

LANXESS Q1 2006 Financial Summary for Investors and Analysts

- **Positive start of fiscal 2006 – EBITDA pre exceptionals improved by more than 13% to €205 m**
- **Transformation process: successful divestment of Fibers and Paper business units and effective restructuring**
- **Specified earnings guidance: €640 to €680 m EBITDA pre exceptionals for the full year 2006**

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Q1 Business Overview

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LANXESS Group

- Sales Deviation: Price: +5%, Volume -2%, Currency +4% (approximate numbers)
- Economic environment remains supportive with healthy demand
- Operationally a solid first quarter - Continued broad price push-through in light of strong increase in raw materials and energy
- Profitability increase mirrors success of restructuring efforts and improvement of cost structures despite risen raw material costs
- Further reduction of net financial debt on the basis of good operating results
- Restructuring continues and yields first results, fully on track
- Cash Flow: €24 m of cash out for restructuring, €32 m cash in from divestments - first portfolio measures completed (sale of iSL, PAP and FIB)
- Financials in line with our targets

Performance Rubber

- Sales Deviation: Price: +13%, Volume -6%, Currency +5% (approximate numbers)
- Sales growth driven by price increases across all BUs to compensate for higher raw material costs
- Profitability improvements in each BU. BTR effect from supplier outage will primarily come in Q2
- Remarkable improvement in TRP on the basis of price increases and restructuring
- Continuously strong PBR. Expected lower volumes in the weakening U.S. market were counteracted by production streamlining which led to improved cost structures

Engineering Plastics

- Sales Deviation: Price: +1%, Volume +6%, Currency +3% (approximate numbers)
- Sales growth due to risen volume in STY and SCP. FIB deteriorated in volume and price
- STY with good improvement despite higher raw material costs (acrylonitrile) on the basis of selling price and volume increases
- SCP with improved volumes and stable pricing not fully compensating significantly higher raw material prices. In addition comparison to exceptionally strong Q1 2005
- Loss making FIB left LANXESS

Chemical Intermediates

- Sales Deviation: Price: +1%, Volume -2%, Currency +3% (approximate numbers)
- Almost stable sales across all BUs. In profitability terms, Q1 is usually the strongest quarter
- BAC with robust performance on high level had to cope with risen toluene input costs
- Saltigo (SGO) with slight sales decrease due to somewhat weaker agro volumes but with increased profitability due to robust pharma sector and restructuring
- All segments contribute to profitability increase with SGO accounting for the majority

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Performance Chemicals

- Sales Deviation: Price: +5%, Volume -1%, Currency +4% (approximate numbers)
- Risen Sales on the basis of price increases in almost all BUs. Volume decreases mainly in TPC and RCH (as iSL business was divested) offset increases in other BUs
- EBITDA increased mainly due to strong results in LEA and RUC with improved pricing and volumes. However RUC is facing tougher competitive environment
- TPC with continued reduction of volumes caused by the "WTO effect"
- PAP leaves LANXESS after losses in Q1 but remnant costs remain (in '06 and '07)

2006 Outlook and underlying assumptions

Assumptions:

- We remain confident for the economic environment in 2006
- Raw materials volatile on high level
- Exchange rate €1.0 = ~USD1.25

Guidance:

- FY 2006 EBITDA pre exceptionals expected in a range of €640 - €680 m, which is in the upper half of the former 9-10% margin guidance on the basis of 2004 sales
- Capex at upper end of €250 - €270 m range
- Operational Depreciation and Amortization ~€250 m
- FY P&L tax rate expected around 30%
- Restructuring: expenses of ~€55 m and cash-outs of ~€155 m expected in '06
- Majority of extraordinary cash outs (restructuring, anti-trust) to come in forthcoming quarters

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Forward-Looking Statements

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- Financial Overview

in € million

	LANXESS			Perf. Rubber			Eng. Plast.			Chem. Intern.			Perf. Chem.			Recon.		
	Q1 05	Q1 06	Chg. in %	Q1 05	Q1 06	Chg. in %	Q1 05	Q1 06	Chg. in %	Q1 05	Q1 06	Chg. in %	Q1 05	Q1 06	Chg. in %	Q1 05	Q1 06	Chg. in %
Sales	1729	1836	6%	392	438	12%	414	456	10%	389	395	2%	478	517	8%	56	30	-46%
Price*			5%			13%			1%			1%			5%			n.m.
Volume*			-2%			-6%			6%			-2%			-1%			n.m.
Currency*			4%			5%			3%			3%			4%			n.m.
EBIT	116	125	8%	41	54	32%	24	14	-42%	47	55	17%	43	51	19%	-39	-49	n.m.
Deprec. & amortizat.	65	62	-5%	15	16	7%	11	8	-27%	18	16	-11%	15	17	13%	6	5	-17%
EBITDA	181	187	3%	56	70	25%	35	22	-37%	65	71	9%	58	68	17%	-33	-44	n.m.
exceptionals in EBITDA	0	18	n.m.	0	1	n.m.	0	0	n.m.	0	0	n.m.	0	1	n.m.	0	16	n.m.
EBITDA pre excep.	181	205	13%	56	71	27%	35	22	-37%	65	71	9%	58	69	19%	-33	-28	n.m.
normalized D&A	60	62	3%	15	16	7%	9	8	-11%	15	16	7%	15	17	13%	6	5	-17%
EBIT pre excep.	121	143	18%	41	55	34%	26	14	-46%	50	55	10%	43	52	21%	-39	-33	n.m.
exceptionals in EBIT	5	18	>100%	0	1	n.m.	2	0	-100%	3	0	-100%	0	1	n.m.	0	16	n.m.
Capex	51	37	-27%	9	10	11%	5	5	0%	9	9	0%	12	12	0%	16	1	-94%
Net financial debt	680	647	-5%															

* approximate numbers

