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Form 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF x 1934 For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016 or "TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the Transition Period from to Commission File No. 001-32260 Westlake Chemical Corporation (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware 76-0346924 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification Number) 2801 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600 Houston, Texas 77056 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) (713) 960-9111 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one): Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company " Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes "No x The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's sole class of common stock as of November 2, 2016 was 128,903,141.

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#### NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The body of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States is commonly referred to as "U.S. GAAP." For this purpose, a non-GAAP financial measure is generally defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as one that purports to measure historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows, but excludes or includes amounts that would not be so adjusted in the most comparable GAAP measures. In this report, we disclose so-called non-GAAP financial measures, primarily earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"). EBITDA is calculated as net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. The non-GAAP financial measures described in this Form 10-Q are not substitutes for the GAAP measures of earnings and cash flow.

EBITDA is included in this Form 10-Q because our management considers it an important supplemental measure of our performance and believes that it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry, some of which present EBITDA when reporting their results. We regularly evaluate our performance as compared to other companies in our industry that have different financing and capital structures and/or tax rates by using EBITDA. In addition, we utilize EBITDA in evaluating acquisition targets. Management also believes that EBITDA is a useful tool for measuring our ability to meet our future debt service, capital expenditures and working capital requirements, and EBITDA is commonly used by us and our investors to measure our ability to service indebtedness. EBITDA is not a substitute for the GAAP measures of earnings or of cash flow and is not necessarily a measure of our ability to fund our cash needs. In addition, it should be noted that companies calculate EBITDA differently and, therefore, EBITDA as presented for us may not be comparable to EBITDA reported by other companies. EBITDA has material limitations as a performance measure because it excludes interest expense, depreciation and amortization, and income taxes.

ASSETS

#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

September 30,	December 31,
2016	2015

(in thousands of dollars, except par values and share amounts)

Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$380,519	\$662,525
Marketable securities		520,144
Accounts receivable, net	1,070,501	508,532
Inventories	744,536	434,060
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	54,868	14,489
Restricted cash	169,320	
Deferred income taxes		35,439
Total current assets	2,419,744	2,175,189
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,450,947	3,004,067
Other assets, net		
Goodwill	925,700	62,016
Customer relationships	604,551	52,677
Other intangible assets, net	185,651	98,711
Deferred charges and other assets, net	310,456	176,625
Total other assets, net	2,026,358	390,029
Total assets	\$10,897,049	\$ 5,569,285
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts and notes payable	\$ 503,388	\$235,329
Accrued liabilities	552,581	287,313
Term loan	148,681	
Total current liabilities	1,204,650	522,642
Long-term debt, net	3,680,585	758,148
Deferred income taxes	1,607,084	575,603
Pension and other post-retirement benefits	434,067	122,821
Other liabilities	146,526	28,140
Total liabilities	7,072,912	2,007,354
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 10 and 20)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	_	_
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized;		
134,651,380 and 134,663,244 shares issued at September 30, 2016 and	1,347	1,347
December 31, 2015, respectively	1,5 17	1,517
Common stock, held in treasury, at cost; 5,752,377 and 4,444,898 shares at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively	(319,980	) (258,312
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Additional paid-in capital	546,519	542,148	
Retained earnings	3,337,968	3,109,987	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(108,126)	(129,292	)
Total Westlake Chemical Corporation stockholders' equity	3,457,728	3,265,878	
Noncontrolling interests	366,409	296,053	
Total equity	3,824,137	3,561,931	
Total liabilities and equity	\$10,897,049	\$ 5,569,285	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financia	l statements.		

#### WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
		s of dollars, ex	ccept per shar	e data and
	share amoun	,		
Net sales	\$1,279,028	\$1,188,037	\$3,340,276	\$3,476,570
Cost of sales	1,076,895	876,761	2,641,192	2,527,567
Gross profit	202,133	311,276	699,084	949,003
Selling, general and administrative expenses	72,729	57,248	179,757	170,321
Transaction and integration-related costs	82,841		90,550	
Income from operations	46,563	254,028	428,777	778,682
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense	(24,366)	(8,211)	(36,966)	(26,760)
Other income, net	41,265	2,636	52,091	33,790
Income before income taxes	63,462	248,453	443,902	785,712
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(6,552)	60,033	129,332	236,824
Net income	70,014	188,420	314,570	548,888
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	4,352	4,816	14,656	13,847
Net income attributable to	\$65,662	\$183,604	\$299,914	\$535,041
Westlake Chemical Corporation	¢00,002	¢102,001	<i>\</i>	<i><b>\$555,611</b></i>
Earnings per common share attributable to				
Westlake Chemical Corporation:				
Basic	\$0.51	\$1.39	\$2.31	\$4.04
Diluted	\$0.51	\$1.39	\$2.29	\$4.02
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic		131,664,296		
Diluted	129,379,956	132,121,235	130,103,897	132,786,534
Dividends per common share	\$0.1906	\$0.1815	\$0.5536	\$0.5115
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.				

#### WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

(in thousa	ands of dolla	ars)	
\$70,014	\$188,420	\$314,570	\$548,888
(206)	(22 )	(412)	(208)
369	692	1,072	2,019
(60)	(232 )	(251)	(621)
6,453	(1,920)	15,758	(43,746)
1,550	(716)	61,524	3,987
(52,401)		(53,720)	(3,795)
18,270	257	(2,805)	(68)
(26,025)	(1,941)	21,166	(42,432)
43,989	186,479	335,736	506,456
4,352	4,816	14,656	13,847
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#### WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(Unaudited)	Nine Mont September 2016	
	(in thousar dollars)	nds of
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$314,570	\$548,888
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	227,193	180,229
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,176	778
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,018	1,504
Stock-based compensation expense	6,588	7,544
Loss from disposition of property, plant and equipment	6,541	2,590
Gains realized on previously held shares of Axiall common stock and from sales of securities	(53,720)	(3,795)
Gain on acquisition, net of loss on the fair value remeasurement		
of preexisting equity interest		(21,045)
Impairment of equity method investment		4,925
Deferred income taxes	105,910	7,585
Windfall tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements		(2,452)
Income from equity method investments, net of dividends		(1,016)
Other losses, net	833	3,584
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of business acquisitions	000	5,501
Accounts receivable	(92,311)	54,937
Inventories		105,899
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,631	(5,496)
Accounts payable	34,109	(30,511)
Accrued liabilities	73,157	(10,893)
Other, net	(75,160)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	( <i>13</i> ,160 ) 544,160	841,300
Cash flows from investing activities	544,100	041,500
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	(2,437,829	15 782
Additions to cost method investment	(2, 437, 62) (4,000)	
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(329,236)
Proceeds from disposition of assets	213	(52),250 )
Proceeds from disposition of equity method investment	215	27,865
Proceeds from sales and maturities of securities	662,938	16,056
Purchase of securities		(282,542)
Settlements of derivative instruments		(1,535)
Net cash used for investing activities		(553,593)
Cash flows from financing activities	(2,505,005	(555,575)
Debt issuance costs	(35,207)	
Dividends paid	,	(67,852)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests		(10,982)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(12,300)	(10,702)

Proceeds from debt issuance	1,428,512 —
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,650 984
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	5,597 19,483
Proceeds from term loan and drawdown of revolver	600,000 —
Restricted cash associated with term loan	(154,000) —
Repayment of notes payable	(10,602) (32,954)
Repayment of revolver	(125,000) —
Repurchase of common stock for treasury	(67,406) (114,254)
Windfall tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	1,190 2,452
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	1,560,501 (203,123)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2,418 (3,260)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(282,006) 81,324
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	662,525 880,601
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$380,519 \$961,925
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial states	ments.

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#### 1. Basis of Financial Statements

The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements were prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for interim periods. Accordingly, certain information and footnotes required for complete financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") have not been included. These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2015 financial statements and notes thereto of Westlake Chemical Corporation (the "Company") included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 Form 10-K"), filed with the SEC on February 24, 2016. These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles and practices as disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

In the opinion of the Company's management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position as of September 30, 2016, its results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 and the changes in its cash position for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Results of operations and changes in cash position for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that will be realized for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 or any other interim period. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified in the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statements of operations to conform to current presentation.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** 

Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASU No. 2014-09)

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standards update on a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard that will supersede the existing revenue recognition guidance. The new accounting guidance creates a framework by which an entity will allocate the transaction price to separate performance obligations and recognize revenue when each performance obligation is satisfied. Under the new standard, entities will be required to use judgment and make estimates, including identifying performance obligations in a contract, estimating the amount of variable consideration to include in the transaction price, allocating the transaction price to each separate performance obligation and determining when an entity satisfies its performance obligations. The standard allows for either "full retrospective" adoption, meaning that the standard is applied to all of the periods presented with a cumulative catch-up as of the earliest period presented, or "modified retrospective" adoption, meaning the standard is applied only to the most current period presented in the financial statements with a cumulative catch-up as of the current period presented in the financial statements with a cumulative catch-up as of the current period presented in the financial statements with a cumulative catch-up as of the current period presented in the financial statements with a cumulative catch-up as of the current period presented in the financial statements with a cumulative catch-up as of the current period presented in the financial statements with a cumulative catch-up as of the current period will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting standard will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (ASU No. 2016-01)

In January 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update making certain changes principally to the current guidance for equity investments, financial liabilities under the fair value option and the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments. Among other things, the guidance (1) requires equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in net income; (2) provide entities with a policy election

to record equity investments without readily determinable fair values at cost, less impairment, and subsequent adjustments for observable price changes (changes in the basis of these equity investments to be reported in net income); (3) requires an entity that has elected the fair value option for financial liabilities to recognize changes in fair value due to instrument-specific credit risk separately in other comprehensive income; (4) clarified current guidance related to the valuation allowance assessment when recognizing deferred tax assets resulting from unrealized losses on available-for-sale debt securities; and (5) requires specific disclosure pertaining to financial assets and financial liabilities in the financial statements. The accounting standard will be effective for

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reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting guidance will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Leases (ASU No. 2016-02)

In February 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update on a new lease standard that will supersede the existing lease guidance. The standard requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities related to long-term leases that are classified as operating leases under current guidance on its balance sheet. An asset would be recognized related to the right to use the underlying asset and a liability would be recognized related to the obligation to make lease payments over the term of the lease. The standard also requires expanded disclosures related to leases. The accounting standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting guidance will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Investments-Equity Method and Joint Ventures (ASU No. 2016-07)

In March 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update providing new guidance for the accounting for equity method investments. The new guidance eliminates the requirement that when an investment qualifies for use of the equity method as a result of an increase in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence, an investor must adjust the investment, results of operations and retained earnings retroactively on a step-by-step basis as if the equity method had been in effect during all previous periods that the investment had been held. In addition, the guidance requires that the equity method investor add the cost of acquiring the additional interest in the investee to the current basis of the investor's previously held interest and adopt the equity method of accounting as of the date the investment becomes qualified for equity method accounting. Therefore, upon qualifying for the equity method of accounting, no retroactive adjustment of the investment is required. The accounting standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting guidance will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Stock Compensation (ASU No. 2016-09)

In March 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update to simplify several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including income tax consequences, classifications of awards as either equity or liabilities and certain related classifications on the statement of cash flows. In addition, the new guidance permits entities to make an accounting policy election for the impact of forfeitures on the recognition of expense for share-based payment awards. Forfeitures can be estimated, as required today, or recognized when they occur. The accounting standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Credit Losses (ASU No. 2016-13)

