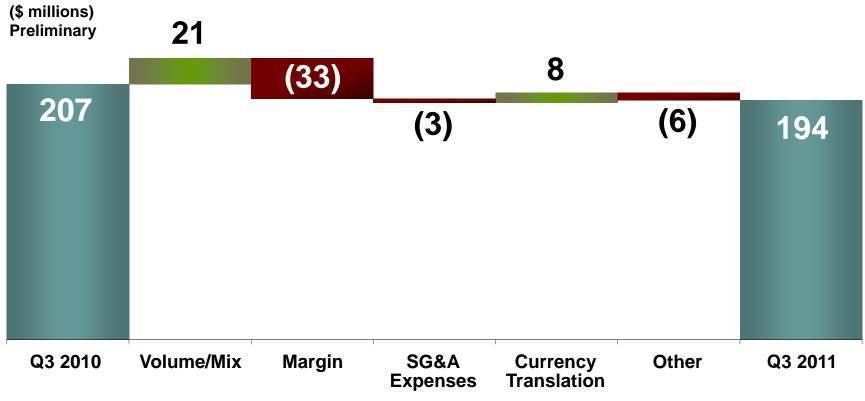
Normalized Volume Trends¹



¹ Excludes volumes associated with Casting Solutions and divested Pinova and Drew Marine businesses for all periods. Includes volumes associated with Ara Quimica for all periods.



Q3 FY 2010 vs. Q3 FY 2011 Factors Impacting Adjusted EBITDA



- Good volume growth over prior-year quarter
- Margin contraction led to lower EBITDA
 - Offsetting price increases continue to be announced

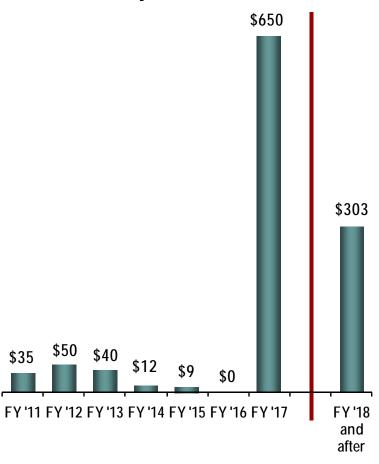


Liquidity and Net Debt

(\$ in millions)

Liquidity					At	June 30, 2011			
Cash					\$	1,045			
Available revolver capa	ncity					471			
Liquidity					\$	1,516			
		Interest			At	June 30,			
Debt	Expiration	Rate	Moody's	S&P		2011			
Revolver drawn ¹	03/2014	L+250	Baa2	BBB	\$	-			
9.125% senior notes ² , par \$650 million	06/2017	9.125%	Ba1	BB		632			
6.5% debentures, par \$282 million	06/2029	6.50%	Ba2	BB-		127			
Other debt		Various				162			
Total debt			Ba1/ Positive	BB+/ Positive	\$	921			
Cash (excludes auction	rate securities	s ³)			\$	1,045			
Net debt (cash)					\$	(124)			
 \$550 million facility, including ~\$79 million used for letters of credit Includes four-year, no-call provision. Excludes auction rate securities with book value of \$22 million. 									

Scheduled Debt Repayments by Fiscal Year





Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients Adjusted Results Summary¹

(\$ in millions) Preliminary	Ţ	Fiscal Third Quarter Three months ended June 30,								Three months ende March 31,				
	2	2011		2	2010		Chan	ge	2	011		Change		
Metric tons sold (in thousands)		46.4			41.5		12	%		42.8		8	%	
Sales	\$	303		\$	227		33	%	\$	270		12	%	
Gross profit as a percent of sales		33.1	%		37.6	%	(450)	bp		33.7	%	(60)	bp	
Selling, general and admin./R&D costs	\$	51		\$	52		(2)	%	\$	51		-	%	
Operating income	\$	50		\$	34		47	%	\$	41		22	%	
Operating income as a percent of sales		16.5	%		15.0	%	150	bp		15.2	%	130	bp	
Depreciation and amortization	\$	24		\$	24		-	%	\$	23		4	%	
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciatio	n													
and amortization (EBITDA)	\$	74		\$	58		28	%	\$	64		16	%	
EBITDA as a percent of sales		24.4	%		25.6	%	(120)	bp		23.7	%	70	bp	

- Significant volume and sales growth in all end markets
- Strong pricing was unable to fully restore margins

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Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients Factors Impacting Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ millions) Preliminary

