



# Dow Strategy Update

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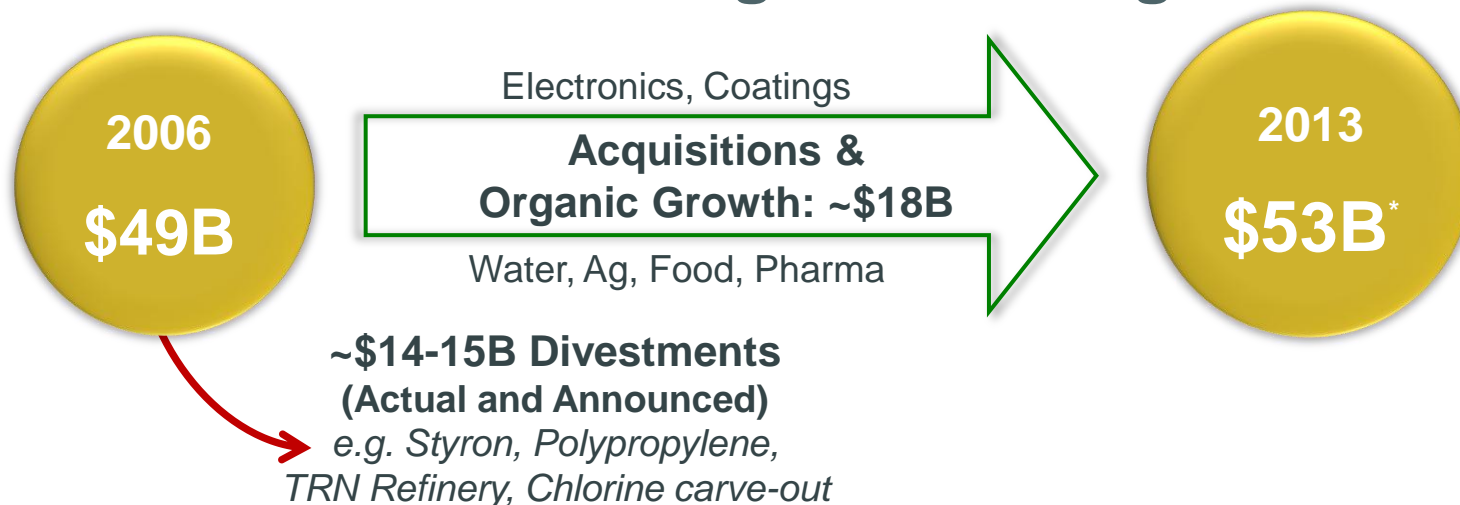
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# Significant Portfolio Change Drives Higher Earnings



## 2006-2013 Select Accomplishments

- Acquired and integrated Rohm and Haas
- Recrafted Plastics to high-value, attractive end-markets
- Invested \$1.7B/yr in R&D
- Announced carve-out of chlorine and Epoxy businesses

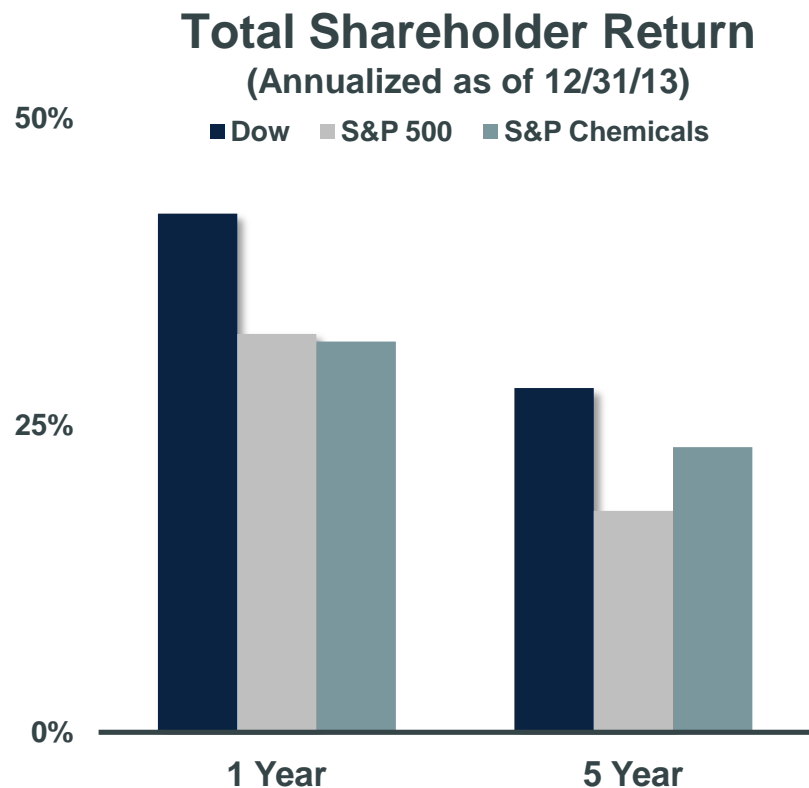
### Industry Evolution

*Maturing of chemicals/plastics led to significant consolidation, exits and entrances of SOEs*

# Focused Path to Drive Higher Results

## 2013 Key Achievements

- Delivered record cash flow from operations
- Grew adjusted FY13 EPS by 31%
- Exceeded cost savings target of \$500MM
- Announced planned carve-out of chlorine and Epoxy businesses
- Increased financial flexibility with \$3B of debt reduction
- Declared dividends per share and share repurchases increased nearly 30%