In June 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update providing new guidance for the accounting for credit losses on loans and other financial instruments. The new guidance introduces an approach based on expected losses to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments. The standard also modifies the impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities and provides for a simplified accounting model for purchased financial assets with credit deterioration since their origination. The accounting standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting guidance will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Cash Flows (ASU No. 2016-16)

In August 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update providing new guidance on the classification of certain cash receipts and payments including debt extinguishment costs, debt prepayment costs, settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments, contingent consideration payments, proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims and life insurance policies and distributions received from equity method investees in the statement of cash flows. This update is required to be applied using the retrospective transition method to each period presented unless it is

impracticable to be applied retrospectively. In such situation, this guidance is to be applied prospectively. The accounting standard will be effective for reporting periods

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beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting guidance will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis (ASU No. 2015-02)

In February 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standards update making certain changes to the current consolidation guidance. The amendments affect both the variable interest entity and voting interest entity consolidation models. The new standard changes the consideration of substantive rights, related party interests and fees paid to the decision maker when applying the variable interest entity consolidation model and eliminates certain guidance for limited partnerships and similar entities under the voting interest consolidation model. The accounting standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company adopted this accounting standard effective January 1, 2016 and the adoption did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (ASU No. 2015-03)

In April 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standards update on simplifying the presentation of debt issuance costs, which requires all costs incurred to issue debt to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying value of the associated debt liability, consistent with the presentation of a debt discount. The accounting standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company adopted this accounting standard effective January 1, 2016. As a result, Other assets, net—Deferred charges and other assets, net and Long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2015 have been adjusted to \$176,625 and \$758,148, respectively, from the originally reported \$173,384 and \$764,115, respectively, to reflect the retrospective application of the new accounting guidance. The adoption of this accounting standard did not have an impact on the Company's results of operations and cash flows.

Intangibles—Goodwill and Other—Internal use software (ASU No. 2015-05)

In April 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standards update to provide clarification on accounting for cloud computing arrangements which include a software license. The accounting standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company adopted this accounting standard, to be applied prospectively, effective January 1, 2016. Consistent with the prospective application of this accounting standard, prior period comparative information was not adjusted. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments (ASU No. 2015-16)

In September 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that requires an acquirer to recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. The guidance requires that the acquirer record, in the same period's financial statements, the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization or other income effects, if any, as a result of the change to the provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. The new guidance further requires specific disclosure pertaining to the measurement period adjustments. The accounting standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company adopted this accounting standard effective January 1, 2016 and the adoption did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes (ASU No. 2015-17)

In November 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that requires all deferred tax assets and liabilities, along with any related valuation allowance, to be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet. As a result, each jurisdiction will now only have one net noncurrent deferred tax asset or liability. The new guidance does not change the existing requirement that only permits offsetting within a jurisdiction. The accounting standard is required to be adopted for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016; however, early adoption of this standard is

permitted. The Company elected to early adopt this accounting standard, to be applied prospectively, effective January 1, 2016. Consistent with the prospective application of this accounting standard, prior period comparative information was not adjusted. The early adoption of this accounting standard did not have an impact on the Company's results of operations and cash flows.

### WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (Unaudited)

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#### 2. Acquisition

On August 31, 2016, the Company completed its previously announced acquisition of, and acquired all the remaining equity interest in, Axiall Corporation ("Axiall"), a Delaware corporation. Prior to the acquisition, the Company held 3.1 million shares in Axiall. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of June 10, 2016, by and among Westlake, Axiall and Lagoon Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westlake ("Merger Sub"), the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall for \$33.00 per share in cash. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub was merged with and into Axiall (the "Merger"), and Axiall survived the Merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The combined company is the third-largest global chlor-alkali producer and the third-largest global polyvinyl chloride ("PVC") producer. The Company's management believes that this strategic acquisition will enhance its strategy of integration and will further strengthen its role in the North American markets. Axiall produces a highly integrated chain of chlor-alkali and derivative products, including chlorine, caustic soda, vinyl chloride monomer ("VCM"), vinyl resins, ethylene dichloride (OR 1, 2 dichloroethane), chlorinated solvents, calcium hypochlorite and hydrochloric acid, and compound products. Axiall also manufactures and sells building products, including interior and exterior trim and mouldings products, deck products, siding, pipe and pipe fittings. Substantially all of the vinyl resin used to manufacture Axiall's building products is sourced internally. Total consideration transferred for the Axiall Merger was \$2,526,080. The Merger is being accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the results of operations of the acquired business are included in the Company's Vinyls segment.

The acquired business contributed net sales and net loss of \$257,407 and (\$47,164), respectively, to the Company for the period from August 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016. The net loss for the period from August 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016 included integration-related costs and the negative impact of selling higher cost Axiall inventory recorded at fair value. The following unaudited consolidated pro forma information presents consolidated information as if the Merger had occurred on January 1, 2015:

	Pro Forma	
	Nine Month	is Ended
	September 2	30,
	2016	2015
Net sales	\$5,345,365	\$6,053,330
Net income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$284,324	\$595,442
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	16,404	(5,953)
Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation <sup>(1)</sup>	\$267,920	\$601,395
Earnings per common share attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation		
Basic	\$2.06	\$4.54
Diluted	\$2.05	\$4.52
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation <sup>(1)</sup> Earnings per common share attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation Basic	16,404 \$267,920 \$2.06	(5,953) \$601,395 \$4.54

The 2016 pro forma net income amounts include Axiall's historical charges recorded during the eight-month period (1) prior to the closing of the Merger for (1) divestitures; (2) restructuring; and (3) legal and settlement claims, net, of \$26,666, \$22,881 and \$23,376, respectively. These amounts have not been eliminated for pro forma purposes

because they do not relate to nonrecurring transaction specific costs related to the Merger. The pro forma amounts above have been calculated after applying the Company's accounting policies and adjusting the Axiall results to reflect (1) the increase to depreciation and amortization that would have been charged assuming the fair value adjustments to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets had been applied from January 1, 2015; (2) the elimination of net sales and cost of sales between the Company and Axiall; (3) additional pension service costs; (4) amortization of debt premium and accretion of asset retirement obligations and environmental

liabilities as part of the Company's adjustments to fair value; (5) incremental interest expense that would have been incurred assuming the financing arrangements entered by the Company and repayment of a portion of Axiall's outstanding debt had occurred on January 1, 2015; (6) the elimination of transaction-related costs; (7) the elimination of Axiall's goodwill impairment charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and (8) an adjustment to tax-effect the aforementioned pro forma adjustments using an estimated aggregate statutory

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income tax rate of the jurisdictions to which the above adjustments relate. The pro forma amounts do not include any potential synergies, cost savings or other expected benefits of the Merger, are presented for illustrative purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of results that would have been achieved if the Merger had occurred as of January 1, 2015 or of future operating performance.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recognized \$90,550 of transaction and integration-related costs. This included acquisition-related costs of \$43,895 for advisory, consulting and professional fees and other expenses. Transaction and integration-related costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 also included \$46,655 related to settlement of Axiall share-based awards, retention agreement costs and severance benefits provided to former Axiall executives in connection with the Merger.

The following table summarizes the consideration transferred and the estimated fair value of identified assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition. The preliminary allocation of the consideration transferred is based on management's estimates, judgments and assumptions. When determining the fair values of assets acquired, liabilities assumed and noncontrolling interests of the acquiree, management made significant estimates, judgments and assumptions. These estimates, judgments and assumptions are subject to change upon final valuation and should be treated as preliminary values. Management estimated that consideration paid exceeded the fair value of the net assets acquired. Therefore, goodwill of \$863,144 was recorded. The goodwill recognized is primarily attributable to synergies related to the Company's vinyls integration strategy that are expected to arise from the Merger. All of the goodwill is assigned to the Company's Vinyls segment. As a portion of the goodwill arising from the Merger is attributable to foreign operations, there will be a continuing foreign currency impact to goodwill on the financial statements. Closing starl

Closing stock purchase:	
Offer per share	\$33.00
Multiplied by number of shares outstanding at acquisition	67,277
Fair value of Axiall shares outstanding purchased by the Company	\$2,220,141
Axiall debt repaid at acquisition	247,135
Seller's transaction costs paid by the Company <sup>(1)</sup>	47,458
Fair value of Axiall share-based awards attributed to pre-combination service <sup>(2)</sup>	11,346
Purchase consideration transferred	\$2,526,080
Fair value of previously held equity interest in Axiall <sup>(3)</sup>	102,300
Total fair value allocated to net assets acquired	\$2,628,380

Transactions costs incurred by the seller include legal and advisory costs incurred for the benefit of Axiall's former (1) shareholders and board of directors to evaluate the Company's initial Merger proposals, explore strategic alternatives and negotiate the purchase price.

The fair value of share-based awards attributable to pre-combination service includes the ratio of the

(2)pre-combination service performed to the original service period of the Axiall restricted share units and options. including related dividend equivalent rights.

Prior to the Merger, the Company owned 3.1 million shares in Axiall. The investment in Axiall was carried at

(3) estimated fair value with unrealized gains recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company recognized a \$49,080 gain for the investment in other income, net in the consolidated statement of operations upon gaining control.

The final allocation of purchase consideration, based on final valuations, could include changes in the estimated fair value of (1) inventories; (2) property, plant and equipment; (3) equity investments; (4) customer relationships, trade

names, developed technologies and other intangibles; (5) deferred income taxes; (6) all contingencies; (7) asset retirement obligations; and (8) noncontrolling interests. The assumed contingencies relate to environmental liabilities, legal liabilities, asset retirement obligations and warranty reserves that are provisionally recorded based on estimated fair value.

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The information below represents the preliminary purchase price	allocation:
Cash	\$88,251
Accounts receivable	422,023
Income tax receivable	48,398
Inventories	302,868
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	48,435
Property, plant and equipment	3,189,582
Customer relationships (weighted average life of 10.7 years)	560,000
Other intangible assets:	
Trade name (weighted average life of 6.8 years)	50,000
Technology (weighted average life of 5.4 years)	41,500
Supply contracts and leases (weighted average life of 6.0 years)	26,710
Other assets	105,214
Total assets acquired	4,882,981
Accounts and notes payable	253,967
Interest payable	8,154
Income tax payable	1,921
Accrued compensation	30,057
Accrued liabilities	165,793
Deferred income taxes	973,799
Tax reserve non-current	3,130
Pension and other post retirement obligations	311,106
Other liabilities	114,528
Long-term debt	1,187,290
Total liabilities assumed	3,049,745
Total identifiable net assets acquired	1,833,236
Noncontrolling interest	(68,000)
Goodwill	863,144
Total purchase consideration	\$2,628,380
3. Financial Instruments	

Cash Equivalents

The Company had \$1,942 and \$221,918 of held-to-maturity securities with original maturities of three months or less, primarily consisting of corporate debt securities, classified as cash equivalents at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The Company's investments in held-to-maturity securities are held at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Restricted Cash

The Company had restricted cash and cash equivalents of \$195,705 at September 30, 2016, which are primarily related to the balances deposited with and held as security by the lender under the Company's current term loan facility and for distributions to certain of Axiall's current and former employees. The current and non-current restricted cash and cash equivalents of \$169,320 and \$26,385, respectively, is reflected under current assets and as a component of other assets, net—Deferred charges and other assets, net, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company had no restricted cash balances at December 31, 2015.