0 74 3 14 (3) 2 **58** Q3 2010 Q3 2011 Volume/ Margin SG&A Currency Other Translation Mix Expenses

Q3 FY 2010 versus Q3 FY 2011

- Volume gains drove EBITDA increase
- Margin decline reflects increased plant spending and energy usage



Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients **ISP Acquisition**

- ISP and Functional Ingredients have similar characteristics
 - Technology-focused
 - History of strong growth and margins
 - Significant intellectual property
 - Highly tailored product solutions, having low cost in use
- Strategic benefits
 - Expands position in number of high-growth, high-margin end markets
 - Broadens Ashland's intellectual-property portfolio
 of water-soluble polymers and global R&D and applications capability
 - Deepens relationships with existing customers and enhances penetration of existing markets



Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients **ISP Integration**

- Integration teams are actively developing detailed plans
- Four primary goals
 - Ensure smooth, orderly transition for customers
 - Achieve \$50 million of annualized cost synergies
 - Bring together best practices to enhance competitiveness
 - Leverage strengths of expanded business to accelerate growth



Ashland Hercules Water Technologies Adjusted Results Summary¹

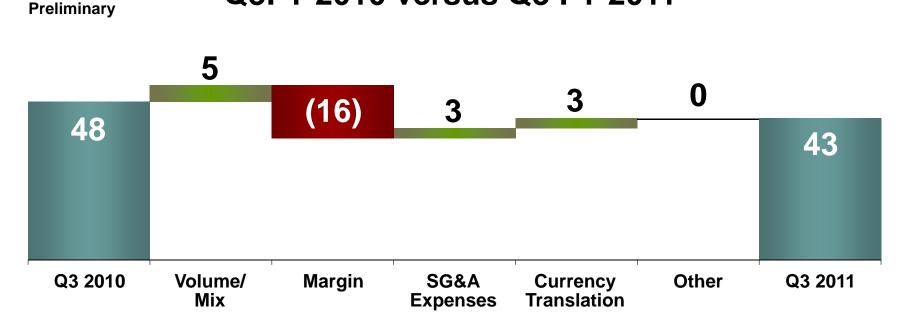
(\$ in millions) Preliminary	Ţ	Fiscal Third Quarter Three months ended June 30,								Three months en March 31,			
	2	2011		2	2010		Chang	ge	2011			Chan	ge
Sales	\$	490		\$	431		14	%	\$	471		4	%
Gross profit as a percent of sales		29.7	%		33.7	%	(400)	bp		31.3	%	(160)	bp
Selling, general and admin./R&D costs	\$	124		\$	120		3	%	\$	123		1	%
Operating income	\$	22		\$	26		(15)	%	\$	27		(19)	%
Operating income as a percent of sales		4.5	%		6.0	%	(150)	bp		5.7	%	(120)	bp
Depreciation and amortization	\$	21		\$	22		(5)	%	\$	20		5	%
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciatio	n												
and amortization (EBITDA)	\$	43		\$	48		(10)	%	\$	47		(9)	%
EBITDA as a percent of sales		8.8	%		11.1	%	(230)	bp		10.0	%	(120)	bp

- Sales growth primarily driven by pricing efforts and currency translation
- Margin declines due to ongoing raw material pressures

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Ashland Hercules Water Technologies Factors Impacting Adjusted EBITDA



Q3FY 2010 versus Q3 FY 2011

- Volume growth of 3% over June 2010 quarter
- Raw-material cost escalation continues to pressure margins

(\$ millions)



Ashland Performance Materials Adjusted Results Summary¹

(\$ in millions) Preliminary	Fiscal Third Quarter Three months ended June 30,),	Th		iths ended h 31,		
	2	2011		2	010		Chang	е	2011			Change	
Pounds/day (in millions)		4.4			5.0		(12)	%		4.4		-	%
Sales	\$	352		\$	357		(1)	%	\$	325		8	%
Gross profit as a percent of sales		13.6	%		16.7	%	(310)	bp		13.9	%	(30)	bp
Selling, general and admin./R&D costs	\$	39		\$	51		(24)	%	\$	39		-	%
Operating income	\$	14		\$	12		17 (%	\$	9		56	%
Operating income as a percent of sales		4.0	%		3.4	%	60	bp		2.8	%	120	bp
Depreciation and amortization	\$	10		\$	12		(17)	%	\$	11		(9)	%
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciatio	n												
and amortization (EBITDA)	\$	24		\$	24		_ (%	\$	20		20	%
EBITDA as a percent of sales		6.8	%		6.7	%	10	bp		6.2	%	60	bp