# Dow's Strategy Accelerates

## Focus on key markets and value chains

- Narrower and deeper focus on attractive, growth markets

## Shed non-strategic businesses

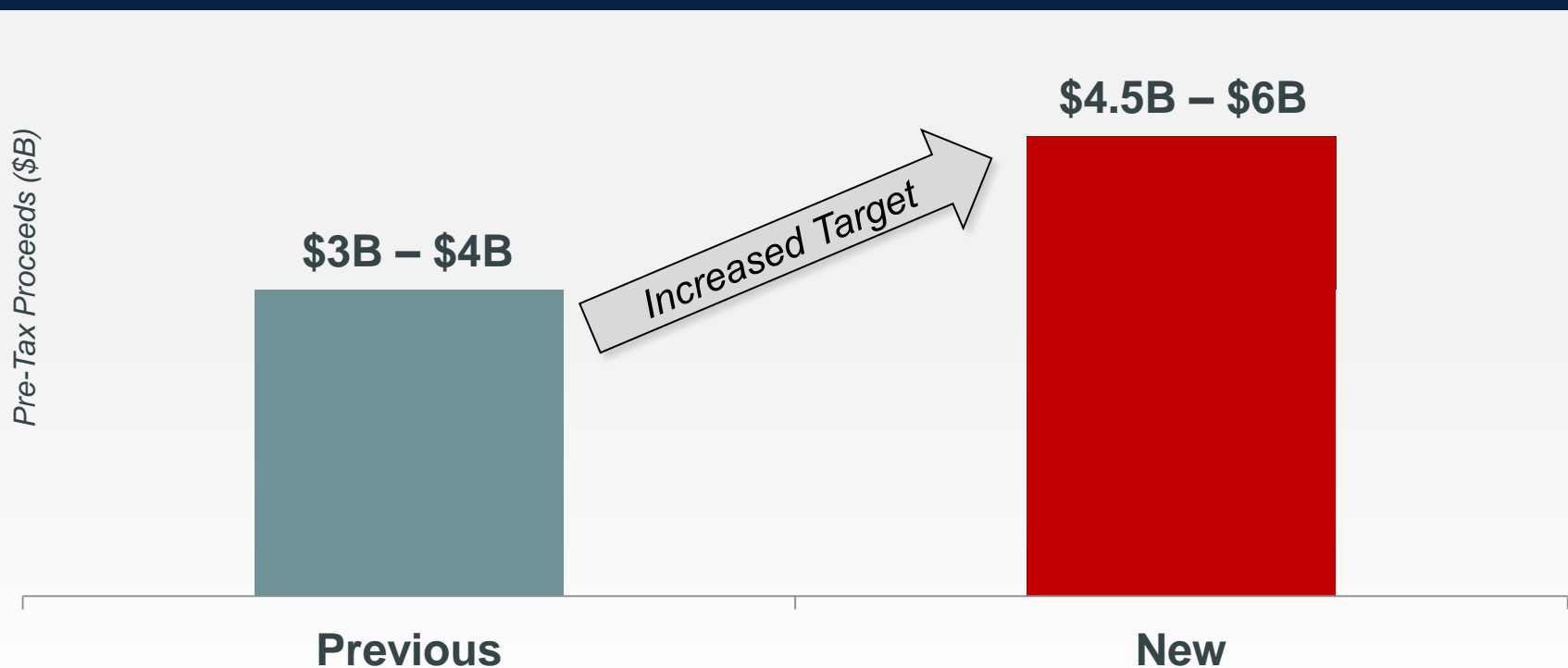
- **Early 2013:** Divestiture target of ~\$1.5B of non-strategic businesses
- **Dec. 2, 2013:** Increased divestiture target to \$3-4B with planned carve-out of chlorine and Epoxy businesses

## Remunerate shareholders

- Expanded share repurchase program to \$4.5B by YE2014 and raised dividend 15%

# Strategic Choices to Narrow Focus

**NEW – Increasing divestiture target by \$1.5-\$2B  
Total divestiture target raised to \$4.5-\$6B**



**Further actions will occur**

# Strategic Path Driven By Market Selection

<b>Chemicals</b> <i>(part of the Feedstocks &amp; Energy reporting segment)</i>	<b>Perf. Mat.</b>
<p>\$4-5B Revenue            15% of Dow's NBV            40 plants            11 sites            2,000 employees</p>	



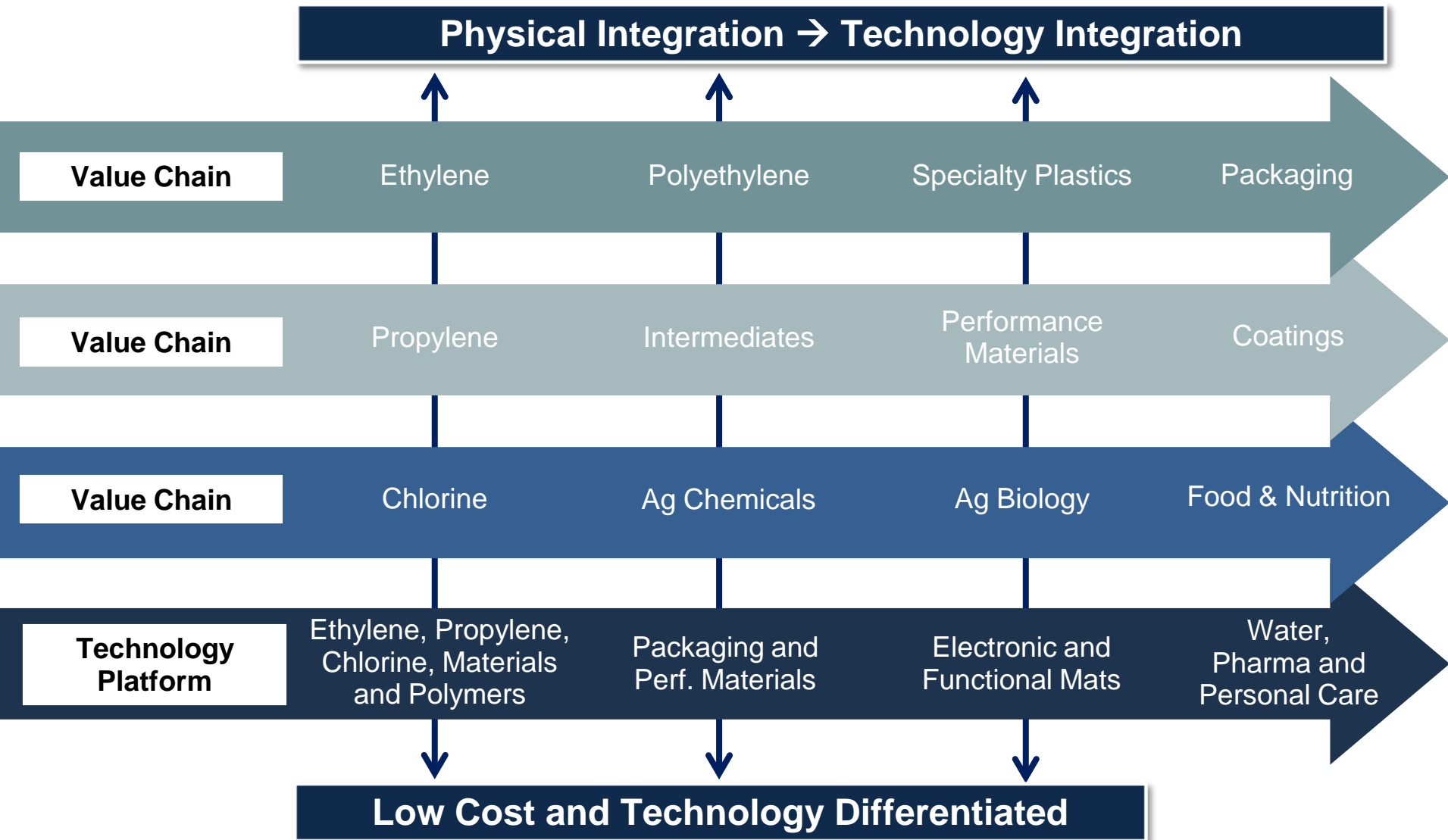
**Strategic choices to strengthen position in attractive markets through low cost and/or differentiation**