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Available-for-Sale Marketable Securities

The Company had no available-for-sale securities at September 30, 2016. Investments in available-for-sale securities at December 31, 2015 were classified as follows:

	December 31,
	2015
Current	\$ 520,144
Non-current	48,081
Total available-for-sale securities	\$ 568,225

The cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value of the Company's available-for-sale securities were as follows:

	December	31, 2015		
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses <sup>(1)</sup>	Fair Value
Debt securities				
Corporate bonds	\$336,665	\$ 55	\$(1,076)	\$335,644
U.S. government debt <sup>(2)</sup>	135,226	2	(374)	134,854
Asset-backed securities	49,759	2	(115)	49,646
Equity securities	54,371	466	(6,756)	48,081
Total available-for-sale securities	\$576,021	\$ 525	\$ (8,321 )	\$568,225

(1)All unrealized loss positions were held at a loss for less than 12 months.

(2) U.S. Treasury obligations, U.S. government agency obligations and U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities.

As of December 31, 2015, net unrealized losses on the Company's available-for-sale securities of \$4,995, net of income tax benefit of \$2,801, were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

The proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities included in the consolidated statements of cash flows and the gross realized gains and losses included in the consolidated statements of operations are reflected in the table below. The cost of securities sold was determined using the specific identification method.

		Three Mo	nths	Nine Months		
		Ended Sep	otember	Ended September		
		30,		30,		
		2016	2015	2016	2015	
Proceeds from sales and maturitie	s of securities	\$360,506	\$1,019	\$662,938	\$16,056	
Gross realized gains		52,414		53,755	3,795	
Gross realized losses		13		35	_	
4. Accounts Receivable						
Accounts receivable consist of the	e following:					
	September 30,	December 31,				
	2016	2015				
Trade customers	\$923,499	\$ 438,538				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(15,322)	(14,095	)			
	908,177	424,443				
Federal and state taxes	134,733	60,748				
Other	27,591	23,341				

Accounts receivable, net \$1,070,501 \$508,532

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#### 5. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Finished products	\$ 466,165	\$ 253,338
Feedstock, additives and chemicals	199,827	106,435
Materials and supplies	78,544	74,287
Inventories	\$ 744,536	\$ 434,060

6. Property, Plant and Equipment

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had property, plant and equipment, net totaling \$6,450,947. The Company assesses these assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable, including when negative conditions such as significant current or projected operating losses exist. Other factors considered by the Company when determining if an impairment assessment is necessary include, but are not limited to, significant changes or projected changes in supply and demand fundamentals (which would have a negative impact on operating rates or margins), new technological developments, new competitors with significant raw material or other cost advantages, adverse changes associated with the U.S. and world economies and uncertainties associated with governmental actions. Long-lived assets assessed for impairment are grouped at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets and liabilities. Depreciation expense on property, plant and equipment of \$75,143 and \$52,208 is primarily included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Depreciation expense on property, plant and equipment of \$189,114 and \$153,129 is primarily included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

#### 7. Other Assets

Amortization expense on intangible and other assets of \$19,175 and \$9,419 is included in the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Amortization expense on intangible and other assets of \$38,340 and \$28,235 is included in the consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

#### Goodwill

The gross carrying amounts of goodwill and the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

		Olefins	Vinyls	Total
		Segment	Segment	Total
Balance at December 31, 201	\$29,990	\$32,026	\$62,016	
Goodwill acquired during the	e period		863,144	863,144
Effects of changes in foreign	exchange rates		540	540
Balance at September 30, 20	\$29,990	\$895,710	\$925,700	
8. Accounts and Notes Payah				
Accounts and notes payable	consist of the fo	llowing:		
	September 30,	December	31,	
	2016	2015		
Accounts payable	\$ 502,378	\$ 229,219		
Notes payable to banks	1,010	6,110		
Accounts and notes payable	\$ 503,388	\$ 235,329		

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#### 9. Term Loan

On August 10, 2016, an indirect subsidiary of the Company, Westlake International Holdings II C.V., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Netherlands (the "CV Borrower"), entered into a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as agent and lender, providing the CV Borrower with a \$150,000 term loan facility. The term loan facility matures on March 31, 2017. The loans thereunder bear interest at a floating interest rate equal to LIBOR plus 2.0% per annum, payable in arrears on the last day of each three-month period following the date of funding and at maturity. The CV Borrower may elect to convert the interest rate to a base rate with a 1.0% spread. The interest rate on the outstanding term loan was 2.82% at September 30, 2016.

The facility contains customary covenants and events of default that impose certain operating and financial restrictions on the CV Borrower and certain of its subsidiaries. These restrictions, among other things, provide limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and liens and the ability to engage in certain transactions with affiliates. Pursuant to the credit agreement, all of the non-U.S. subsidiaries of the Company are to remain owned, directly or indirectly, by the CV Borrower and its wholly owned subsidiary, Westlake International II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("WII LLC"). The CV Borrower is also required, together with its subsidiaries, to maintain at all times unencumbered cash and cash equivalents in a U.S. dollar equivalent of not less than \$150,000, which amount shall be increased by 5% to the extent maintained in non-U.S. currencies. In connection therewith, an amount of cash and cash equivalents for the period (a) from the closing date until the date 30 days thereafter, not less than \$50,000, and (b) thereafter, not less than \$75,000, shall be maintained by the CV Borrower and its subsidiaries in accounts at Bank of America, N.A., in accordance with existing cash management agreements.

Obligations under the term loan facility are secured by a pledge of 65% of the membership interests of WII LLC as well as rights under the partnership agreement of Westlake International Holdings C.V., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Netherlands, held by WII LLC and the CV Borrower.

#### 10. Long-Term Debt

The Company adopted an accounting standards update to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs effective January 1, 2016. The standard requires, on a retrospective basis, all costs incurred to issue debt, excluding line-of-credit arrangements, to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying value of the associated debt liability. As a result, Other assets, net—Deferred charges and other assets, net and Long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2015 have been adjusted to \$176,625 and \$758,148, respectively, from the originally reported \$173,384 and \$764,115, respectively, to reflect the retrospective application of the new accounting guidance.

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Long-term debt consists of the following:

Image: Principal Amount         Image: Principal Amount         Net Principal Amount         Net Principal Amount         Net Principal Amount         Net Amo	Long-term debt consists of the following.	September 3				December	31, 2015	
4.625% senior notes due 2021 (the "4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes")       624,793       28,463       653,256       —       —       —       —         4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes")       63,207       3,036       66,243       —       …       Motes")       3,036       66,243       —       —       —       —       …		·	Premium, Discount and Debt Issuance	ed	Long-term	-	Discount and Debt Issuance	Net Long-term
"4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes")       624,193       28,463       653,256       —       …	Revolving credit facility	\$325,000	\$ —		\$325,000	\$—	\$ —	\$—
(the "4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes")       63,207       3,036       66,243       —       —       —       —       —       —       —       —       —       —       … <td>"4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes")</td> <td>624,793</td> <td>28,463</td> <td></td> <td>653,256</td> <td>_</td> <td>_</td> <td>_</td>	"4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes")	624,793	28,463		653,256	_	_	_
3.60% senior notes due 2022       250,000       (1,976)       248,024       250,000       (2,232)       247,768         4.875% senior notes due 2023 (the "4.875% westlake 2023 Senior Notes")       433,793       13,958       447,751       —       …	(the "4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior	63,207	3,036		66,243	_	_	_
"4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes")       433,793       13,958       447,751       —       …		250,000	(1,976	)	248,024	250,000	(2,232)	247,768
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2046 Senior Notes") /00,000 (26,121 ) 6/3,8/9 — — —		65,000	(610	)	64,390	65,000	(634)	64,366
		700,000	(26,121	)	673,879	_		_
	Long-term debt, net	\$3,677,889	\$ 2,696		\$3,680,585	\$764,889	\$ (6,741 )	\$758,148

(1) Includes unamortized debt issuance costs of \$21,286 and \$5,967 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Credit Agreement

On August 23, 2016, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into an unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Agreement"), by and among the Company, the other borrowers and guarantors referred to therein, the lenders from time to time party thereto (collectively, the "Lenders"), the issuing banks party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent. Under the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have committed to provide an unsecured five-year revolving credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,000,000. The Credit Agreement replaced the Company's existing \$400,000 senior secured third amended and restated credit facility, dated as of July 17, 2014, by and among the Company, the financial institutions party thereto, as lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, as borrowers. The Credit

Agreement includes a \$150,000 sub-limit for letters of credit, and any outstanding letters of credit will be deducted from availability under the facility. The Credit Agreement also provides for a discretionary \$50,000 commitment for swing line loans to be provided on a same-day basis. The Company may also increase the size of the facility, in increments of at least \$25,000, up to a maximum of \$500,000, subject to certain conditions and if certain Lenders agree to commit to such an increase.

At September 30, 2016, the Company had \$325,000 of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement will bear interest, at the Company's option, at either (a) LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 1.0% to

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1.75% that will vary depending on the credit rating of the Company or (b) Alternate Base Rate plus a spread ranging from 0.0% to 0.75% that will vary depending on the credit rating of the Company. The Credit Agreement also requires an undrawn commitment fee ranging from 0.10% to 0.25% that will vary depending on the credit rating of the Company. The interest rate on the outstanding revolving credit facility was 2.05% at September 30, 2016. The Credit Agreement matures on August 23, 2021. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$76,581 and borrowing availability of \$598,419 under the Credit Agreement.

The obligations of the Company under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by current and future material domestic subsidiaries of the Company, subject to customary exceptions. The Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants, including a quarterly total leverage ratio financial maintenance covenant. The Credit Agreement also contains customary events of default and if and for so long as an event of default has occurred and is continuing, any amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement will accrue interest at an increased rate, the Lenders can terminate their commitments thereunder and payments of any outstanding amounts could be accelerated by the Lenders. As of September 30, 2016, the Company is in compliance with the total leverage ratio financial maintenance covenant.

3.60% Senior Notes due 2026 and 5.0% Senior Notes due 2046

On August 10, 2016, the Company completed its private offering of \$750,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.60% senior notes due 2026 (the "3.60% 2026 Senior Notes") and \$700,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due 2046 (the "5.0% 2046 Senior Notes"). The 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes are the Company's senior obligations and are guaranteed on a senior basis by certain of the Company's existing and future domestic subsidiaries. The 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes and guarantees are unsecured and rank equally with the Company's existing and future senior unsecured obligations and each guarantor's existing and future senior unsecured obligations. The Company has entered into a registration rights agreement in which it has agreed to file an exchange offer registration statement or, under specified circumstances, a shelf registration statement, with the SEC with respect to the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes. The net proceeds from the offering were used to finance the Merger and to repay amounts under the term loan facility dated February 27, 2015 entered into by Axiall Holdco, Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Axiall), as the borrower, with the financial institutions party thereto. The indenture governing the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes contains customary events of default and covenants that will restrict the Company's and certain of its subsidiaries' ability to (1) incur certain secured indebtedness, (2) engage in certain sale-leaseback transactions and (3) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of the Company's or their assets. **Exchange** Offers

On September 7, 2016, the Company completed offers to exchange (the "Axiall Exchange Offers") any and all of the \$688,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 4.625% senior notes due 2021 (the "4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes") issued by Eagle Spinco Inc. ("Eagle Spinco"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Axiall, and the \$450,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 4.875% senior notes due 2023 (the "4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes" and, together with the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes, the "Subsidiary Notes") issued by Axiall for new senior notes issued by the Company having the same maturity and interest rates as the Subsidiary Notes. The 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes were assumed at fair value, which resulted in a premium on the Subsidiary Notes of \$33,540 and \$15,750, respectively. In the Axiall Exchange Offers, \$624,793 aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes and \$433,793 aggregate principal amount of 4.625% senior notes due 2023 (the "4.875% Senior Notes") and \$433,793 aggregate principal amount of 4.875% senior notes due 2023 (the "4.875% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes") issued by the Company, leaving outstanding \$63,207 aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes. The 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes and \$16,207 aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes. The subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes are the senior

unsecured obligations of Axiall and Eagle Spinco, respectively. The 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes are the Company's senior obligations and are guaranteed on a senior basis by certain of the Company's existing and future domestic subsidiaries. The 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes and guarantees are unsecured and rank equally with the Company's existing and future senior unsecured obligations. The Company has entered into a registration rights agreement in which it has agreed to file an exchange offer registration statement or, under specified circumstances, a shelf registration statement, with the SEC with respect to the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes. The indenture governing the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes contains customary events of default and covenants that will restrict the Company's and certain of its subsidiaries' ability

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to (1) incur certain secured indebtedness, (2) engage in certain sale-leaseback transactions and (3) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of the Company's or their assets.

