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**Millennium Chemicals**  
**May 2004**

**AGENDA**

**Lyondell / Millennium Chemicals Merger**

**TiO<sub>2</sub> update**

**Millennium s value offering**

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**Lyondell Merger Update**

**What is being announced**

**Creates the third largest independent publicly traded chemical company in North America**

**Leading integrated commodity and intermediates chemical businesses with leadership positions across range of market segments**

**Combined revenues of over \$11 billion**

**Combined market cap of nearly \$4 billion**

**Millennium will combine with Lyondell in a stock-for-stock transaction**

**Significant Market Positions**

**1st Propylene oxide and styrene monomer globally**

**2nd Ethylene and propylene in North America**

**2nd TiO<sub>2</sub> globally**

**2nd Acetic acid and VAM in North America**

**3rd Polyethylene in North America**

**58.75% stake in largest extra heavy crude refinery in North America**

**Rationale for the merger**

**Greater diversity better enables weathering of economic and industry cycles**

**Increased global footprint**

**Simplified ownership of Equistar, enhancing ability for future opportunities in the chemical industry**

**Greater scale provides greater access to capital and other resources**

**Opportunity for operational synergies**

**Key benefits**

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**Expected Company Structure  
and Timing**

**During transition period, no change to existing  
leadership or organizational structure**

**Combined company will be named Lyondell**

**Dan Smith will continue as CEO upon merger**

**Reporting structures not yet determined**

**Structure**

**Expect transaction will be completed in the third quarter  
of 2004**

**Requires shareholder approval of both companies**

**Requires regulatory approval**

**Timing**

**Millennium TiO<sub>2</sub> Update**

**MILLENNIUM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Leading market positions**

**Favorable industry dynamics**

**Broad product portfolio**

**Strong global reach**

**14 plants on 4 continents**

**Sales and distribution in over 90 countries**

**Over 41% of 2002 sales outside of the United States**

**STRONG GLOBAL REACH**

**Baltimore, MD**

**Perth/  
Bunbury, WA**

**Bahia**

**Paraiba**

**Ashtabula, OH**

**Thann**

**LeHavre**

**Stallingborough**

**Jacksonville, FL**

**Houston, TX**

**Shanghai**

**Colonel s Island, GA**

**Singapore**

**Sydney**

**Hong Kong**

**Japan**

**Korea**

**Brussels**

**São Paulo**

**BUSINESS PRIORITIES**

**Achieve world-class cost profile in core businesses**

**Focus on the customer by continuing to provide highly competitive products and services**

**Improve financial flexibility through debt reduction**

**TiO<sub>2</sub> Business Update**

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Source: Consensus Forecast (April 5, 2004)

**Real GDP % Change YOY**

**Region**

**North America**

**C&S America**

**Western Europe**

**Eastern Europe**

**Middle East & Africa**

**Asia Pacific**

**World**

All major regions are expected to post stronger economic growth in 2004 compared with 2003.

**2.5**

**(1.2)**

**1.1**

**4.6**

**1.8**

**2.3**

**1.9**

**3.0**

**1.5**

**0.8**

**5.5**

**3.2**

**3.8**

2.6

4.4

4.2

2.0

5.0

2.5

4.3

3.7

3.2

3.3

3.0

4.9

2.2

3.8

3.7

2002   2003   2004   2005

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**TiO<sub>2</sub> GROWTH**  
**Long-term Forecast**