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# Dow's Core Value Chains



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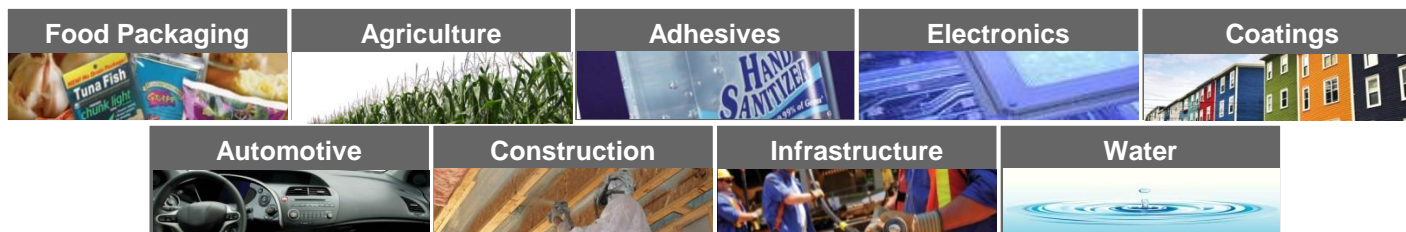
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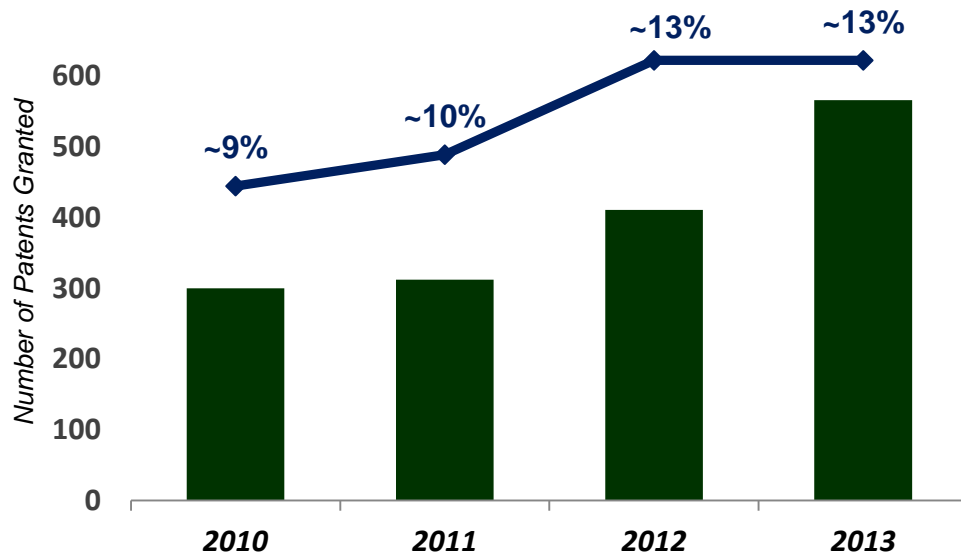
# Ongoing Investment In Leading Technologies

*Developing Innovative Solutions Aligned to Attractive Markets*



## Patent-Advantaged Products Deliver Higher Margins

◆ Margin Premium on Patent-Advantaged Products



## Dow Gains Innovation Momentum

- >560 patents granted in 2013, the highest number in our history
  - 24% CAGR since 2010
- More than 20% of 2013 revenue is from patent-advantaged products
- Market-driven and customer-focused differentiated products strengthen Dow's competitive advantage and deliver higher margins

# Innovation to Double EBITDA in Agricultural Sciences

## Product Launches Propel Earnings

### Crop Protection chemicals: ~\$300-400MM accretive EBITDA

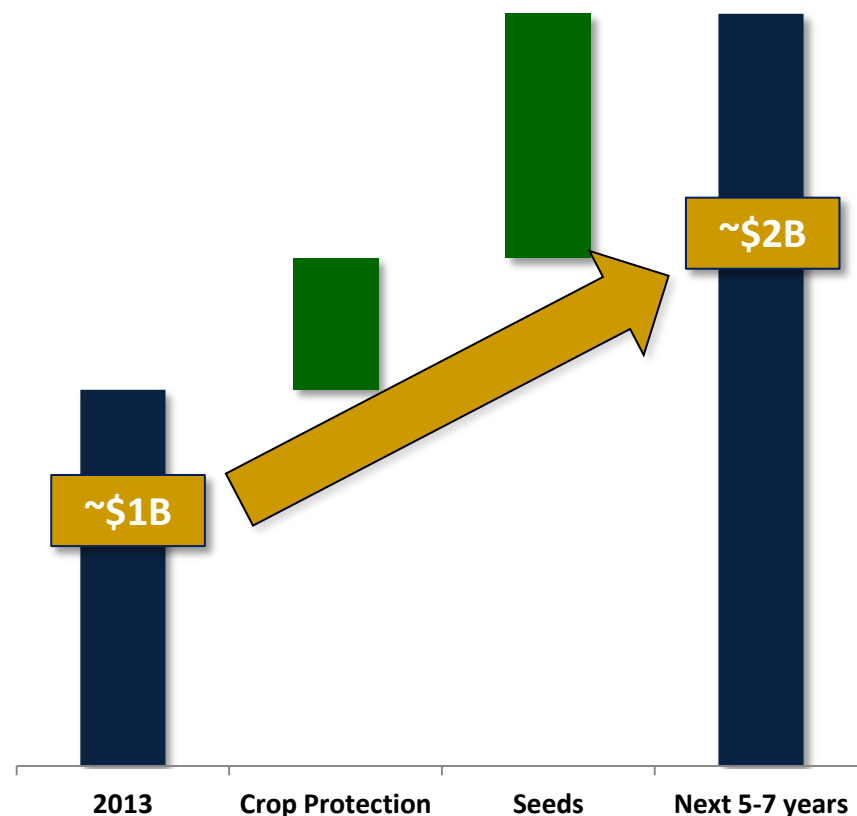
- Estimated maturity sales of new molecules to launch
  - Isoclast™ insecticide: >\$400MM
  - Arylex™ herbicide: >\$400MM
  - New broad spectrum herbicide: >\$200MM
  - New cereal fungicide: >\$200MM

### Seeds: ~\$600-\$700MM accretive EBITDA

- SmartStax®, Refuge Advanced® and PowerCore™
- Enlist™ Weed Control System\*

## Margin Expansion & Organic Growth

- Commercialization of best pipeline in Dow AgroSciences' history
- Achievement of scale benefits in Seeds
- Agriculture fundamentals drive long-term growth



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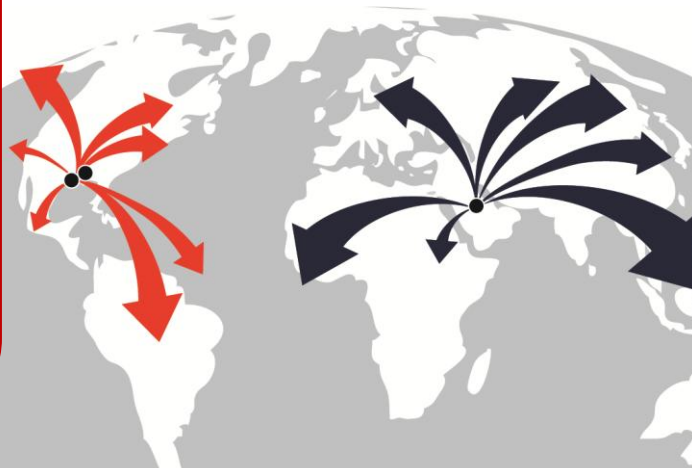
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# All Projects On Track for Planned Start-Up