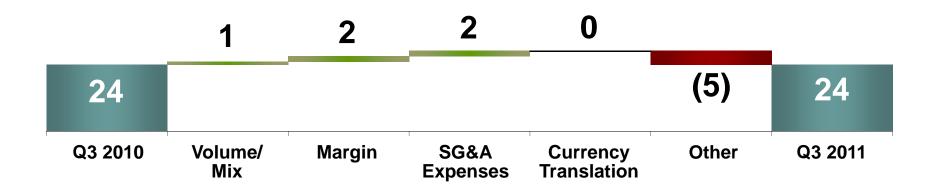
- Normalized sales up 17% over prior-year quarter
- Gross profit decline versus June 2010 quarter reflects effects of ASK Chemicals joint venture and higher raw material costs

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Ashland Performance Materials Factors Impacting Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ millions) Preliminary Q3 FY 2010 versus Q3 FY 2011



- Making gains against raw material costs
- Effects of ASK Chemicals joint venture captured in Other



Ashland Consumer Markets (Valvoline) Adjusted Results Summary¹

(\$ in millions) Preliminary	Т	Fiscal Third Quarter Three months ended June 30,							Three months ended March 31,				
	2	2011		2	2010		Change		2011		Chan	ge	
Lubricant gallons (in millions)		44.5			46.2		(4) %		44.8		(1)	%	
Sales	\$	522		\$	463		13 %	\$	491		6	%	
Gross profit as a percent of sales		26.6	%		32.4	%	(580) bp		29.3	%	(270)	bp	
Selling, general and admin./R&D costs	\$	92		\$	82		12 %	\$	87		6	%	
Operating income	\$	51		\$	73		(30) %	\$	62		(18)	%	
Operating income as a percent of sales		9.8	%		15.8	%	(600) bp		12.6	%	(280)	bp	
Depreciation and amortization	\$	10		\$	9		11 %	\$	9		11	%	
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciatio	n												
and amortization (EBITDA)	\$	61		\$	82		(26) %	\$	71		(14)	%	
EBITDA as a percent of sales		11.7	%		17.7	%	(600) bp		14.5	%	(280)	bp	

• Margin compression due to April 1 and May 1 cost increases

- Pricing will not offset until end of August

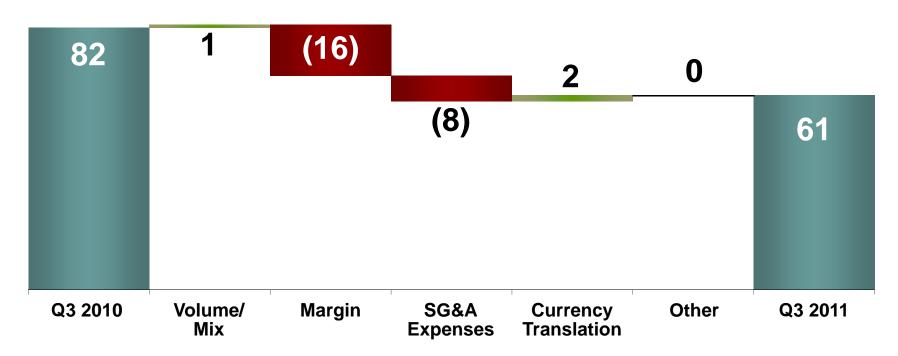
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Ashland Consumer Markets (Valvoline) Factors Impacting Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ millions) Preliminary

Q3 FY 2010 versus Q3 FY 2011



- Volume declines were offset by positive mix
- Margin declines and advertising investment in NextGen[™] launch drove EBITDA decline



Cost-Reduction Program

- Targeting \$90 million in annualized savings
 - \$40 million of stranded costs
 - \$50 million of ISP acquisition synergies
- Announced voluntary severance offer (VSO)
 - Offered to corporate resource groups, supply chain and Functional Ingredients personnel
- Also pursuing reductions in third-party spend and other cost-saving opportunities



Transition Services Agreements

- Ashland providing support services through two Transition Services Agreements (TSAs)
 - Nexeo Solutions, formerly Ashland Distribution
 - ASK Chemicals joint venture with Süd-Chemie
- Offsets approximately \$40 million of annualized costs
- Services will be exited over time
 - Additional cost reductions to be taken as this occurs