Bridge Loan Agreement

In June 2016, in connection with the Axiall acquisition, the Company entered into a commitment letter with various lenders pursuant to which such lenders agreed to provide for a senior unsecured bridge loan facility of up to \$1,765,000 in the aggregate. Also in June 2016, the Company paid structuring and other fees of approximately \$9,700 in connection with the senior unsecured bridge loan facility. On August 26, 2016, the Company terminated the senior unsecured bridge loan facility and expensed the remaining \$8,900 of structuring and other fees paid for the senior unsecured bridge loan facility. This amount is included in other income, net, in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

11. Pension and Post-Retirement Benefits

In connection with the Merger, the Company assumed certain U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plans covering Axiall employees. The Axiall pension plans are closed to new participants and provide benefits to certain employees and retirees. The other post-retirement benefit plans are unfunded and provide medical and life insurance benefits for certain employees and their dependents. See Note 2 for the fair value of pension and other post-retirement obligations assumed in the Merger.

**Defined Benefit Plans** 

Components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company's pension plans are as follows:

	Three M	Three Months Ended September				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	30,	30,				The Month's Ended September 50,			
	2016		2015		2016		2015		
	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	
	Plans	Plans	Plans	Plans	Plans	Plans	Plans	Plans	
Service cost	\$315	\$ 318	\$—	\$ 416	\$315	\$777	\$29	\$ 1,248	
Expected administrative expenses	730	_	_	_	730	_	_	_	
Interest cost	2,191	622	487	528	1,553	1,763	1,519	1,585	
Expected return on plan assets	(3,800)	(50)	(712)		(5,260)	(50)	(2,237)		
Amortization of net loss	338		333	263	978		942	789	
Net periodic benefit (income) cost	\$(226)	\$ 890	\$108	\$ 1,207	\$(1,684)	\$ 2,490	\$253	\$ 3,622	

The Company made no contribution to its U.S. pension plans in the first nine months of 2016. The Company contributed \$349 to its U.S. pension plans in the first nine months of 2015. The Company's funding policy for its U.S. plans is consistent with the minimum funding requirements of federal law and regulations, and based on preliminary estimates, the Company does not expect to make contributions to its U.S. pension plans for the remainder of fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. The Company expects to make contributions of approximately \$200 for its non-U.S. pension plans during the remainder of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

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#### Other Post-retirement Benefits

Components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company's other post-retirement benefits are as follows:

	Three	Mo	nths E	nded	Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,				September 30,			
	2016		2015	2016		2015		
	U.S.	Non	-U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Non	-U.S.	U.S.
	Plans	Plan	IS	Plans	Plans	Plan	IS	Plans
Service cost	\$72	\$	1	\$6	\$81	\$	1	\$17
Interest cost	250	3		149	540	3		448
Amortization of net loss	31			96	94			288
Net periodic benefit cost	\$353	\$	4	\$251	\$715	\$	4	\$753
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12. Stockholders' Equity

Changes in stockholders' equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

U	Common Stock	Common Stock, Held in Treasury	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensiv Income (Loss)		<sup>g</sup> Total
Balances at December 31, 2015	\$ 1,347	\$(258,312)	\$542,148	\$3,109,987	\$ (129,292 )	\$ 296,053	\$3,561,931
Net income	_	_	_	299,914		14,656	314,570
Other comprehensive							
income, net of income taxes:							
Pension and other post-							
retirement benefits liability	—	—	—	_	409	_	409
Foreign currency translation adjustments			_		15,758		15,758
Net unrealized holding gains on investments	_	_	_	_	4,999	_	4,999
Common stock repurchased	_	(66,725)	_	_	_		(66,725)
Shares issued—stock- based compensation		5,057	(3,407)	_	_	_	1,650
Stock-based							
compensation,			7 770				7 770
net of tax on stock options	_	_	7,778	_		—	7,778
exercised							
Dividends paid				(71,933)			(71,933)
Distributions to							
noncontrolling interests						(12,300)	(12,300)
Noncontrolling interest in acquired business		_	_	_	_	68,000	68,000

Balances at September 30, \$1,347 \$(319,980) \$546,519 \$3,337,968 \$(108,126) \$366,409 \$3,824,137

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	Commor Stock	Common Stock, Held in Treasury	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensi Income (Loss	Noncontrollin veInterests	ng Total
Balances at December 31, 2014	\$ 1,347	\$(96,372)	\$530,441	\$2,555,528	\$ (79,433	) \$ 290,377	\$3,201,888
Net income		_		535,041		13,847	548,888
Other comprehensive							
income							
(loss), net of income							
taxes							
Pension and other post-							
retirement benefits liability				_	1,190		1,190
Foreign currency					(12 716	<b>`</b>	(12.716)
translation adjustments	_	_	_		(43,746	) —	(43,746)
Net unrealized holding					124		124
gains on investments					124		124
Common stock		(122,249)					(122,249)
repurchased		(122,24)					(122,24)
Shares issued—stock-		1,079	(95)				984
based compensation		1,075	()				201
Stock-based							
compensation,			0.007				0.007
net of tax on stock			9,996		—		9,996
options exercised							
Dividends paid				(67,852)			(67,852)
Distributions to		_		(07,852)			(67,852)
noncontrolling						(10,982)	(10,982)
interests		_	_	_	_	(10,962)	(10,962)
Noncontrolling interest in acquired business				—		1,597	1,597
Balances at September 30, 2015	\$ 1,347	\$(217,542)	\$540,342	\$3,022,717	\$ (121,865	) \$ 294,839	\$3,519,838
Accumulated Other Compr	ehensive	Loss					

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

Benefits	Cumulative	Net	Total
Liability,	Foreign	Unrealized	
Net of	Currency	Holding	
Tax	Exchange,	Gains	
	Net of Tax	(Losses) on	
		Investments,	

			Net of Tax <sup>(1)</sup>	
Balances at December 31, 2015	\$(8,607)	\$(115,690)	\$ (4,995	) \$(129,292)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(252)	15,758	57,550	73,056
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss (income)	661	_	(52,551	) (51,890 )
Net other comprehensive income for the period Balances at September 30, 2016	409 \$(8,198)	15,758 \$(99,932)	4,999 \$4	21,166 \$(108,126)

(1)Includes other comprehensive income from equity method investment.

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	Benefits Liability, Net of Tax	Foreign Currency Exchange,	Net Unrealized Holding Gains on Investments, Net of Tax	Total	
Balances at December 31, 2014	\$(23,442)	\$(56,224)	\$ 233	\$(79,433)	)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(128)	(43,746)	2,556	(41,318	)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss (income)	1,318	_	(2,432)	(1,114	)
Net other comprehensive income (loss) for the period Balances at September 30, 2015	1,190 \$(22,252)	(43,746 ) \$(99,970 )	124 \$ 357	(42,432 \$(121,865)	) )

The following table provides the details of the amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into net income in the consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Location of Reclassification (Income (Expense)) in Consolidated Statements		Nine Months Ended September 30,
Income (Loss) Components	of Operations	2016 2015	2016 2015
Amortization of pension and other post-retirement items			
Net loss	(1)	\$(369) \$(692)	\$(1,072) \$(2,019)
	Provision for income taxes	141 241	411 701
		(228 ) (451 )	(661 ) (1,318 )
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale investments			
Realized gain on			
available-for-sale investments	Other income, net	52,401 —	53,720 3,795
	Provision for income taxes	(696 ) —	(1,169 ) (1,363 )
		51,705 —	52,551 2,432
Total reclassifications for the period		\$51,477 \$(451)	\$51,890 \$1,114

These accumulated other comprehensive loss components are included in the computation of net periodic benefit (1)cost. For additional information, please read Note 11 (Employee Benefits) to the financial statements included in the 2015 Form 10-K.

13. Stock-Based Compensation

Under the Westlake Chemical Corporation 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, the "2013 Plan"), all employees and non-employee directors of the Company, as well as certain individuals who have agreed to become

the Company's employees, are eligible for awards. Shares of common stock may be issued as authorized in the 2013 Plan. At the discretion of the administrator of the 2013 Plan, employees and non-employee directors may be granted awards in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, restricted stock units or cash awards (any of which may be a performance award). Total stock-based compensation expense related to the 2013 Plan was \$1,502 and \$2,639 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$6,588 and \$7,544 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Under the Merger Agreement, all outstanding Axiall restricted stock units were assumed by the Company and converted into restricted stock units in respect of the Company's common stock, with the same terms and conditions except that upon

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settlement the award holders will receive the greater of (1) the value of \$33.00 per Axiall restricted stock unit that was converted into a restricted stock unit in respect of the Company's common stock and (2) the value of the Company's common stock. The awards are classified as liability awards for financial accounting purposes and are re-measured at each reporting date until they vest. The portion of the replacement award that is attributable to pre-combination service by the employee is included in the measure of consideration transferred to acquire Axiall. The remaining fair value of the replacement awards will be recognized as stock-based compensation expense over the remainder of the vesting period. Total stock-based compensation expense recognized related to the Merger Agreement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$34,915, of which \$32,644 is included in transaction and integration-related costs in the consolidated statements of operations.

#### 14. Derivative Instruments

Commodity Risk Management

The Company uses derivative instruments to reduce price volatility risk on raw materials and products as a substantial portion of its raw materials and products are commodities whose prices fluctuate as market supply and demand fundamentals change. Business strategies to protect against such instability include ethylene product feedstock flexibility and moving downstream into the olefins and vinyls products where pricing is more stable. The Company does not use derivative instruments to engage in speculative activities.

Gains and losses from changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that are not designated as hedging instruments were included in gross profit in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

The exposure on commodity derivatives used for price risk management includes the risk that the counterparty will not pay if the market declines below the established fixed price. In such case, the Company would lose the benefit of the derivative differential on the volume of the commodities covered. In any event, the Company would continue to receive the market price on the actual volume hedged. The Company also bears the risk that it could lose the benefit of market improvements over the fixed derivative price for the term and volume of the derivative instruments (as such improvements would accrue to the benefit of the counterparty).