-

**500**

**1,000**

**1,500**

**2,000**

**3,000**

**3,500**

**4,000**

**4,500**

**5,000**

**2,500**

**1980**

**1985**

**1990**

**1995**

**2000**

**2005**

**Demand (000 MT)**

**Actual**

**Forecast**

**CAGR = 2.2%**

**TiO<sub>2</sub> GROWTH  
2002 - 2007 CAGR S**

**Region**

**Coatings**

**Plastics**

**Paper/Other**

**Total**

**North America**

**1.3%**

**2.6%**

**-2.3%**

**0.9%**

**C&S America**

**1.9%**

**1.8%**

**2.4%**

**1.9%**

**Brazil**

**2.6%**

**2.6%**

**2.6%**

**2.6%**

**Other Mercosur**

**1.1%**

**1.1%**

**2.6%**

**1.2%**

**Europe**

**1.2%**

**2.3%**

**1.9%**

**1.6%**

**Western Europe**

**1.2%**

**2.4%**

**2.0%**

**1.7%**

**EEMEA**

**1.3%**

**2.2%**

**1.7%**

**1.5%**

**Asia Pacific**

**2.9%**

**4.6%**

**1.7%**

**3.1%**

**China**

**5.6%**

**7.5%**

**2.6%**

**5.5%**

**Japan**

**-0.4%**

**1.1%**

**0.8%**

**0.2%**

**Total World**

**1.9%**

**3.0%**

**0.6%**

**2.0%**

**Businesses/Markets**

Source: Millennium Chemicals

**2004 DEMAND UPDATE**

**Demand (000 MT)**

**Actual**

**Estimate**

**Outlook**

**%**

**Region**

**2002**

**2003**

**2004**

**03 vs. 02**

**04 vs. 03**

**North America**

**1,336**

**1,289**

**1,340**

**-3.5%**

**4.0%**

**C&S America**

**195**

**199**

**211**

**2.0%**

**6.0%**

**Europe**

**1,556**

**1,493**

**1,568**

**-4.0%**

**5.0%**

**Asia Pacific**

**1,041**

**1,082**

**1,147**

**4.0%**

**6.0%**

**Total World**

**4,127**

**4,063**

**4,267**

**-1.5%**

**5.0%**

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**TiO<sub>2</sub> DEMAND OUTLOOK**

Demand is expected to rebound 5-7% in 2004. The 0.8% increase in 2005 and the subsequent 2.2-2.1% growth thereafter is a return back to a 1990-2003 trend line.

**5.9%**

**-1.9%**

**8.6%**

**6.6%**

**5.6%**

**3.3%**

**7.2%**

**5.8%**

**3.1%**

**-5.9%**

**0.2%**

**5.9%**

**1.9%**

**8.7%**

**-0.3%**

**0.2%**

**9.6%**

**-4.3%**

**4.3%**

**5.2%**

**-4.3%**

**10.0%**

**-1.5%**



**5.0%**

**0.8%**

**2.1%**

**2.1%**

**2.2%**

**0**

**500**

**1,000**

**1,500**

**2,000**

**2,500**

**3,000**

**3,500**

**4,000**

**4,500**

**5,000**

**1980**

**1982**

**1984**

**1986**

**1988**

**1990**

**1992**

**1994**

**1996**

**1998**

**2000**

**2002**

**2004**

**2006**

**2008**

**000 MT**

**-8%**

**-6%**

**-4%**

**-2%**

**0%**

**2%**

**4%**

**6%**

**8%**

**10%**

**12%**

**Y-O-Y % Δ**

**Actual**

**Trend Line Forecast**

**Actual**

**Trend Line Forecast**

**MCH INSTALLED CAPACITY**

**MCH will rationalize certain equipment at its Le Havre, France sulfate plant in Q2-04, which will reduce that plant's rated capacity from 95k mt/year to 65k mt/year. However, MCH will recognize an aggregate gain of 10k mt/year of production capacity at its Ashtabula, Ohio and Australian chloride plants, primarily due to reliability improvements. Thus, in Q2-04, MCH's total net reduction of production capacity will be 20k mt/year.**

**Installed Capacity (000 mt/year)**

<b>Plant</b>
<b>Process</b>
<b>2003</b>
<b>2004</b>
<b>04 vs '03</b>
Ashtabula, Ohio
Chloride
210
215
5
HPP, Baltimore
Chloride
50
50
-

Bahia, Brazil

Sulfate

60

60

-

Le Havre, France

Sulfate

95

65

(30)

Thann, France

Sulfate

30

30

-

Stallingborough, U.K.