Fiscal Third Quarter Corporate Items

- Capital expenditures of \$44 million in quarter
- Net interest expense of \$22 million
- Effective tax rate of 30% for June quarter
 - Excludes key items
- Trade working capital of 14.6% of annualized sales
 - Consistent with March quarter

ISP Acquisition Update

- Pending acquisition of ISP remains on track
- Improved financing package
 - Term Loan A of \$1.5 billion
 - Term Loan B of \$1.4 billion
 - Revolving credit facility of \$1.0 billion
- Incremental annual interest expense
 - Book interest of \$130 million
 - Cash interest of \$115 million



Fiscal Third Quarter Performance Summary

- Ongoing pricing efforts not enough to overcome significant raw material inflation
- As compared with June 2010 quarter:
 - Volumes up 4%
 - Sales up 13%
 - EBITDA down 6% to \$194 million
- Free cash flow of \$(46) million in quarter

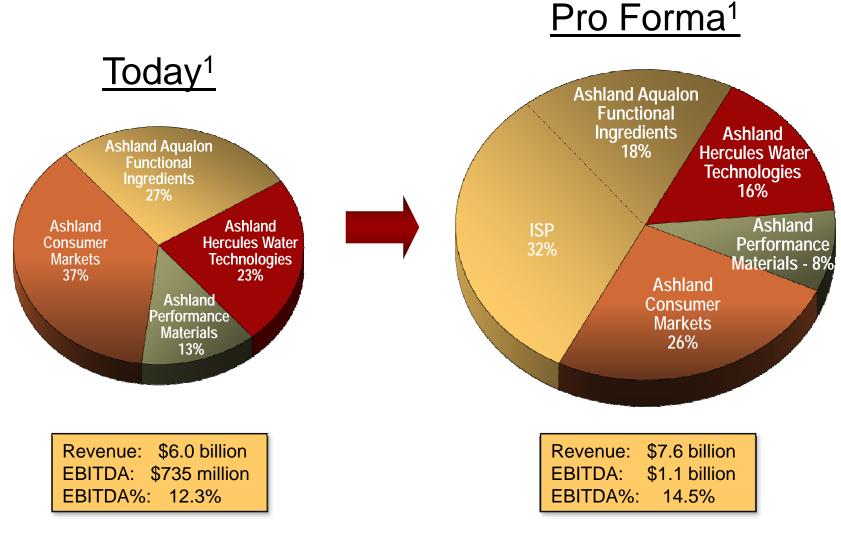


Outlook and Summary

- Raw material costs still challenging
- Now entering seasonally weaker quarters
- Taking actions to reduce our costs
 - Voluntary severance offer
 - Reductions in third party spend
 - Other cost-saving opportunities
- Returning value to shareholders through mix of options
 - Repurchased 1.2 million shares during June quarter
 - Increased annual dividend rate to 70 cents per share
 - Pending acquisition of ISP