## USGC Investments

- ~1,700 workers on-site, will double by 4Q14
- PDH engineering completed  
–Construction is ~20%
- Texas Ethylene engineering ~40% complete
- All long lead-time equipment ordered and permits on track



## Sadara

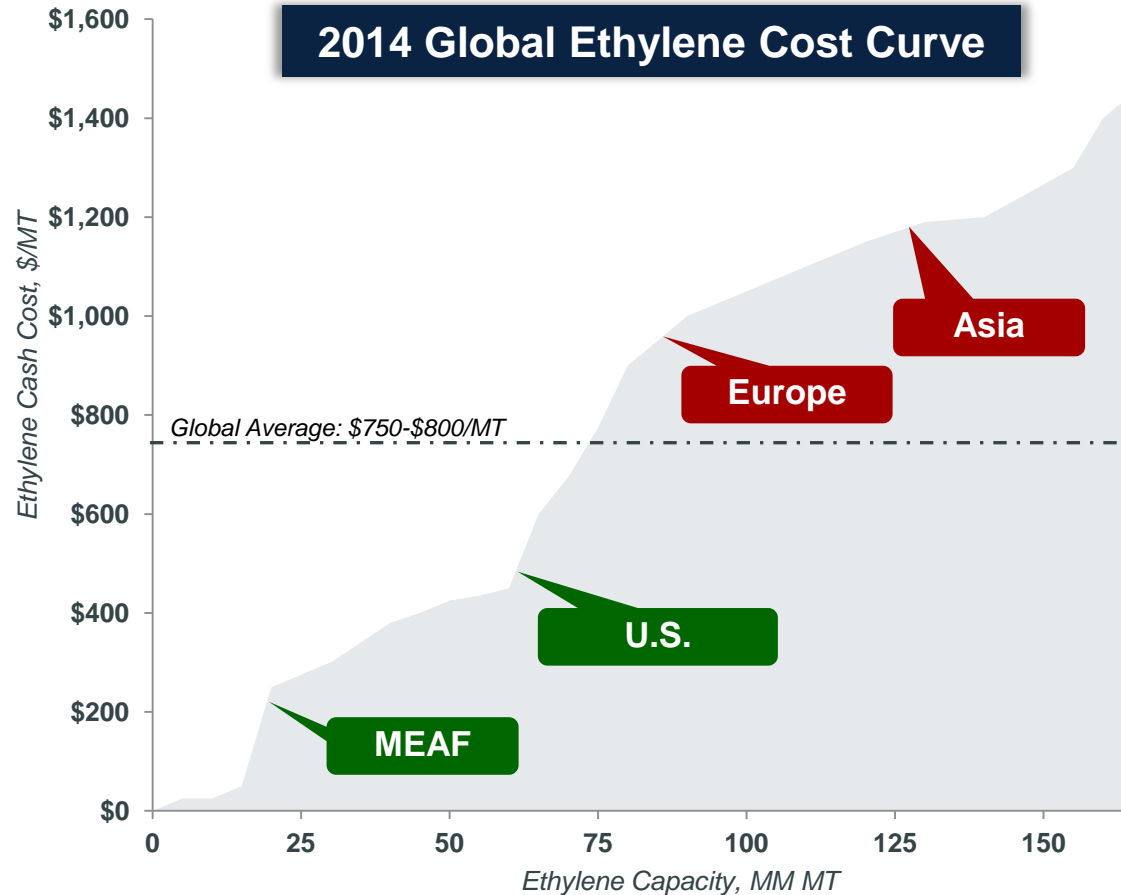
- >44,000 workers mobilized
- Engineering ~98% complete
- Construction ~45% complete  
–Olefins units >65% complete
- Third party contracts remain on planned timeline

Investment	Start-Up	Run-Rate EBITDA
St. Charles Ethylene Restart	2012	~\$250MM
Freeport PDH Propylene	2015	~\$450MM
Louisiana Ethane Flexibility	2015	~\$250MM
USGC Ethylene & Performance Plastics Units	2017	~\$1.5B
Sadara	2015-2016	~\$500MM

**Growth investments achieve run-rate of ~\$3B in accretive EBITDA**



# Dow is Well-Positioned on the Global Cost Curve



## Regional Strategy to Strengthen Advantage

### Dow Americas

- Louisiana Ethane Flexibility
- New USGC ethylene facility and Performance Plastics units

### Dow Middle East and Asia Pacific

- Sadara proximity to growth markets and competitive cost position

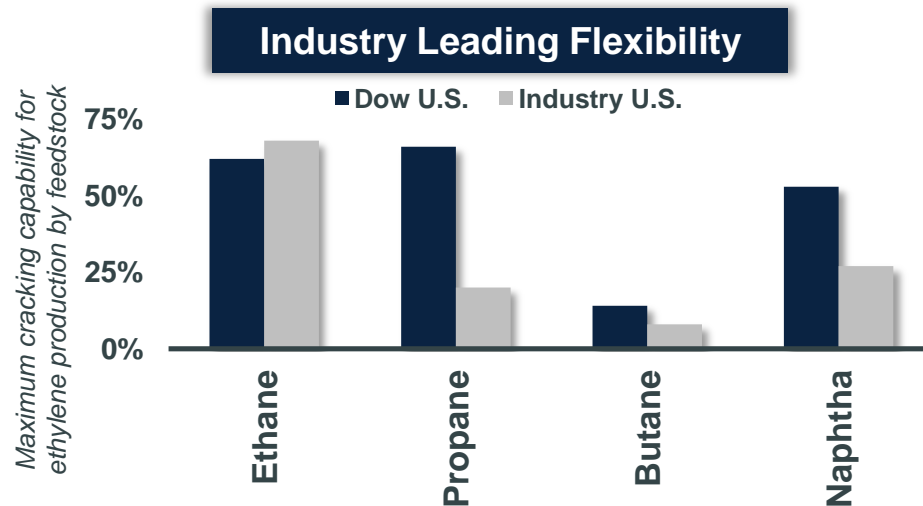
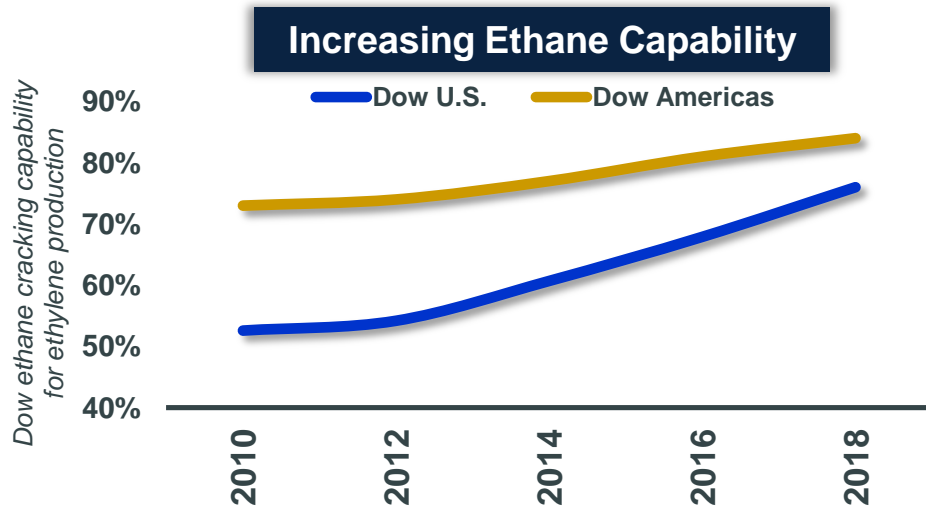
### Dow Europe