The fair values of derivative instruments in the Company's consolidated balance sheets were as follows:

**Derivative Assets** 

Fair Value as of Balance Sheet Location September 31, 2016 2015 Not designated as hedging instruments Commodity forward contracts Accounts receivable, net \$2,221 \$ 3,465 Commodity forward contracts 3,674 2,088 Other assets, net Total derivative assets \$5,895 \$ 5,553 **Derivative Liabilities** Fair Value as of Balance Sheet Location September 31, 2016 2015 Not designated as hedging instruments Commodity forward contracts Accrued liabilities \$3.196 \$ 9.325 Commodity forward contracts Other liabilities 6,811 12,437 Total derivative liabilities \$10,007 \$ 21,762

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The impact of derivative instruments that have not been designated as hedges on the Company's consolidated statements of operations were as follows:

Derivatives Not Designated as	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Hedging Instruments	in Income on Derivative	2016	2015	2016	2015
Commodity forward contracts	Gross profit		\$ (9,314)	\$ 7,784	\$ (4,478 )

See Note 15 for the fair value of the Company's derivative instruments.

Disclosure about Offsetting Asset and Liability Derivatives

Certain of the Company's derivative instruments are executed under an International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA") Master Agreement, which permits the Company and a counterparty to aggregate the amounts owed by each party under multiple transactions and replace them with a single net amount payable by one party to the other. The following tables present the Company's derivative assets and derivative liabilities reported on the consolidated balance sheets and derivative assets and derivative liabilities subject to enforceable master netting arrangements.

Derivative assets subject t Derivative assets not subject Total derivative assets		•		
Offsetting of Derivative A	ssets	Gross Amounts Amounts of Recognized Assets Sheet	in the	Gross Amounts of Consolidated Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated
Commodity forward contr		\$2,335 \$ (2,335 )		-\$5,091 \$ (5,091 ) \$
		ivative Liabilities as o		
	-	tember 30,		1ber 31,
	201	6	2015	
Derivative liabilities subject to				
enforceable master netting arrangements Derivative liabilities not subject to	\$	1,889	\$	5,803
enforceable master netting arrangements	5,78	32	10,868	3
2	\$	7,671	\$	16,671

Total derivative liabilities				
	September 30, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Gross Gross Amounts Amounts of Consolidated Recognized Liabilities Sheet	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities Sheet	in the
Commodity forward contracts	\$4,224 \$ (2,335 )	\$ 1,889	\$10,894 \$ (5,091 )	\$ 5,803
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	September 30, 2016 Net	December 31, 2015 Net			
	AmountGross		AmountGross		
	of Amounts		of	Amounts	
	Presentedhe Net I		Liabilities of Offset in		
Derivative Liabilities by Counterparty			Present	Presentethe Net	
			in the	Consolida	ted Amount
	Consoli Bateance	Consol	id Baateathce		
	BalanceSheet		BalanceSheet		
	Sheet		Sheet		
Counterparty A	\$1,889 \$	—\$ 1,889	\$5,564	\$	-\$5,564
Counterparty B			239		239
Total	\$1,889 \$	—\$ 1,889	\$5,803	\$	-\$5,803
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15. Fair Value Measurements

The Company reports certain assets and liabilities at fair value, which is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). Under the accounting guidance for fair value measurements, inputs used to measure fair value are classified in one of three levels:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The following tables summarize, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Company's assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis:

	September 30, 2016	
	Level 1 Level 2 Total	
Derivative instruments		
Risk management assets—Commodity forward contracts	\$1,551 \$4,344 \$5,895	
Risk management liabilities—Commodity forward contra	cts(8,091) (1,916) (10,007)	
	December 31, 2015	

Level 1 Level 2 Total Derivative instruments Risk management assets—Commodity forward contracts \$5,553 \$— \$5,553 Risk management liabilities—Commodity forward contracts(11,648) (10,114) (21,762) Marketable securities Available-for-sale securities 48,081 520,144 568,225 The Level 2 measurements for the Company's commodity contracts are derived using forward curves supplied by industry-recognized and unrelated third-party services. The Level 2 measurements for the Company's available-for-sale securities are derived using market-based pricing provided by unrelated third-party services. There were no transfers in or out of Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

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In addition to the financial assets and liabilities above, the Company has other financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measures. These financial assets and liabilities include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, net, accounts and notes payable and current and long-term debt, all of which are recorded at carrying value. The amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, net, accounts and notes payable and current term loan approximate their fair value due to the short maturities of these instruments. The carrying and fair values of the Company's long-term debt are summarized in the table below. The fair value of the Company's long-term debt instruments may not be actively traded, the inputs used to measure the fair value of the Company's long-term debt are classified as Level 2 inputs within the fair value hierarchy.

	September 30, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Carrying			gFair
	Value	Value	Value	Value
Revolving credit facility	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$ —	\$ —
4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes	653,256	653,715		
4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes	66,243	66,058		
3.60% senior notes due 2022	248,024	251,480	247,768	3244,828
4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes	447,751	454,151		
4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes	16,769	16,954		
3.60% 2026 Senior Notes	739,082	752,055		
Loan related to tax-exempt waste disposal revenue bonds due 2027	10,889	10,889	10,889	10,889
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> % senior notes due 2029	99,066	117,726	99,011	117,153
6 3/4% senior notes due 2032	248,087	265,383	247,998	3268,490
6 1/2% 2035 GO Zone Senior Notes	88,149	105,298	88,116	106,491
6 1/2% 2035 IKE Zone Senior Notes	64,390	76,837	64,366	76,741
5.0% 2046 Senior Notes	673,879	705,985		

The carrying values of the Company's long-term debt as of December 31, 2015 have been adjusted to reflect the retrospective application of the accounting standards update on simplifying the presentation of debt issuance costs discussed in Note 10.

#### 16. Income Taxes

The Company elected to early adopt an accounting standards update requiring the noncurrent classification of all deferred tax assets and liabilities, along with any related valuation allowance, effective January 1, 2016. As a result, the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities have been classified, by jurisdiction, as a net noncurrent deferred tax asset or liability on the consolidated balance sheet. Consistent with the prospective application of this accounting standard, prior period comparative information was not adjusted.

The effective income tax rate was (10.3)% for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The effective tax rate for the 2016 period was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, depletion deductions, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the gain recognized on previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall, the benefit in prior years' and current-year tax credits for increased research and development expenditures and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed and the foreign earnings rate differential, partially offset by state income taxes and nondeductible transaction costs related to the Merger. The effective income tax rate was 24.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The effective income tax rate for the 2015 period was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction,

income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the foreign earnings rate differential, the increased benefit in certain prior years' deductions due to a change in the calculation methodology of the domestic manufacturing deduction and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed, partially offset by state income taxes.

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The effective income tax rate was 29.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The effective tax rate for the 2016 period was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, depletion deductions, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the gain recognized on previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall, the benefit in prior years' and current-year tax credits for increased research and development expenditures and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed and the foreign earnings rate differential, partially offset by state income taxes and nondeductible transaction costs related to the Merger. The effective income tax rate was 30.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The effective income tax rate for the 2015 period was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the bargain purchase of a controlling interest in Suzhou Huasu Plastics Co., Ltd., the increased benefit in certain prior years' deductions due to a change in the calculation methodology of the domestic manufacturing deduction and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed and the foreign earnings rate differential, partially offset by state income taxes. There are total gross unrecognized tax benefits of \$8,818 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The Company recognizes penalties and interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. The majority of the total unrecognized tax benefits relate to historical balances reported by Axiall prior to the Merger. For the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company accrued interest and penalties in the amount of \$206 related to uncertain tax positions.

Reconciliations of the unrecognized tax benefits for the three months ended September 30, 2016 are set forth in the table below: \$\_\_\_\_

Balance as of June 30, 2016

Datatice as of Julie 50, 2010	φ <u>—</u>
Amounts attributable to Axiall pre-acquistion	5,471
Additions during the three months ended September 30, 2016	3,444
Reduction during the three months ended September 30, 2016 due to expiration of statute of limitations	(92)
Foreign currency translation	(5)
Balance as of September 30, 2016	\$8,818

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, various states and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is no longer subject to examinations by tax authorities before the year 2010.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company is not permanently reinvested with respect to the outside basis difference for all of its foreign subsidiaries. The Company is asserting under ASC 740-30 that the unremitted earnings of some of its foreign subsidiaries are permanently reinvested outside the U.S. For these foreign subsidiaries, the earnings and profits (E&P) is estimated to be \$204,154 at December 31, 2016. If no assertion were made to permanently reinvest any of these unremitted foreign earnings, U.S. income tax expense of approximately \$32,272 relating to U.S. tax would be recorded. Such expense takes into account utilization of foreign tax credits. The Company is not asserting under ASC 740-30 for certain other foreign subsidiaries. As such, the Company recorded a deferred tax liability (and related tax expense) of \$1,837. Of this amount, \$1,169 has been recorded to recognize the foreign taxes that would result if earnings in lower-tier foreign subsidiaries would be distributed up the foreign ownership chain to a subsidiary where an assertion is made. In addition, \$668 has been recorded to recognize the U.S. tax impact of the unremitted foreign earnings of the Company's Taiwanese subsidiary based on four months of activity from acquisition date to the year ended December 31, 2016. The Taiwanese subsidiary is expected to make annual distributions to the Company.

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#### 17. Earnings per Share

The Company has unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units outstanding that are considered participating securities and, therefore, computes basic and diluted earnings per share under the two-class method. Basic earnings per share for the periods are based upon the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the periods. Diluted earnings per share include the effect of certain stock options.

	Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended					
	September 30,		September	30,		
	2016	2015	2016	2015		
Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$65,662	\$183,604	\$299,914	\$535,041		
Less:						
Net income attributable to participating securities	(294)	(195)	(1,347)	(653)		
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$65,368	\$183,409	\$298,567	\$534,388		
The following table reconciles the denominator for	the basic	and diluted	earnings per	r share computations shown in the		

consolidated statements of operations:

	Three Months	Nine Months
	Ended September	Ended September
	30,	30,
	2016 2015	2016 2015
Weighted average common shares—basic	128,79 <b>3,366,6</b> 64,296	129,51 <b>9,327,3</b> 01,814
Plus incremental shares from:		
Assumed exercise of options	586,29 <b>4</b> 56,939	584,32084,720
Weighted average common shares-diluted	129,37 <b>9,325,6</b> 21,235	130,10 <b>3,329,7</b> 86,534

Earnings per common share attributable to

Westlake Chemical Corporation:

Basic	\$0.51 \$	1.39 \$2.31	\$ 4.04
Diluted	\$0.51 \$	1.39 \$2.29	\$ 4.02

Excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share are options to purchase 620,010 and 315,285 shares of common stock for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and 577,254 and 295,825 shares of common stock for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These options were outstanding during the periods reported but were excluded because the effect of including them would have been antidilutive.

18. Supplemental Information

Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities were \$552,581 and \$287,313 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Accrued rebates, which is a component of accrued liabilities, was \$73,798 and \$46,460 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. No other component of accrued liabilities was more than five percent of total current liabilities.

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Other Income, Net

	Three Months		Nine Mor	nths
	Ended September		Ended September	
	30,		30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Interest income	\$537	\$1,631	\$6,899	\$3,383
Dividend income	868		5,142	3,328
Acquisition-related financing costs	(11,420)		(12,220)	
Foreign exchange currency (losses) gains, net	(1,281)	(731)	(2,435)	1,140
Impairment of equity method investment				(4,925)
Gain realized on previously held shares of Axiall common stock	49,080		49,080	
Gain on acquisition and related expenses, net				20,430
Gains from sales of securities, net	3,321		4,640	3,795
Other	160	1,736	985	6,639
Other income, net	\$41,265	\$2,636	\$52,091	\$33,790

19. Insurance Recovery

During the second and third quarters of 2015, the Company's production rates and operating costs at its Knapsack, Germany and Cologne, Germany facilities were negatively impacted due to an interruption of feedstock supply as a result of a fire at a third-party supplier's ethylene production facility. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company received a final insurance recovery of approximately \$2,670 related to business interruption costs. The insurance recovery is included in cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations. The Company had received and recognized approximately \$7,809 as a partial insurance recovery during the year ended December 31, 2015.

20. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is involved in a number of legal and regulatory matters, principally environmental in nature, that are incidental to the normal conduct of its business, including lawsuits, investigations and claims. The outcome of these matters are inherently unpredictable. The Company believes that, in the aggregate, the outcome of all known legal and regulatory matters will not have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial statements; however, specific outcomes with respect to such matters may be material to the Company's consolidated statements of operations in any particular period in which costs, if any, are recognized. The Company's assessment of the potential impact of environmental matters, in particular, is subject to uncertainty due to the complex, ongoing and evolving process of investigation and regulation of such environmental matters, and the potential for technological and regulatory developments. In addition, the impact of evolving claims and programs, such as natural resource damage claims, industrial site reuse initiatives and state remediation programs creates further uncertainty of the ultimate resolution of these matters. The Company anticipates that the resolution of many legal and regulatory matters, and in particular environmental matters, will occur over an extended period of time.

Environmental. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had reserves for environmental contingencies totaling approximately \$60,693 (primarily as a result of the Axiall acquisition) and \$1,095, respectively, most of which was classified as noncurrent liabilities. The Company's assessment of the potential impact of these environmental contingencies is subject to considerable uncertainty due to the complex, ongoing and evolving process of investigation and remediation, if necessary, of such environmental contingencies, and the potential for technological and regulatory developments.

From time to time the Company receives notices or inquiries from government entities regarding alleged violations of environmental laws and regulations pertaining to, among other things, the disposal, emission and storage of chemical

substances, including hazardous wastes. Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-K requires disclosure of certain environmental matters when a governmental authority is a party to the proceedings and the proceedings involve potential monetary sanctions, unless the Company reasonably believes such sanctions would not exceed \$100. In May 2013, an amendment to an existing consent order agreed to by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and a predecessor of Axiall required that it, among other things, pay a penalty in the amount of \$449 and continue certain corrective action associated with discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane

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(commonly referred to as BHC) from the Natrium, West Virginia facility's effluent discharge outfalls. The penalty was paid and corrective actions required under the amendment to the consent order are on-going. In May 2013 and September 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") conducted inspections at the Company's Plaquemine, Louisiana facility pursuant to requirements of the federal Clean Air Act Section 112(r) Risk Management Program and Title V. As a result of the inspections, the EPA identified areas of concern and the Company has subsequently engaged in negotiations, which are anticipated to result in sanctions of \$167. The LDEQ has issued notices of violations ("NOVs") regarding the Company's olefins facilities in Lake Charles, Louisiana for various air and water compliance issues. The Company is working with the LDEQ to settle these claims, and a global settlement of all claims is being discussed. The Company has reached a verbal agreement with the LDEO to settle certain of the NOVs in two separate settlements for a combined \$192 in civil penalties. During September 2010, the Company's vinyls facilities in north Lake Charles and Plaquemine each received a Consolidated Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty, alleging violations of various requirements of those facilities' air permits, based largely on self-reported permit deviations related to record-keeping violations. The Company has been negotiating a possible global settlement of these and several other matters with the LDEO. The Company believes the resolution of these matters may require the payment of a monetary sanction in excess of \$100. In April 2015, Axiall received a communication from the EPA related to, among other things, the EPA's investigation of the 2012 and 2013 fires that occurred at its VCM plant in Lake Charles. In late 2015, Axiall settled this matter with the EPA, with such settlement including on-going supplemental environmental projects and a payment of \$900. For several years, the EPA has been conducting an enforcement initiative against petroleum refineries and petrochemical plants with respect to emissions from flares. On April 21, 2014, the Company received a Clean Air Act Section 114 Information Request from the EPA which sought information regarding flares at the Calvert City, Kentucky and certain Lake Charles facilities. The EPA has informed the Company that the information provided leads the EPA to believe that some of the flares are out of compliance with applicable standards. The EPA has indicated that it is seeking a consent decree that would obligate the Company to take corrective actions relating to the alleged

noncompliance. The Company believes the resolution of these matters may require the payment of a monetary sanction in excess of \$100.

The Company does not believe that resolutions of any or all of these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

21. Segment Information

The Company operates in two principal operating segments: Olefins and Vinyls. These segments are strategic business units that offer a variety of different products. The Company manages each segment separately as each business requires different technology and marketing strategies.

-	Three Mont	hs Ended	Nine Months Ended		
	September 3	30,	September 30,		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Net external sales					
Olefins					
Polyethylene	\$380,810	\$423,631	\$1,098,500	\$1,283,545	
Styrene, feedstock and other	116,555	164,466	324,369	508,507	
Total Olefins	497,365	588,097	1,422,869	1,792,052	
Vinyls					
PVC, caustic soda and other	599,276	468,235	1,492,650	1,315,101	
Building products	182,387	131,705	424,757	369,417	
Total Vinyls	781,663	599,940	1,917,407	1,684,518	
	\$1,279,028	\$1,188,037	\$3,340,276	\$3,476,570	

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		September	· 30,	Nine Mont September	30,
Intersegment seles		2016	2015	2016	2015
Intersegment sales Olefins		\$30,614	\$28,551	\$85,856	\$78,654
Vinyls		2,130	\$20,551 341	2,719	1,098
v my is		\$32,744	\$28,892	\$88,575	\$79,752
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Income (loss) from operation	ıs				
Olefins		\$118,475	\$196,703	\$408,274	\$608,744
Vinyls		22,235	67,779	136,559	202,831
Corporate and other		(94,147)	(10,454)	(116,056)	(32,893)
		\$46,563	\$254,028	\$428,777	\$778,682
Depreciation and amortization	on				
Olefins		\$36,649	\$27,678	\$95,582	\$82,240
Vinyls		56,136	33,432	128,691	97,615
Corporate and other		1,444	138	2,920	374
		\$94,229	\$61,248	\$227,193	\$180,229
Other income (expanse) not					
Other income (expense), net Olefins		\$1,101	\$1,323	\$3,706	\$3,770
Vinyls			\$1,525 10	\$3,700 1,722	6,927
Corporate and other		41,390	1,303	46,663	23,093
corporate and other		\$41,265	\$2,636	\$52,091	\$33,790
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Provision for (benefit from)	income taxes				
Olefins		\$31,956	\$45,865	\$136,429	\$186,534
Vinyls		(3,912)	15,812	29,655	55,270
Corporate and other		(34,596)	(1,644)	(36,752)	(4,980)
		\$(6,552)	\$60,033	\$129,332	\$236,824
Capital expenditures					
Olefins		\$96,469	\$69,885		\$206,719
Vinyls		83,523	53,510	180,392	114,935
Corporate and other		178	1,909	1,579	7,582
		\$180,170		\$467,330	\$329,236
A reconciliation of total segi		-			ome before income taxes is as follows:
	Three Month Soptambar 3				
	September 3 2016 20		eptember 30 016 20	, )15	
Income from operations	\$46,563 \$2			778,682	
Interest expense	(24,366) (8		6,966 ) (2		
	(24,300) (0	(3)	$0,900 \ (2$	0,700 )	

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	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Total assets		
Olefins	\$2,094,163	\$ 1,869,888
Vinyls	8,262,971	2,638,833
Corporate and other	539,915	1,060,564
	\$10,897,049	\$ 5,569,285

22. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through the date on which the financial statements were issued.

23. Guarantor Disclosures

The Company's payment obligations under the 3.60% senior notes due 2022 are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by each of its current and future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee other debt of the Company or of another guarantor of the 3.60% senior notes due 2022 in excess of \$5,000 (the "Guarantor Subsidiaries"). Each Guarantor Subsidiary is 100% owned by Westlake Chemical Corporation (the "100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries"). These guarantees are the joint and several obligations of the Guarantor Subsidiaries. The following unaudited condensed consolidating financial information presents the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Westlake Chemical Corporation, the 100% owned Guarantor Subsidiaries, and the remaining subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 3.60% senior notes due 2022 (the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries"), together with consolidating eliminations necessary to present the Company's results on a consolidated basis.

In August 2016, certain of the Company's subsidiary guarantors were released from their guarantees of the Company's 3.60% senior notes due 2022 in connection with the replacement of the Company's revolving credit facility. Westlake Chemical OpCo LP, which was previously separately presented as a less than 100% owned guarantor, and certain of the Company's other 100% owned subsidiaries that were previously presented as guarantors, are now reflected as Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries in the condensed consolidating guarantor financial information. Prior periods were retrospectively adjusted to conform to the current presentation of Guarantor Subsidiaries and Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries.

Condensed Consolidating Financial Information as of September 30, 2016

8	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Balance Sheet					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$144,899	\$1,884	\$233,736	\$—	\$380,519
Accounts receivable, net	1,457	2,838,917	765,949	(2,535,822	) 1,070,501
Inventories		329,233	415,303		744,536
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8,257	16,264	43,741	(13,394	) 54,868
Restricted cash		—	169,320	—	169,320
Total current assets	154,613	3,186,298	1,628,049	(2,549,216	) 2,419,744
Property, plant and equipment, net		1,538,148	4,912,799	—	6,450,947
Other assets, net	9,074,810	418,588	1,695,970	(9,163,010	) 2,026,358
Total assets	\$9,229,423	\$5,143,034	\$8,236,818	\$(11,712,226)	\$10,897,049
Current liabilities					
Accounts and notes payable	\$2,172,989	\$466,907	\$387,807	\$(2,524,315)	\$503,388
Accrued liabilities	12,022	162,645	402,815	(24,901	) 552,581
Term loan			148,681	—	148,681
Total current liabilities	2,185,011	629,552	939,303	(2,549,216	) 1,204,650
Long-term debt, net	3,586,684	775,995	2,199,812	(2,881,906	) 3,680,585
Deferred income taxes		596,928	1,022,226	(12,070	) 1,607,084
Pension and other liabilities		48,837	531,756	—	580,593
Total liabilities	5,771,695	2,051,312	4,693,097	(5,443,192	7,072,912
Total Westlake Chemical Corporation stockholders' equity	3,457,728	3,091,722	3,177,312	(6,269,034	) 3,457,728
Noncontrolling interests			366,409	_	366,409
Total equity	3,457,728	3,091,722	3,543,721	(6,269,034	) 3,824,137
Total liabilities and equity	\$9,229,423	\$5,143,034	\$8,236,818		

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	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guaranton Subsidiaries	<sup>r</sup> Eliminations	Consolidated
Balance Sheet					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$303,131	\$6,818	\$ 352,576	\$—	\$662,525
Marketable securities	520,144				520,144
Accounts receivable, net	10,943	2,474,963	190,384	(2,167,758)	
Inventories		287,114	146,946		434,060
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,201	10,186	4,981	(2,879)	14,489
Deferred income taxes	702	28,325	6,412		35,439
Total current assets	837,121	2,807,406	701,299	(2,170,637)	2,175,189
Property, plant and equipment, net		1,476,642	1,527,425		3,004,067
Other assets, net	5,003,096	914,823	1,442,436	(6,970,326)	390,029
Total assets	\$5,840,217	\$5,198,871	\$ 3,671,160	\$(9,140,963)	\$ 5,569,285
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$1,817,963	\$374,468	\$ 185,931	\$(2,143,033)	\$235,329
Accrued liabilities	9,117	163,167	142,633	(27,604)	287,313
Total current liabilities	1,827,080	537,635	328,564	(2,170,637)	522,642
Long-term debt, net	747,259	744,405		(733,516)	758,148
Deferred income taxes		513,692	68,478	(6,567)	575,603
Pension and other liabilities		49,202	101,759		150,961
Total liabilities	2,574,339	1,844,934	498,801	(2,910,720)	2,007,354
Total Westlake Chemical Corporation stockholders' equity	3,265,878	3,353,937	2,876,306	(6,230,243)	3,265,878
Noncontrolling interests			296,053		296,053
Total equity	3,265,878	3,353,937	3,172,359	(6,230,243)	3,561,931
Total liabilities and equity	\$5,840,217	\$5,198,871	\$ 3,671,160	\$(9,140,963)	\$5,569,285