Chloride

150

150

-

Kemerton, Australia

Chloride

95

100

5

**Total**

**690**

**670**

**(20)**

% Chloride

73%

77%

3.7

pp

% Sulfate

27%

23%

(3.7)pp

17

**INDUSTRY INSTALLED CAPACITY**

**1999**

**DuPont**

**21%**

**Millennium**

**16%**

**Kerr-**

**McGee**

**9%**

**Tioxide**

**13%**

**Kronos**

**10%**

**ISK**

**5%**

**Kemira**

**7%**

**Others**

**19%**

**2004**

**DuPont**

**23%**

**Millennium**

**14%**

**Tioxide**

**12%**

**Kronos**

**10%**

**ISK**

**4%**

**Kemira**

**3%**

**Others**

**20%**

**Kerr-**

**McGee**

**14%**

**% Share Total Capacity**

**4.447 million mtpa**

**% Share Total Capacity**

**4.748 million mtpa**

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**INDUSTRY INSTALLED CAPACITY**

19

**Producer**

**000 MT**

**% Share**

**% Chloride**

DuPont

1,095

23%

100%

Millennium

670

14%

77%

Kerr-McGee

668

14%

76%

Huntsman Tioxide

558

12%

29%

Kronos

475

10%

69%

Total Top Five

3,466

73%

75%

ISK

205

4%

55%

Kemira

130

3%

0%

Others

947

20%

15%

Total World

4,748

100%

60%

**2004 Installed Capacity**

**TITANIUM DIOXIDE  
Demand vs Supply Growth**

5.0%

0.8%

2.2%

2.1%

2.1%

0.7%

-0.6%

0.5%

0.4%

0.1%

0.2%

2.4%

-1%

0%

1%

2%

3%

4%

5%

6%

2004

2005

2006

2007

**2008**

**03-08**

**CAGR**

**Announced Capacity Growth**

**Projected Demand Growth**

20

**TITANIUM DIOXIDE  
Capacity Rationalization**

**Millennium:**

**Reduced sulfate capacity by 30k mt/year at Le Havre, France (2004).**

**Idled sulfate production line at Hawkins Point facility, 44k mt/year (2001).**

**Kerr-McGee:**

**Idled one sulfate production line at the Savannah facility, 27k mt/year (2004).**

**Closed Antwerp sulfate production facility, 30k mt/year (2001).**

**Huntsman:**

**Reduced sulfate capacity by 40k mt/year at Grimsby, U.K. (2004).**

**Reduced sulfate capacity by 15k mt/year at Umbogintwini, South Africa (2004).**

**Industry:**

**The sulfate capacity reductions in 2004 total 112k mt/year, and represent 2% of total industry capacity and 6% of total sulfate capacity.**

**TiO<sub>2</sub> Producer Update**

NL Industries spins off Kronos to shareholders

Sachtleben parent announces sale of TiO<sub>2</sub> business

Lyondell to buy Millennium Chemicals

Kerr McGee to merge with Westport

Dupont announces 6% global workforce reduction

**CAPACITY-DEMAND BALANCE**

**97%**

**91%**

**87%**

**86%**

**85%**

**91%**

**92%**

**94%**

**95%**

**84%**

**85%**

**90%**

**87%**

**84%**

**89%**

**84%**

**86%**

**89%**

**87%**

**2,500**

**3,000**

**3,500**

**4,000**

**4,500**

**5,000**

2,000

5,500

6,000

1990

1992

1994

1996

1998

2000

2002

2004

2006

2008

60%

65%

70%

75%

80%

85%

90%

95%

100%

**Demand-Capacity Ratio**

**Effective Capacity**

**Demand**

**Demand-Capacity Ratio**



**Outlook**

The Demand/Capacity ratio is projected at 91% in 2004, which is above the historical price support level. We anticipate that the market will be characterized by excess demand, which will create upward pressure on price.