- Feedstock flexibility
- Manage operating rates to meet demand
- Uplift from tightening global fundamentals

**Increasing our advantaged position on a steep global cost curve**



# Investments in Operations Aligned to Advantaged Cost Positions



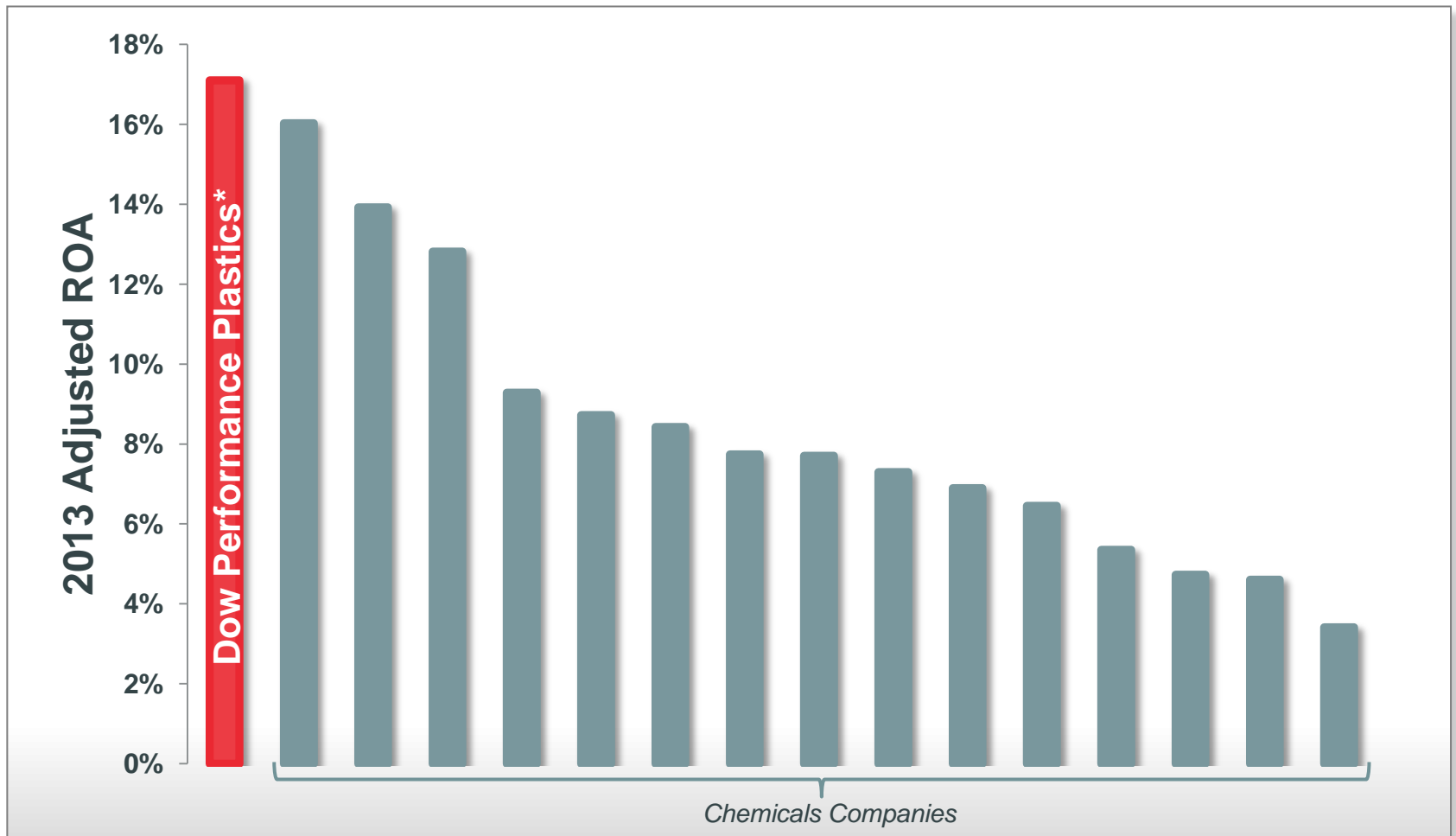
## Operational Strategy

- Feedslate decisions minimize cost of ethylene and **maximize profit**
- **Propylene derivatives do not impact feedslate decisions**
- **Feedstock flexibility** inclusive of propane remains a key strategic differentiator
- USGC and Sadara growth projects further strengthen Dow's use of **cost-advantaged feedstocks**

**Expand margins through increased use of low-cost feedstocks**



# Investments Enhance High-Return Franchise



**Low cost and focus on attractive markets drive consistent and higher earnings**



Peer List: AXLL, BASF, BMS, CE, CF, DD, EMN, FMC, HUN, LYB, MOS, POT, PPG, SEE, WLK

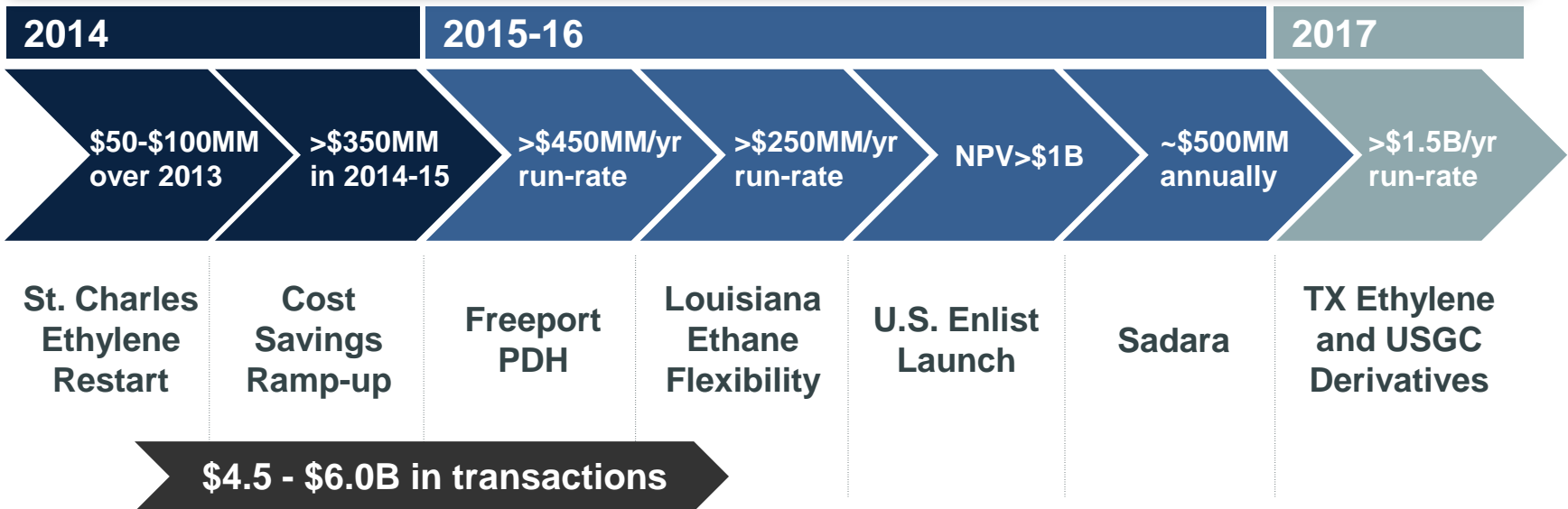
\*For comparison purposes only, the ROA for Dow Performance Plastics shown above includes ~20% allocation of Corporate segment. Corporate segment allocation based on Dow Performance Plastics' % of total assets. Excluding this allocation, Dow Performance Plastics has a ROA of ~22%, see Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures