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	Westlake Chemical Corporatior	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries		ns Consolidated
Statement of Operations					
Net sales	\$ —	\$775,474	\$823,238	\$(319,684	) \$1,279,028
Cost of sales		677,085	714,365	(314,555	) 1,076,895
Gross profit		98,389	108,873	(5,129	) 202,133
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,092	31,180	44,586	(5,129	) 72,729
Transaction and integration-related costs		35,379	47,462	_	82,841
(Loss) income from operations	(2,092)	31,830	16,825	_	46,563
Interest expense	(22,130)	(10,247)	(9,117)	17,128	(24,366)
Other income (expense), net	35,405	(8,622)	31,610	(17,128	) 41,265
Income before income taxes	11,183	12,961	39,318	_	63,462
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(2,088)	18,987	(23,451)	_	(6,552)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	52,391			(52,391	) —
Net income (loss)	65,662	(6,026)	62,769	(52,391	) 70,014
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			4,352	_	4,352
Net income (loss) attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$ 65,662	\$(6,026)	\$58,417	\$(52,391	) \$65,662
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$ 39,637	\$(5,923)	\$45,945	\$(40,022	) \$39,637

	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations Consolidated
Statement of Operations				
Net sales	\$—	\$901,006	\$ 596,860	\$(309,829) \$1,188,037
Cost of sales	—	712,681	469,137	(305,057) 876,761
Gross profit	—	188,325	127,723	(4,772 ) 311,276
Selling, general and administrative expenses	804	37,156	24,060	(4,772 ) 57,248
(Loss) income from operations	(804)	151,169	103,663	— 254,028
Interest expense	(10,405)	(5,711)	—	7,905 (8,211 )
Other income, net	1,239	203	9,099	(7,905) 2,636
(Loss) income before income taxes	(9,970)	145,661	112,762	— 248,453
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(3,249)	53,131	10,151	— 60,033
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	190,325		—	(190,325) —
Net income	183,604	92,530	102,611	(190,325 ) 188,420
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			4,816	— 4,816
Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$183,604	\$92,530	\$ 97,795	\$(190,325) \$183,604
Comprehensive income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$181,663	\$92,781	\$ 96,062	\$(188,843) \$181,663

	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations Consolidated
Statement of Operations				
Net sales	\$ <i>—</i>	\$2,357,769	\$1,945,866	\$(963,359) \$3,340,276
Cost of sales		2,018,282	1,570,669	(947,759 ) 2,641,192
Gross profit		339,487	375,197	(15,600) 699,084
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,648	104,488	87,221	(15,600) 179,757
Transaction and integration-related costs		43,088	47,462	— 90,550
(Loss) income from operations	(3,648)	191,911	240,514	— 428,777
Interest expense	(43,228)	(19,051)	(9,117)	34,430 (36,966 )
Other income (expense), net	40,807	(12,057)	57,771	(34,430 ) 52,091
(Loss) income before income taxes	(6,069)	160,803	289,168	— 443,902
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(8,268)	136,856	744	— 129,332
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	297,715			(297,715) —
Net income	299,914	23,947	288,424	(297,715) 314,570
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			14,656	— 14,656
Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$299,914	\$23,947	\$273,768	\$(297,715) \$299,914
Comprehensive income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$321,080	\$24,356	\$293,859	\$(318,215) \$321,080

	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations Consolidated
Statement of Operations				
Net sales	\$ <i>—</i>	\$2,677,773	\$1,727,561	\$(928,764) \$3,476,570
Cost of sales		2,078,730	1,362,710	(913,873 ) 2,527,567
Gross profit		599,043	364,851	(14,891 ) 949,003
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,617	115,400	68,195	(14,891 ) 170,321
(Loss) income from operations	(1,617)	483,643	296,656	— 778,682
Interest expense	(31,726)	(18,353)		23,319 (26,760 )
Other income (expense), net	17,627	(4,743)	44,225	(23,319) 33,790
(Loss) income before income taxes	(15,716)	460,547	340,881	— 785,712
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(5,226)	222,743	19,307	- 236,824
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	545,531			(545,531) —
Net income	535,041	237,804	321,574	(545,531 ) 548,888
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			13,847	— 13,847
Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$535,041	\$237,804	\$307,727	\$(545,531) \$535,041
Comprehensive income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$492,609	\$238,433	\$264,542	\$(502,975) \$492,609

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C	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries		Consolidated
Statement of Cash Flows					
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net income	\$299,914	\$ 23,947	\$288,424	\$(297,715)	\$314,570
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash					
(used for)					
provided by operating activities					
Depreciation and amortization	747	98,658	128,806		228,211
Deferred income taxes	(5,178)	111,795	· /		105,910
Net changes in working capital and other		93,280	(181,103)	297,715	(104,531)
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	(18,940)	327,680	235,420		544,160
Cash flows from investing activities					
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired			(2,437,829)		(2,437,829)
Additions to cost method investment			(4,000)		(4,000)
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(163,579)	(303,751)		(467,330)
Proceeds from disposition of assets		48	165		213
Proceeds from sales and maturities of securities	658,338		4,600		662,938
Purchase of securities	(138,422)				(138,422 )
Settlements of derivative instruments		(4,655)			(4,655)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	519,916	(168,186)	(2,740,815)		(2,389,085)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Intercompany financing	(2,242,604)	(366,639)	2,609,243		
Capitalized debt issuance costs	(33,617)		(1,590)		(35,207)
Dividends paid	(71,933)				(71,933)
Distributions paid		202,211	(214,511)		(12,300)
Proceeds from debt issuance	1,428,512				1,428,512
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,650				1,650
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable			5,597		5,597
Proceeds from term loan and drawdown of revolver	450,000		150,000		600,000
Restricted cash associated with term loan			(154,000)		(154,000)
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	Westlake Chemical Corporation Subsidia	)r Subsidiaries	tionConsolidated
Repayment of notes payable		(10,602 ) —	(10,602)
Repayment of revolver	(125,000) —		(125,000)
Repurchase of common stock for treasury	(67,406 ) —		(67,406)
Windfall tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	1,190 —		1,190
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(659,208) (164,428	5) 2,384,137 —	1,560,501
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		2,418 —	2,418
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(158,232) (4,934	) (118,840 ) —	(282,006)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	303,131 6,818	352,576 —	662,525
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$144,899 \$1,884	\$233,736 \$	—\$ 380,519

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	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidat	ted
Statement of Cash Flows						
Cash flows from operating activities						
Net income	\$535,041	\$237,804	\$321,574	\$(545,531)	\$ 548,888	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used for) provided by operating activities						
Depreciation and amortization	1,504	81,770	98,459		181,733	
Deferred income taxes	87	3,972	3,526		7,585	
Net changes in working capital and other		110,574	14,126	545,531	103,094	
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities		434,120	437,685		841,300	
Cash flows from investing activities	(50,505 )	13 1,120	137,005		011,500	
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired			15,782		15,782	
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(137,844)	(191,392)		(329,236	)
Proceeds from disposition of assets			17		17	/
Proceeds from disposition of equity method		27.065			07.065	
investment		27,865			27,865	
Proceeds from sales and maturities of securities	16,056				16,056	
Purchase of securities	(282,542)				(282,542	)
Settlements of derivative instruments		(1,535)			(1,535	)
Net cash used for investing activities	(266,486)	(111,514)	(175,593)		(553,593	)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Intercompany financing	467,360	(570,217)	102,857			
Dividends paid	(67,852)				(67,852	)
Distributions paid		249,999	(260,981)		(10,982	)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	984				984	
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable			19,483		19,483	
Repayment of notes payable			(32,954)	—	(32,954	)
Repurchase of common stock for treasury	(114,254 )			—	(114,254	)
Windfall tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	2,452	_	_	_	2,452	
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	288,690	(320,218)	(171,595)		(203,123	)
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#### WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (Unaudited) (in thousands of dollars, except share amounts and per share data)

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	Westlake Chemical Corporation	100% Owned Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	onConsolidat	ed
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	_	_	(3,260)	 (3,260	)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(8,301) 655,947 \$647,646	2,388 3,047 \$ 5,435	87,237 221,607 \$ 308,844	 \$ 81,324 880,601 —\$ 961,925	

# Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with information contained in the accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of Westlake Chemical Corporation and the notes thereto and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Westlake Chemical Corporation included in Westlake Chemical Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 Form 10-K"). The following discussion contains forward-looking statements. Please read "Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of limitations inherent in such statements.

We are a vertically integrated global manufacturer and marketer of basic chemicals, vinyls, polymers and building products. Our two principal operating segments are Olefins and Vinyls. We are highly integrated along our olefins product chain with significant downstream integration into polyethylene and styrene monomer. We are also an integrated global producer of vinyls with substantial downstream integration into polyvinyl chloride ("PVC") building products.

Since 2009 and continuing through the third quarter of 2016, a cost advantage for ethane-based ethylene producers over naphtha-based ethylene producers has allowed a strong export market for polyethylene, ethylene derivatives and higher margins for North American chemical producers, including Westlake. Continued strong global demand for polyethylene has resulted in improved operating margins and cash flow for our Olefins segment in recent years. However, we have seen a significant reduction in the cost advantage enjoyed by North American ethane-based ethylene producers due to lower crude oil prices, beginning in the third quarter of 2014 and continuing through the third quarter of 2016. Falling crude oil prices have resulted in reduced prices and margins and may continue to do so. However, our European operations rely primarily on feedstock derived from naphtha-based ethylene crackers and may benefit from lower crude oil prices. Looking forward, new olefins capacity additions in Asia, the Middle East and North America, a number of which have been announced in recent years, may lead to periods of over-supply and lower profitability.

Continued slow recovery in the U.S. construction markets and budgetary constraints in municipal spending have contributed to lower North American demand for our vinyls products, which may continue to negatively impact our Vinyls segment operating rates and margins. Likewise, European industry production capacities currently exceed demand in the region, largely due to the weak economic environment in Europe. However, since late 2010, the PVC industry in North America has experienced an increase in PVC resin export demand, driven largely by more competitive feedstock and energy cost positions in North America. As a consequence, North American PVC resin industry operating rates have improved since 2010, largely due to higher PVC resin export shipments. In addition, the completion of our world-scale Geismar, Louisiana chlor-alkali plant and the ethane feedstock conversion and ethylene expansion project at Westlake Chemical OpCo LP's ("OpCo") Calvert City, Kentucky ethylene plant in 2013 and 2014, respectively, as well as the July 2014 acquisition of Vinnolit Holdings GmbH and its subsidiary companies ("Vinnolit"), an integrated global leader in specialty PVC resins, have contributed to improved operating margins and cash flow for our Vinyls segment.