Ashland EBITDA Transformation

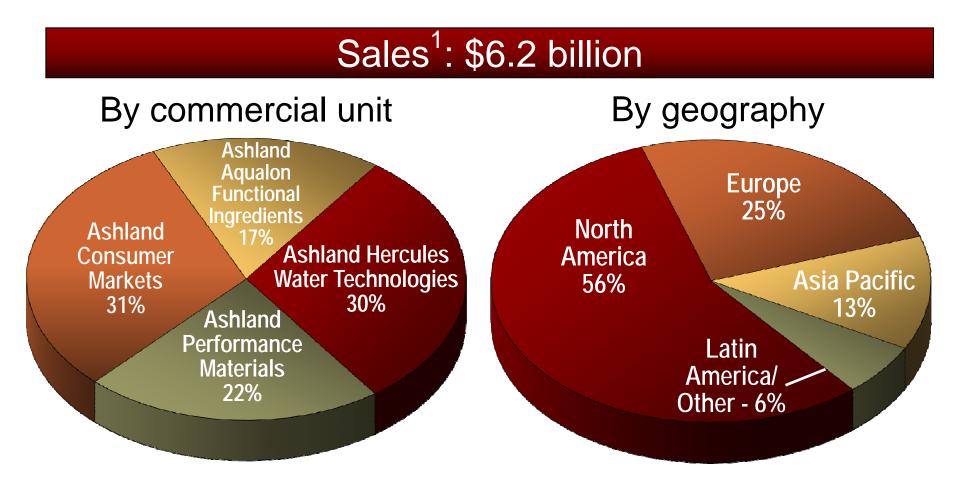






Appendix A: Business Profiles 12 Months Ended June 30, 2011

Corporate Profile

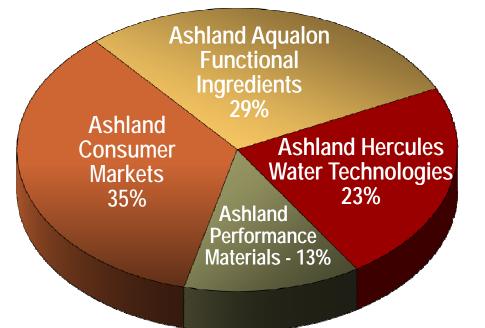


• 44% of total sales come from outside North America



Corporate Profile

Adjusted EBITDA¹: \$723 million



NYSE Ticker Symbol:	ASH
Total Employees:	~12,500
Outside North America	~40%
Number of Countries in Which Ashland Has Sales:	More than 100

 Approximately 30% of EBITDA comes from products derived from renewable materials

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¹ For 12 months ended June 30, 2011. See Appendix B for reconciliation to amounts reported under GAAP.

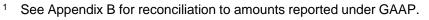
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Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients

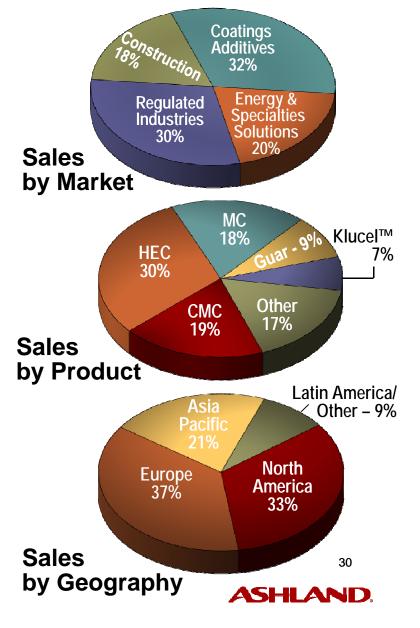
A global leader in managing rheology of water-based systems

Trailing 12 Months Ended June 30, 2011 Sales: \$1.0 billion Adjusted EBITDA: \$224 million¹ Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 21.8%¹

	Business Overview						
Customers • Diversified, global customer base							
Products	 Broad product line based on renewable resources 						
Troducto	 Water-soluble polymers (cellulose ethers and guar derivatives) 						
	 Regulated markets 						
	- Personal care						
	- Pharmaceutical						
Markets	- Food						
	 Water-based paints 						
	 Oilfield (chemicals and drilling muds) 						
	Construction						



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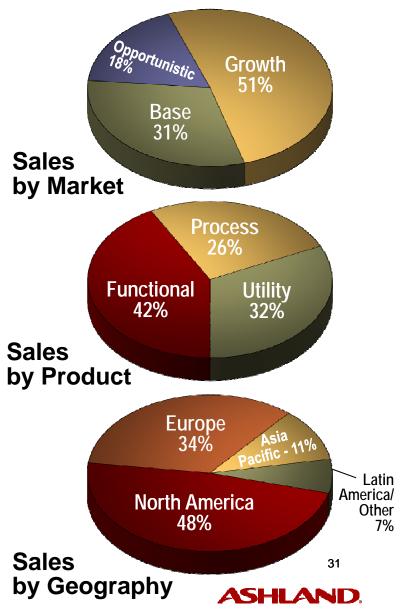
Ashland Hercules Water Technologies

A major global supplier of process and functional chemicals

Trailing 12 Months Ended June 30, 2011 Sales: \$1.9 billion Adjusted EBITDA: \$175 million¹ Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 9.3%¹