Source: Dow, Capital IQ

Adjusted ROA = Adj. Net Income excluding interest = EBIT\*(1-Effective Tax Rate)

# On the Path to \$10B+ EBITDA Near Term

## Near-Term Controllable Growth Catalysts



## Potential Sources of Additional EBITDA Upside

### Lower Pension Expense

- 100 bps increase in the discount rate translates to >\$250MM lower pension expense

### Operating Leverage

- 100 bps increase in annual operating rate translates to >\$200MM

### Tightening Global Ethylene

- \$0.01/lb margin improvement translates to >\$200MM

### Productivity

- Additional actions to drive earnings growth

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# Productivity Improvements

Operating Segment		2014-2015 Cost Reductions	Value Drivers
	Electronic & Functional Materials	~\$50MM	<i>Grow</i> 
	Coatings & Infrastructure Solutions	~\$50MM	<i>Improve</i> 
	Agricultural Sciences	~\$20MM	<i>Grow</i> 
	Performance Materials	~\$100MM	<i>Improve</i> 
	Performance Plastics	~\$40MM	<i>Grow</i> 
	Feedstocks & Energy	~\$40MM	<i>Leverage</i> 
	Corporate	~\$50MM	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~\$350MM</b>	

**Cost savings continue to ramp in 2014-2015**

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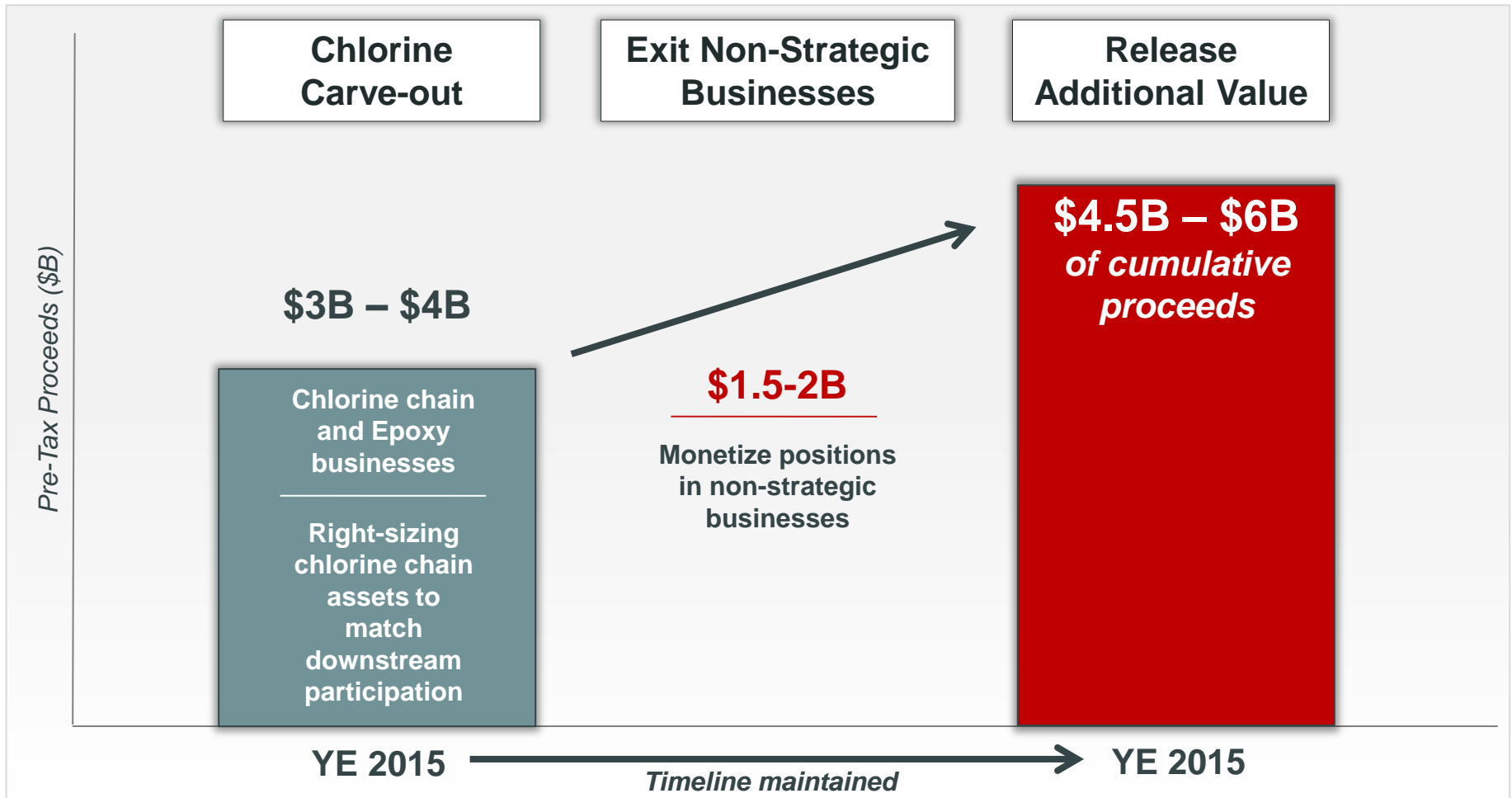
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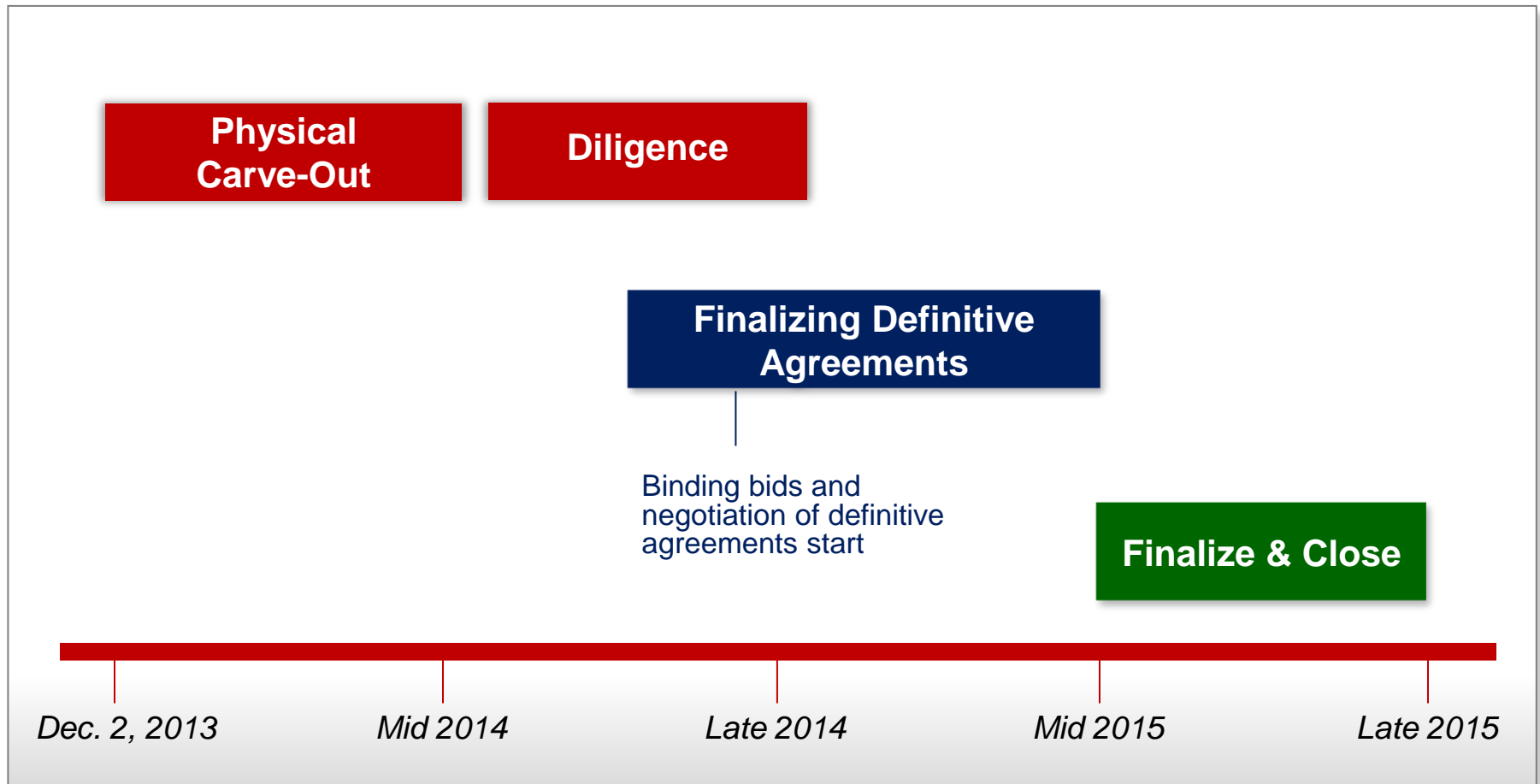
# Strategic Choices to Continually Narrow Our Portfolio



