

# **Earnings Teleconference**

First Quarter / Fiscal 2014



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## Q1 2014 Highlights

- Volume improvements drove 30% increase in year over year adjusted EPS
- Double-digit year over year volume growth in Reinforcement
  Materials and Performance Materials
- Strong quarter for Advanced Technologies operating income
- Completion of NHUMO acquisition strengthens leadership position in carbon black
- ♦ Commercialization of new China carbon black plant progressing well



## **Global Environment**

#### 2014

- Improved tire and automotive demand
- Growing infrastructure spending
- European recovery
- Solid growth in emerging markets





## **Q1 2014 Cabot Operating Results**

	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013
Total Segment EBIT (in millions)	\$113	\$89	\$98
Adjusted EPS	\$0.86	\$0.66	\$0.78
Adjusted EBITDA (in millions)	\$150	\$127	\$135

#### Q1 2014 Year over Year Total Segment EBIT increased \$24 million

- Volumes increased across most of the segments
- Commercialization of new capacity
- Elastomer Composites technology payment
- Lower Purification Solutions EBIT

#### Q1 2014 Total Segment EBIT increased \$15 million sequentially

- Volumes increased in Reinforcement Materials
- ♦ Favorable impact from replenished inventory levels



## **Reinforcement Materials Segment**

#### **Operating Performance**

In millions	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013
Net sales	\$517	\$475	\$482
Segment EBIT	\$64	\$50	\$47

#### **Key Highlights**

- First quarter volumes improved 15% year over year and 7% sequentially
- Addition of new capacity in China and Mexico
- Raw material and fixed cost benefits

- Tire and automotive demand expected to increase in 2014
- One-time benefits not expected to repeat
- Commercialization of new China capacity progressing well



## **Performance Materials Segment**

#### **Operating Performance**

In millions	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013
Net sales	\$217	\$196	\$232
Segment EBIT	\$34	\$27	\$33

#### **Key Highlights**

- First quarter volumes increased 16% in Specialty Carbons and Compounds and 5% in Fumed Metal Oxides year over year
- Lower costs associated with replenishing inventory levels

- Expect continued recovery in Europe and growth in China
- Growth forecasted in automotive and infrastructure-related industries
- Commercial ramp-up of new products for silicones and plastics



## **Advanced Technologies Segment**

#### **Operating Performance**

In millions	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013
Net sales	\$65	\$38	\$74
Segment EBIT	\$24	\$7	\$26

#### **Key Highlights**

- Strong Specialty Fluids operating results
- Elastomer Composites royalties and technology milestone payment

- Lower levels of activity for Specialty
  Fluids expected in coming months; longterm pipeline of projects robust
- CEC royalties to continue, but technology payment non-recurring



## **Purification Solutions Segment**

#### **Operating Results**

In millions	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013
Net sales	\$77	\$93	\$90
Segment EBITDA	\$5	\$18	\$7

#### **Key Highlights**

- EBITDA decline driven by lower volumes and higher costs
- Higher costs associated with increased maintenance activity and indirect allocations
- Successful with recent price increases

- Plans in place to improve performance
- Recent wins in activated carbon supply and equipment contracts signals MATS implementation on track
- Confident in long-term growth of the business



## **Corporate Financials**

- ♦ Liquidity remains strong at \$464 million
- Capital expenditures of \$42 million
- Use of \$66 million of cash for NHUMO acquisition
- ♦ Increased net working capital by \$164 million, including NHUMO
- Forecasted operating tax rate between 26% and 28% for fiscal 2014



## **Conclusion**

#### **OUTLOOK**

 Growth expected in key end markets

 Actively developing new products for various applications and markets

 Confident in ability to deliver earnings growth