**Global Average Price Cycle and the D/C Ratio**

**-15%**

**-10%**

**-5%**

**0%**

**5%**

**10%**

**15%**

**Price as a % of Trend**

**80%**

**82%**

**84%**

**86%**

**88%**

**90%**

**92%**

**Demand/Capacity**

**Demand/Capacity (t-1)**

**Price as % of Trend**

**PRICE AND THE CAPACITY-DEMAND  
BALANCE**

24

**2003**

**2002**

**2001**

**2000**

**1999**

**1998**

**1997**

**1996**

**1995**

**1994**

**1993**

**1992**

**1991**

**TITANIUM DIOXIDE  
Global Price Increase Announcements**

**2003**

**Australia**

**Asia**

**Central & South America**

**Europe, MEA**

**North America**

**2004 Q1**

**North America**

**Asia**

**Middle East & Africa**

**Central & South America**

**2004 Q2**

**MEA, Asia**

**C&SA**

**Region**

**Announced Amount**

25

**A \$100 pmt**

**US \$100 pmt**

**US \$100 pmt**

**100 pmt**

**US \$0.06, CAN \$ 0.08 per pound**

**US \$0.05, CAN \$ 0.06 per pound**

**US \$150 pmt**

**120 pmt or US \$150 pmt**

**US \$100 pmt**

**US \$100 pmt**

**US\$ 150 pmt**

**Value Offering:**

**Better Products and Services**

**Safety / Environment**

**Management commitment**

**Training / employee involvement**

**Accountability**

**Environmental Reportable Incidents**

**0**

**200**

**400**

**600**

**800**

**1,000**

**1,200**

**1998**

**1999**

**2000**

**2001**

**2002**

**2003**

**0.00**

**1.00**

**2.00**

**3.00**

**4.00**

**5.00**

**6.00**

**1995**

**1996**

**1999**

**2002**

**2003**

**Recordable Incidents - TRIR**

**1998**

**2000**

**1997**

**2001**

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**Six Sigma Process**

**Customer-focused  
improvement**

**Disciplined approach to  
improve processes**

**Variance cost savings**

**Grass Roots Implementation**

**Six Sigma Benefits**

**0**

**5**

**10**

**15**

**20**

**25**

**30**

**35**

**40**

**2001**

**2002**

**2003**

**2004E**

**28**

**New product technology for high  
efficiency**

**Committed to investment in R&D**

**Excellent understanding and penetration  
of target markets**

**Superior performance products delivering  
value to customers**

**New products launched and further  
development continues**

**Support and expertise to enhance your  
business**

**PRODUCT LINE EVOLUTION  
The Rationale**

*Millennium provides superior global products*

**Coatings**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> 596 - the durable multipurpose**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> 595 - next generation multipurpose**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> 696 - next generation superdurable**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> 568 - multipurpose sulfate rutile product**

**Plastics**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> 696 - next generation product for superdurable applications**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> 90 - general purpose masterbatch product**

**Two new sulphate masterbatch products are under development**

**Paper**

**Tiona<sup>®</sup> RCL-722 - designed for use in paper laminates**

**PRODUCT LINE EVOLUTION**

**Coatings, Plastics, Paper**

**ULTRAFINE TITANIUM DIOXIDE**

Millennium Performance Chemicals produces a wide range of Ultrafine Titanium Dioxide products. These products have nanometer particle size and may be a colloidal suspension (a sol) or an agglomerated powder.

The applications for these products include:

DeNO<sub>x</sub> SCR Catalysis (stationary and mobile)

Post-combustion Catalysis (other than DeNO<sub>x</sub>)

Fine Chemistry catalysis

Claus Catalysis

Photocatalysis

Coloured Pigments

Electroceramics and Electronics

Additives

**MARKET UPDATE**

**Global macroeconomic environment continuing to improve. Experts anticipate global economic growth of 3.7% this year year, compared with 2.6% last year.**

**Demand contracted slightly in 2003, but is expected to rebound  $\approx$  5-7% in 2004 as global economic conditions continue to improve.**

**Declining demand through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2003 resulted in a market characterized by excess supply, creating downward pressure on price. However, a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rebound and stronger growth this year should push the Demand-Capacity Ratio above the price support level, resulting in higher prices.**

**Supply growth not keeping up with demand growth due to low industry profitability.**

**Improved product, selling and service offerings implemented to improve total offering to customers**

**On average, price will be higher in 2004 due to the tightening capacity-demand balance.**

**A linear trend model yields a long-term annual average growth rate of 2.2-2.4%.**