**Prioritize resources toward strategic markets**



# Chlorine Carve-Out Next Steps and Timelines



**Dedicated deal team focused on execution of transaction(s)**

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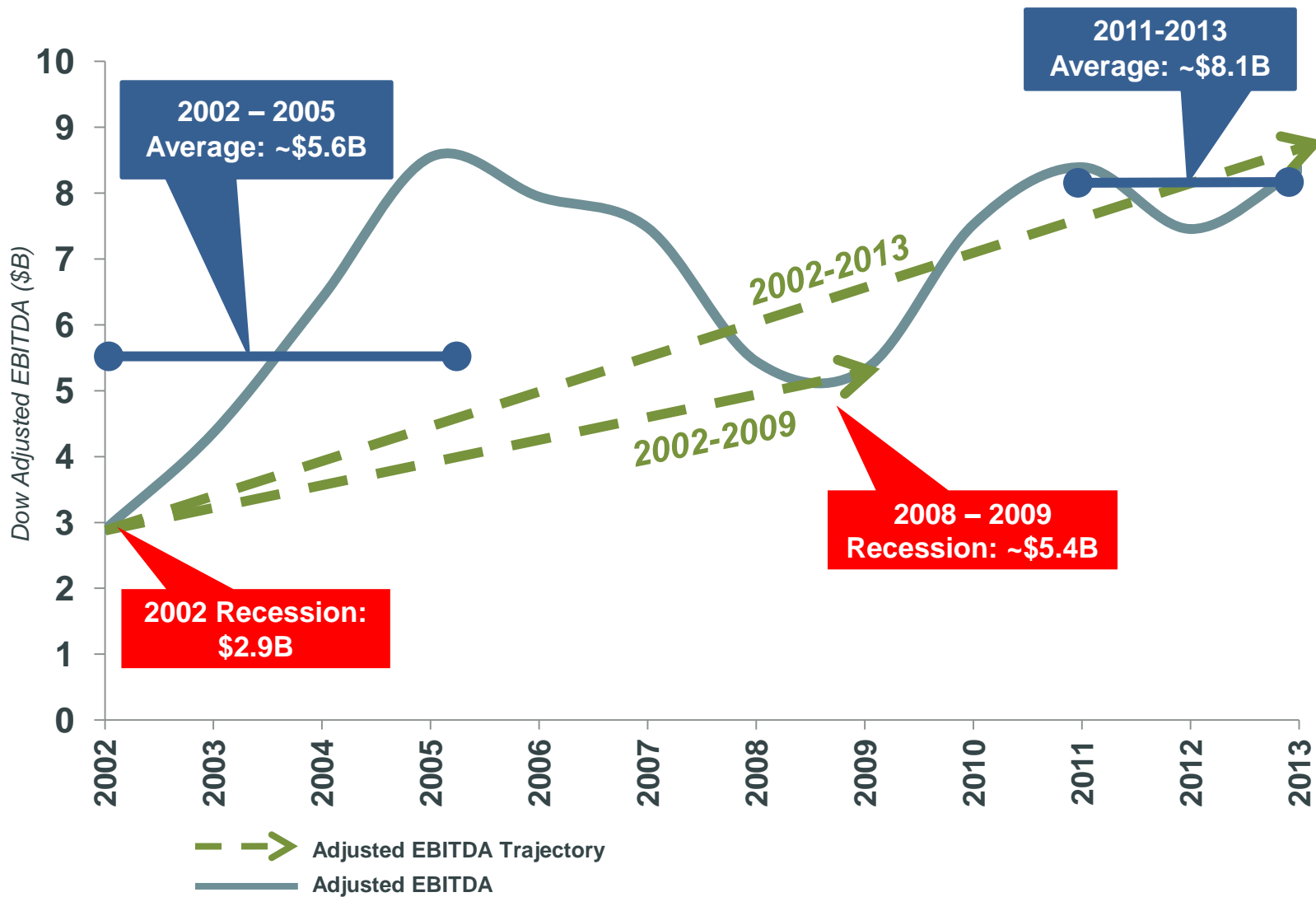
# Driving Near-Term Growth and Margin Expansion

