

Ongoing Business Profiles 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010

Strong Leadership Positions in Markets We Serve

Ashland

Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients

#1 global producer of cellulose ethers

Ashland Hercules Water **Technologies**

#1 global producer of specialty papermaking chemicals



Ashland Performance Materials

#1 global leader in unsaturated polyester resins and vinyl ester resins



Ashland Consumer **Markets** (Valvoline)

#3 passenger-car motor oil and #2 franchised quick-lube chain in the United States



Ashland Distribution¹

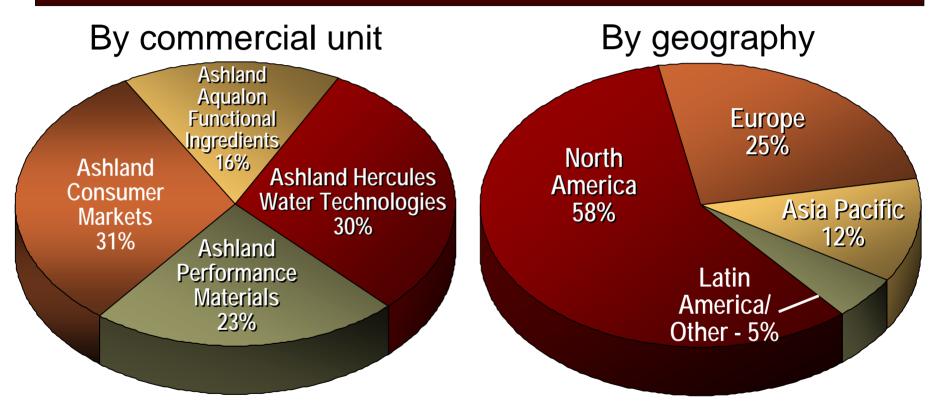
#2 North American and #3 global chemicals distributor





Corporate Profile

Sales¹: \$5.9 billion

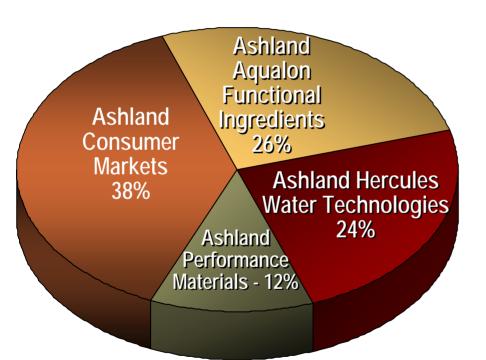


 42% of total sales come from outside North America



Corporate Profile

Adjusted EBITDA¹: \$719 million



| NYSE Ticker Symbol: | ASH |
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| Total Employees: | ~14,500 |
| Outside North America | 35% |
| Number of Countries in Which Ashland Has Sales: | More than 100 |

 Approximately 25% of EBITDA comes from products derived from renewable materials

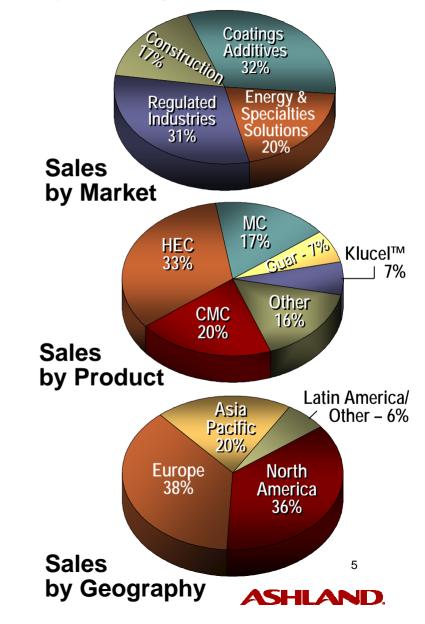


Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients

A global leader in managing rheology of aqueous systems

Trailing 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010
Sales: \$0.9 billion
Adjusted EBITDA: \$202 million¹
Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 21.9%¹

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



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Ashland Hercules Water Technologies

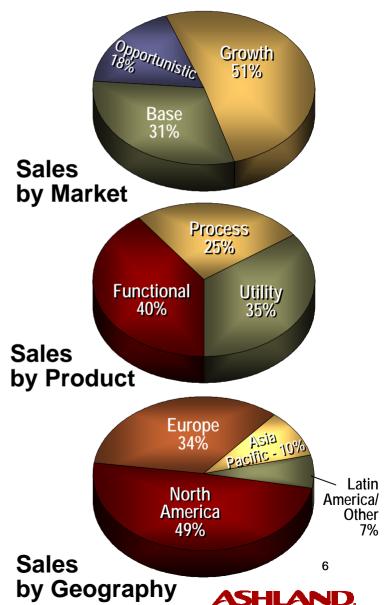
A major global supplier of process and functional chemicals

