

LANXESS Q2 2005 Financial Summary for Investors and Analysts

- Sales increased by 11.1% from 1,67bn to 1,86bn
- EBITDA pre exceptionals improves by 41.7% to €163 m from €115 m in prior year's second quarter
- "Price before volume"-strategy is consistently and successfully implemented
- Increase of FY 2005 guidance

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Business Overview

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LANXESS Group

- Sales Deviation: Price: +8%, Volume +4%, Currency -1% (approximate numbers)
- Sales growth on the basis of strong pricing and risen volumes
- Strategy changes and improving cost structures yielding results
- Margin expansion despite high raw material costs
- Net financial debt increased mainly on higher business volume and risen working capital compared to year-end 2004, however on stable level versus Q1 2005

Performance Rubber

- Sales Deviation: Price: +13%, Volume +6%, Currency -1% (approximate numbers)
- Higher sales in all BUs - increased selling prices in PBR and BTR as well as higher volumes in TRP, overall offsetting increased raw material costs
- BTR remains on high profitability level, change in PBR business model continues to yield results: strong pricing with marginal loss of volume, supported by improved cost structures
- Some volume improvement in TRP, still showing need for restructuring to achieve satisfying profitability levels.

Engineering Plastics

- Sales Deviation: Price: +7%, Volume -2%, Currency -1% (approximate numbers)
- Sales increased on strong SCP volumes and higher selling prices, offsetting weaker STY and FIB sales
- Contract prices for major raw materials (styrene, cyclohexane) were on comparable level to Q1 or higher, with butadiene being substantially above Q1 level
- Net of impairment reversal in 2004, STY on comparable profitability level to last year

Chemical Intermediates

- Sales Deviation: Price: +8%, Volume +20%, Currency -1% (approximate numbers)
- Overall higher volumes and improved pricing due to raw material cost increases in BAC and IPG contributed to sales growth
- EBITDA increased on strong overall performance in BAC and improvement in FCH
- FCH higher volumes in agro chemicals and stronger pharma sales
- Slightly increased prices and volumes in IPG, not offsetting higher raw material costs.
- Exceptionals due to €2 million capex write-off and €4 million impairment in FCH

Performance Chemicals

- Sales Deviation: Price: +7%, Volume -2%, Currency –1% (approximate numbers)
- Slight increase in Sales mainly on stronger pricing for RUC and higher volumes and prices for LEA, as well as higher ION prices
- RUC, RCH, FCC and LEA contribute to improved EBITDA, counteracting risen raw material costs mainly for LEA and ION
- EBIT distorted by absence of €21 million RCH impairment in Q2 2004
- Exceptionals in EBITDA include RUC anti-trust charges of €7 million in Q2 2004 and €1 million in Q2 2005

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2005 Outlook and underlying assumptions

Assumptions:

- Exchange rate €1.0 = ~USD1.25
- Continuous supportive economic environment
- Q3 somewhat weaker versus Q2 due to summer vacation in customer industries („summer dip“)
- Restructuring expenses expected predominantly in Q3 2005

Guidance:

- Moderate sales growth in H2 2005 versus previous year
- FY 2005 EBITDA pre exceptionals expected €550-€560 million
- Capex for FY 2005 at lower end of €250-270 million range
- FY 2005 Depreciation and Amortization ~€250 million
- P&L tax rate for full year 2005 expected below 30%

Details on further restructuring measures will be provided in the Q2 presentation and the conference call this afternoon at 03:00pm CET.

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Forward-Looking Statements

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in € million

	LANXESS			Perf. Rubber			Eng. Plast.			Chem. Intern.			Perf. Chem.			Recon.		
	Q2 '04	Q2 '05	Chg. in %	Q2 '04	Q2 '05	Chg. in %	Q2 '04	Q2 '05	Chg. in %	Q2 '04	Q2 '05	Chg. in %	Q2 '04	Q2 '05	Chg. in %	Q2 '04	Q2 '05	Chg. in %
Sales	1673	1859	11%	368	432	17%	431	448	4%	320	406	27%	490	511	4%	64	62	-3%
Price*			8%			13%			7%			8%			7%			n.m.
Volume*			4%			6%			-2%			20%			-2%			n.m.
Currency*			-1%			-1%			-1%			-1%			-1%			n.m.
EBIT	10	77	>100%	14	52	>100%	17	-6	n.m.	2	34	>100%	-3	41	n.m.	-20	-44	n.m.
Deprec. & amortizat.	87	83	-5%	24	16	-33%	-9	20	n.m.	29	25	-14%	39	16	-59%	4	6	50%
EBITDA	97	160	65%	38	68	79%	8	14	75%	31	59	90%	36	57	58%	-16	-38	n.m.
exceptionals in EBITDA	18	3	-83%	11	2	-82%	0	0	n.m.	0	0	n.m.	7	1	-86%	0	0	n.m.
EBITDA pre excep.	115	163	42%	49	70	43%	8	14	75%	31	59	90%	43	58	35%	-16	-38	n.m.
normalized D&A	74	63	-15%	24	16	-33%	5	8	60%	23	19	-17%	18	16	-11%	4	4	0%
EBIT pre excep.	41	100	>100%	25	54	>100%	3	6	100%	8	40	>100%	25	42	68%	-20	-42	n.m.
exceptionals in EBIT	31	23	-26%	11	2	-82%	-14	12	n.m.	6	6	0%	28	1	-96%	0	2	n.m.
Capex	54	48	-11%	18	15	-17%	8	9	13%	18	18	0%	10	14	40%	0	-8	n.m.
Net financial debt	1135**	1250	10%															

* approximate numbers

**per Dec. 31, 2004