Operating Segment	2013 Adjusted EBITDA Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	Near-Term Margin Expansion Target	Normalized EBITDA Margin Target	Value Drivers
Electronic & Functional Materials	23%	100-150 bps	~25%	<b>Grow</b> through new technology platforms, customer-focused solutions
Coatings & Infrastructure Solutions	13%	300 bps	20-25%	Implement cost actions, upgrade product mix, and utilization rate improvement as market recovers
Agricultural Sciences	14%	300-400 bps	~25%	<b>Grow</b> through commercialization of powerful R&D pipeline
Performance Materials	11%	400 bps	15-18%	Productivity, cost cutting, and lower cost sourcing
Performance Plastics	28%	200-400 bps	20-25%	<b>Grow</b> in attractive end markets through new capacity with low-cost feedstocks
Feedstocks & Energy	8%	N/A	8-12%	Provide advantaged cost position to downstream businesses

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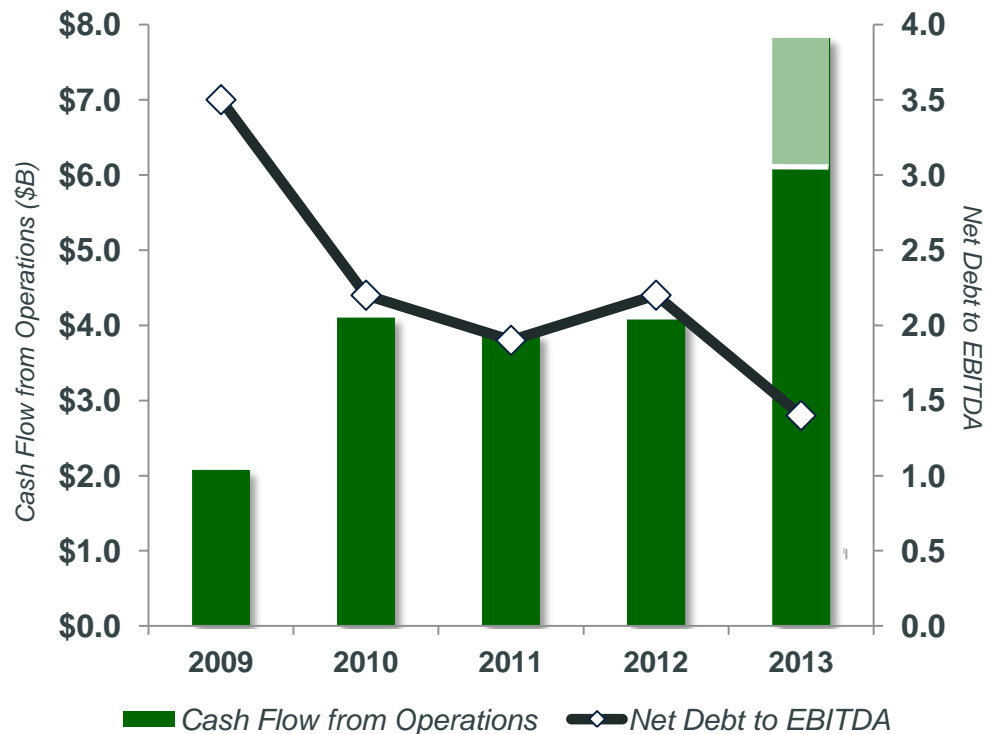
## Focused execution to deliver shareholder value

# EBITDA Performance – Last 10+ Years

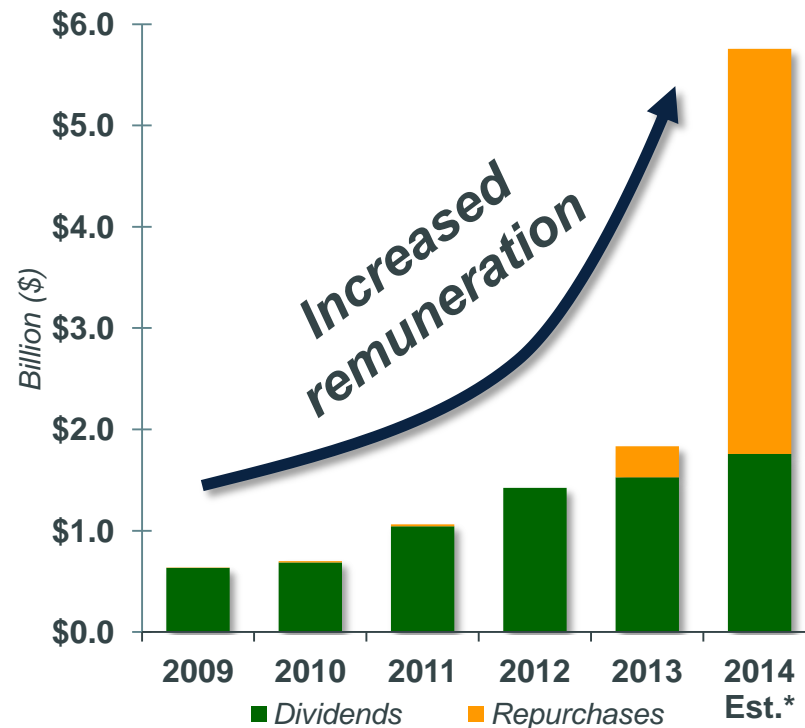


# Increasing Shareholder Remuneration

## Increasing Financial Flexibility



## Dividends and Share Repurchases



**On pace to exceed \$1B in share repurchases in 1Q14**

*2013 cash flow from operations includes after-tax impact of K-Dow award*

*\*2014 dividend estimate assumes 1Q14 amount for all four quarters, subject to Board approval*

*Declared Dividends Per Share & Share repurchases based on ending diluted share count for each year*

*"Net Debt to EBITDA" is defined as net debt divided by "Adjusted EBITDA." Net debt equals total debt ("Notes Payable" plus "Long-term debt due within one year" plus "Long-Term Debt") minus "Cash and cash equivalents."*



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## Near-Term Strategic Priorities

- Invest in key integrated and feedstock driven value chains and successfully start up these projects in 2015 (USGC and Sadara)
- Launch new products in Performance Packaging, Dow AgroSciences, Dow Electronic Materials and Dow Coatings Materials, and deliver new margins in these businesses in 2014/2015
- Drive productivity and reduce costs – manage cash and capital tightly
- Divest or JV chlorine chain and Epoxy business in 2014/2015
- Release hidden value businesses and ventures, drive better transparency on ROC and value creation in each segment
- Drive returns that exceed the cost of capital, increase financial flexibility with cash generated and reward shareholders