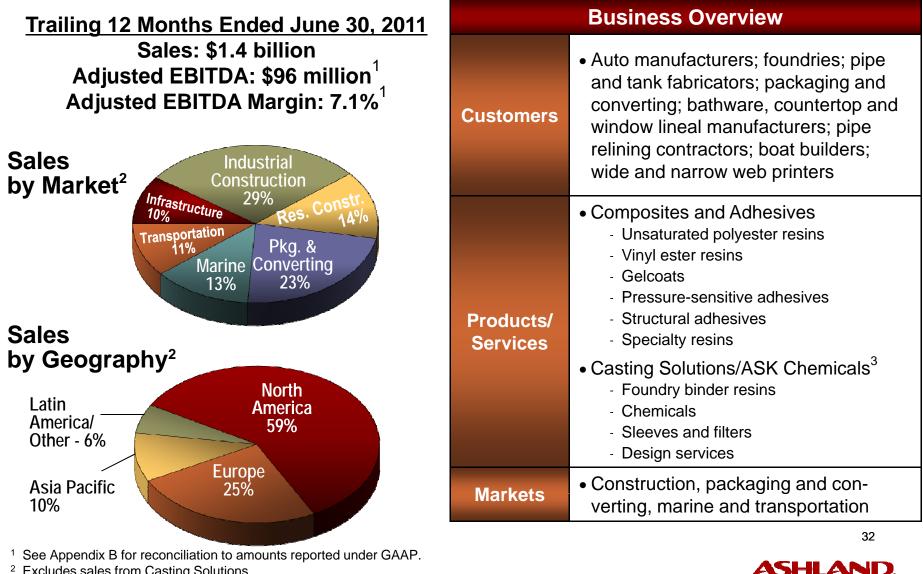
Business Overview										
Customers/ Markets	 Growth Commercial and institutional Food and beverage Mining Base Printing and writing Specialty chemicals General manufacturing 									
	 Opportunistic Lubricants Municipal 	- Basic chemicals/ other								
Products/	 Process chemicals: microbial and contaminant control, pulping aids, retention aids and defoamers 									
 Services Utility water treatments Functional chemicals: sizing/strength 										

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Ashland Performance Materials

A global leader in specialty chemicals

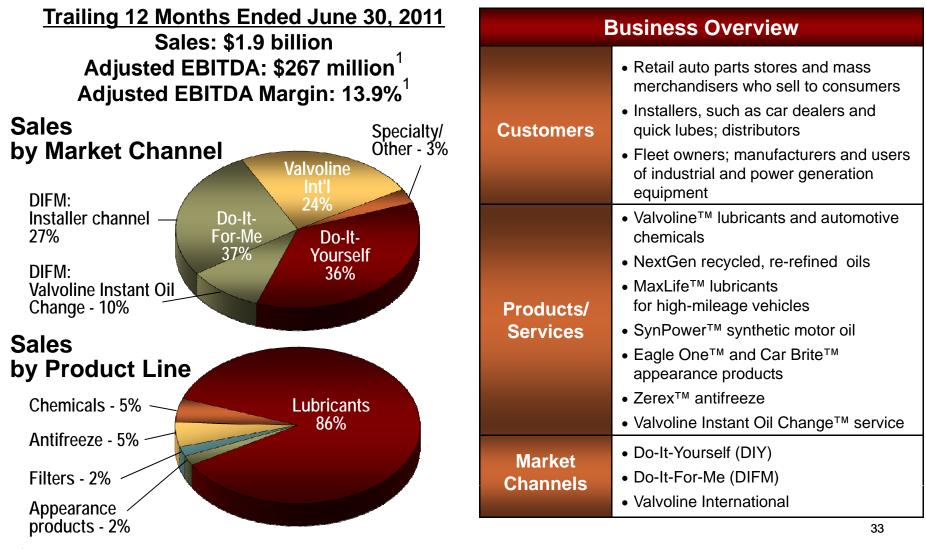


² Excludes sales from Casting Solutions.

³ Joint venture launched in December 2010. Ashland retains 50% interest.

Ashland Consumer Markets: A leading worldwide

marketer of premium-branded automotive lubricants and chemicals



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Appendix B: Reclassifications and Regulation G Reconciliations

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data for the 12 Months Ended June 30, 2011

(\$ millions, except percentages)

Sales	Q3 11	Q2 11	Q1 11	Q4 10	Total	
Functional Ingredients	303	270	216	239	1,028	
Water Technologies	490	471	451	462	1,874	
Performance Materials	352	325	326	353	1,356	
Consumer Markets	522	491	440	462	1,915	
Total	1,667	1,557	1,433	1,516	6,173	
						EBITDA
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	Q3 11	Q2 11	Q1 11	Q4 10	Total	Margin
Functional Ingredients	74	64	43	43	224	21.8%
Water Technologies	43	47	45	40	175	9.3%
Performance Materials	24	20	26	26	96	7.1%
Consumer Markets	61	71	74	61	267	13.9%
Unallocated	(8)	(10)	(13)	(8)	(39)	
Total	194	192	175	162	723	

¹ Calculation of adjusted EBITDA for each quarter has been reconciled within each quarterly earnings release filed with the SEC and posted on Ashland's website.





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