Trailing 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010

Sales: \$1.8 billion

Adjusted EBITDA: \$185 million¹ Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 10.3%¹

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



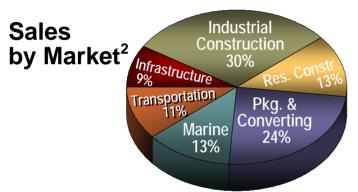
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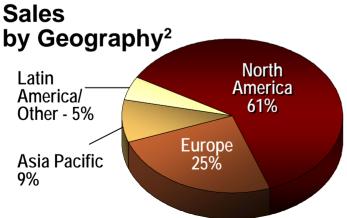
Ashland Performance Materials

A global leader in specialty chemicals

Trailing 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010

Sales: \$1.3 billion Adjusted EBITDA: \$94 million¹ Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 7.0%¹





Business Overview Auto manufacturers; foundries; pipe and tank fabricators; packaging and converting; bathware, countertop and **Customers** window lineal manufacturers; pipe relining contractors; boat builders; wide and narrow web printers Composites and Adhesives - Unsaturated polyester resins - Vinyl ester resins - Gelcoats - Pressure-sensitive adhesives Products/ Structural adhesives - Specialty resins Services Casting Solutions³ - Foundry binder resins - Chemicals - Sleeves and filters - Design services Construction, packaging and con-**Markets** verting, marine and transportation

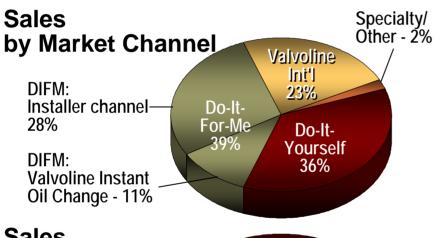
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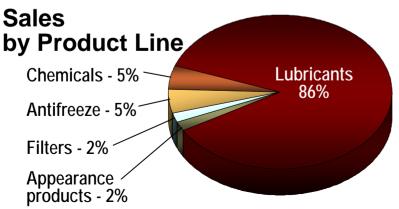
² Excludes sales of \$285 million from Casting Solutions.

³ Contributed in December 2010 to ASK Chemicals GmbH joint venture, of which Ashland retains a 50% interest.

Ashland Consumer Markets: A leading worldwide marketer of premium-branded automotive lubricants and chemicals

Trailing 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010
Sales: \$1.8 billion
Adjusted EBITDA: \$295 million¹
Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 16.4%¹





| Dusilless Overview | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Customers | Retail auto parts stores and mass merchandisers who sell to consumers Installers, such as car dealers and quick lubes; distributors Fleet owners; manufacturers and users of industrial and power generation equipment | |
| Products/ Services | Valvoline™ lubricants and automotive chemicals MaxLife™ lubricants for high-mileage vehicles SynPower™ synthetic motor oil Eagle One™ and Car Brite™ appearance products Zerex™ antifreeze Valvoline Instant Oil Change™ service | |
| Market Channels | Do-It-Yourself (DIY)Do-It-For-Me (DIFM)Valvoline International | |

Rusiness Overview

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Appendix

Regulation G: Adjusted Results

The information presented herein regarding certain unaudited adjusted results does not conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and should not be construed as an alternative to the reported results determined in accordance with GAAP. Management has included this non-GAAP information to assist in understanding the operating performance of the company and its segments. The non-GAAP information provided may not be consistent with the methodologies used by other companies. All non-GAAP information related to previous Ashland filings has been reconciled with reported GAAP results.

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data for the 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2010

(\$ millions, except percentages)

| Sales | Q1 11 | Q4 10 | Q3 10 | Q2 10 | Total |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Functional Ingredients | 216 | 239 | 227 | 240 | 922 |
| Water Technologies | 451 | 462 | 431 | 449 | 1,793 |
| Performance Materials | 326 | 353 | 357 | 304 | 1,340 |
| Consumer Markets | 440 | 462 | 463 | 430 | 1,795 |
| Total | 1,433 | 1,516 | 1,478 | 1,423 | 5,850 |

| | | | | | | EBITDA |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Adjusted EBITDA ¹ | Q1 11 | Q4 10 | Q3 10 | Q2 10 | Total | Margin |
| Functional Ingredients | 43 | 43 | 58 | 58 | 202 | 21.9% |
| Water Technologies | 45 | 40 | 48 | 52 | 185 | 10.3% |
| Performance Materials | 26 | 26 | 24 | 18 | 94 | 7.0% |
| Consumer Markets | 74 | 61 | 82 | 78 | 295 | 16.4% |
| Unallocated | (13) | (13) | (12) | (19) | (57) | |
| Total | 175 | 157 | 200 | 187 | 719 | |



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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