The economic environment in the United States and globally appears to be slowly improving. However, depending on the performance of the global economy in the remainder of 2016 and beyond, our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows could be negatively impacted. In addition, the European economy has been slower to recover than the U.S. economy.

#### **Recent Developments**

On August 31, 2016, we completed the previously announced acquisition of Axiall Corporation ("Axiall") for \$33.00 per share in an all-cash transaction (the "Merger"), pursuant to the terms of the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of June 10, 2016, by and among Westlake, Axiall and Lagoon Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westlake. The combined company is the third-largest global chlor-alkali producer and the third-largest global PVC producer. During the third quarter of 2016, in order to finance a portion of the consideration and related fees and expenses, and for other general corporate purposes, we issued \$1.45 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes. In addition, we entered into a \$1.0 billion unsecured revolving

credit facility (the "Credit Agreement").

In July 2016, OpCo completed planned major maintenance activities, or a turnaround, of its Petro 1 ethylene unit at our Lake Charles, Louisiana site. In conjunction with this turnaround, OpCo also completed an upgrade and capacity expansion of the Petro 1 ethylene unit. The Petro 1 expansion project is expected to increase ethylene capacity by approximately 250 million pounds annually. Income from operations for the third quarter of 2016 was negatively impacted as a result of the lost production, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs related to the planned turnaround and expansion.

On July 18, 2016, we announced that our Calvert City facility was in the process of restarting as a result of an unexpected shut down that occurred on June 1, 2016. The unplanned outage was caused by a mechanical failure of OpCo's ethylene unit, which resulted in a complete outage of the facility and halted all production including the production of ethylene dichloride ("EDC"), vinyl chloride monomer ("VCM"), chlor-alkali and PVC resin. Income from operations for the third quarter of 2016

was negatively impacted as a result of the lost production, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs related to the unplanned outage. Results of Operations

L	Three Months EndedSeptember 30,20162015		Nine Month September 3 2016			
	(dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
Net external sales						
Olefins						
Polyethylene	\$380,810	\$423,631	\$1,098,500	\$1,283,545		
Styrene, feedstock and other	116,555	164,466	324,369	508,507		
Total Olefins	497,365	588,097	1,422,869	1,792,052		
Vinyls						
PVC, caustic soda and other	599,276	468,235	1,492,650	1,315,101		
Building products	182,387	131,705	424,757	369,417		
Total Vinyls	781,663	599,940	1,917,407	1,684,518		
Total	\$1,279,028	\$1,188,037	\$3,340,276	\$3,476,570		
Income (loss) from operations						
Olefins	\$118,475	\$196,703	\$408,274	\$608,744		
Vinyls	22,235	67,779	136,559	202,831		
Corporate and other	(94,147)	(10,454)	(116,056)	(32,893)		
Total income from operations	46,563	254,028	428,777	778,682		
Interest expense	(24,366)	(8,211)	(36,966)	(26,760)		
Other income, net	41,265	2,636	52,091	33,790		
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(6,552)	60,033	129,332	236,824		
Net income	70,014	188,420	314,570	548,888		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	4,352	4,816	14,656	13,847		
Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation	\$65,662	\$183,604	\$299,914	\$535,041		
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.51	\$1.39	\$2.29	\$4.02		
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$182,057	\$317,912	\$708,061	\$992,701		

(1)See "Reconciliation of EBITDA to Net Income and to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities" below.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	Average Sales Price	Average Sales Price	
Product sales price and volume percentage change			
from prior-year period			
Olefins	-6.3 % -9.1 %	-12.0 % -8.6 %	
Vinyls	-3.0 % +33.3 %	-5.7 % +19.5 %	
Company average	-4.6 % +12.3 %	-8.9 % +5.0 %	

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Average industry prices <sup>(1)</sup>				
Ethane (cents/lb)	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.3
Propane (cents/lb)	11.2	9.6	10.7	11.0
Ethylene (cents/lb) <sup>(2)</sup>	32.5	28.2	26.5	33.6
Polyethylene (cents/lb) <sup>(3)</sup>	68.7	72.3	65.3	73.8
Styrene (cents/lb) <sup>(4)</sup>	66.8	64.2	63.3	61.4
Caustic soda (\$/short ton) <sup>(5)</sup>	660.8	563.3	618.3	576.1
Chlorine (\$/short ton) <sup>(6)</sup>	304.2	275.0	295.3	260.8
PVC (cents/lb) <sup>(7)</sup>	71.5	66.5	68.8	66.5

(1) Industry pricing data was obtained from IHS Chemical. We have not independently verified the data.

(2) Represents average North American spot prices of ethylene over the period as reported by IHS Chemical.

Represents average North American net transaction prices of polyethylene low density GP-Film grade over the (3) period as reported by IUS Classical and the IUS Classical and th period as reported by IHS Chemical.

(4) Represents average North American contract prices of styrene over the period as reported by IHS Chemical.

(5) Represents average North American undiscounted contract prices of caustic soda over the period as reported by IHS Chemical.

(6) Represents average North American contract prices of chlorine (into chemicals) over the period as reported by IHS Chemical.

(7)Represents average North American contract prices of PVC over the period as reported by IHS Chemical. Reconciliation of EBITDA to Net Income and to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities The following table presents the reconciliation of EBITDA to net income and to net cash provided by operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, for each of the periods indicated.

	Three Mon	ths Ended	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(dollars in thousands)			
EBITDA	\$182,057	\$317,912	\$708,061	\$992,701
Less:				
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(6,552)	60,033	129,332	236,824
Interest expense	24,366	8,211	36,966	26,760
Depreciation and amortization	94,229	61,248	227,193	180,229
Net income	70,014	188,420	314,570	548,888
Changes in operating assets and liabilities and other	101,334	213,028	123,680	284,827
Deferred income taxes	2,920	4,497	105,910	7,585
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$174,268	\$405,945	\$544,160	\$841,300

#### Summary

For the quarter ended September 30, 2016, net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation was \$65.7 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, on net sales of \$1,279.0 million. This represents a decrease in net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation of \$117.9 million, or \$0.88 per diluted share, compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2015 net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation of \$183.6 million, or \$1.39 per diluted share, on net sales of \$1,188.0 million. Net income for the third quarter of 2016 was impacted by (1) pre-tax transaction and integration-related costs of approximately \$82.8 million, or \$0.41 per diluted share, associated with the Merger; (2) pre-tax unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, an unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds totaling approximately \$36.0 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share; and (3) lost sales associated with such turnarounds and outages, partially offset by (4) realized gain of approximately \$49.1 million from the previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall; and (5) a third quarter 2016 effective tax rate of (10.3)%. The third quarter 2016 rate resulted from discrete items totaling \$28.6 million, which decreased the third guarter 2016 tax provision, and are comprised of \$17.2 million related to the non-recognition of tax on the gain recognized attributable to previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall and \$15.6 million related to return to provision, amended returns and other adjustments, partially offset by \$4.2 million related to non-deductible Axiall acquisition costs. We estimate the 2016 annual tax rate on ordinary income will be approximately 35.6%. Net sales for the third quarter of 2016 increased by \$91.0 million compared to net sales for the third quarter of 2015, mainly due to sales contributed by Axiall, partially offset by lower sales prices and lower sales volumes for most of our major products. Income from operations was \$46.6 million for the third quarter of 2016 as compared to \$254.0 million for the third quarter of 2015. The decrease in income from operations for the third quarter of 2016 was mainly a result of lower sales prices for most of our major products, transaction and integration-related costs associated with the Merger and the effect of selling higher cost Axiall inventory recorded at fair value. In addition, income from operations for the third quarter of 2016 was negatively impacted by the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation was \$299.9 million, or \$2.29 per diluted share, on net sales of \$3,340.3 million. This represents a decrease in net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation of \$235.1 million, or \$1.73 per diluted share, from the nine months ended September 30, 2015 net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Corporation of \$535.0 million, or \$4.02 per diluted share, on net sales of \$3,476.6 million. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was impacted by (1) pre-tax transaction and integration-related costs of approximately \$90.6 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, associated with the Merger; (2) pre-tax unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, an unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds and unplanned outages totaling approximately \$116.2 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share; and (3) lost sales associated with such turnarounds and outages, partially offset by (4) realized gain of approximately \$49.1 million from the previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall; and (5) a lower effective tax rate of 29.1%. The 2016 period rate resulted from discrete items totaling \$29.0 million, which decreased the tax provision for the 2016 period, and are comprised of \$17.2 million related to the non-recognition of tax on the gain recognized attributable to the previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall and \$16.0 million related to return to provision, amended returns and other adjustments, partially offset by \$4.2 million related to non-deductible Axiall acquisition costs. Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 decreased by \$136.3 million compared to the prior-year period, primarily due to lower sales prices for all our major products and lower sales volumes for ethylene, polyethylene and ethylene co-products, partially offset by higher sales volume for PVC resin and sales contributed by Axiall and Suzhou Huasu Plastics Co., Ltd. ("Huasu"). We acquired a controlling interest in Huasu in June 2015. Income from operations was \$428.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to \$778.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, a decrease mainly attributable to lower sales prices for all our major products, transaction and integration-related costs associated with the Merger and

the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds and unplanned outages. The decrease in income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was partially offset by lower average feedstock and energy costs and higher product margins at our European operations, as compared to the prior-year period.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Third Quarter 2016 Compared with Third Quarter 2015

Net Sales. Net sales increased by \$91.0 million, or 7.7%, to \$1,279.0 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$1,188.0 million in the third quarter of 2015, primarily attributable to sales contributed by Axiall, partially offset by lower sales prices and lower sales volumes for most of our major products. Average sales prices for the third quarter of 2016 decreased by 4.6%

as compared to the third quarter of 2015. Overall sales volumes increased by 12.3% as compared to the third quarter of 2015, primarily attributable to sales contributed by Axiall, as compared to the prior-year period.

Gross Profit. Gross profit margin percentage decreased to 15.8% in the third quarter of 2016 from 26.2% in the third quarter of 2015. The third quarter 2016 gross profit was negatively impacted by lower sales prices for most of our major products. Sales prices decreased an average of 4.6% for the third quarter of 2016 as compared to the third quarter of 2015. In addition, the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds further contributed to the decrease in third quarter 2016 gross profit margin. The decrease in third quarter 2016 gross profit margin was compounded by the negative impact of selling higher cost Axiall inventory recorded at fair value.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$15.5 million to \$72.7 million in the third quarter of 2016 as compared to \$57.2 million in the third quarter of 2015. This increase was mainly due to general and administrative costs incurred by Axiall for the period from August 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016, partially offset by lower consulting and professional fees and lower payroll and related labor costs, including incentive compensation, as compared to the prior-year period.

Transaction and Integration-related Costs. Transaction and integration-related costs were \$82.8 million in the third quarter of 2016 and primarily consisted of severance benefits provided to former Axiall executives in conjunction with the Merger, including the conversion of Axiall restricted stock units into our restricted stock units, transitional service expenses for certain former Axiall employees, retention agreement costs and consulting and professional fees related to the Merger.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased by \$16.2 million to \$24.4 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$8.2 million in the third quarter of 2015 largely as a result of higher average debt outstanding for the period. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt" below for further discussion on our indebtedness.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net increased by \$38.7 million to \$41.3 million in the third guarter of 2016 from \$2.6 million in the third quarter of 2015. The increase was primarily attributable to the realized gain of approximately \$49.1 million from the previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall, partially offset by the bridge loan facility fees written off during the third quarter of 2016 and other financing costs in connection with the Merger. Income Taxes. The effective income tax rate was (10.3)% for the third quarter of 2016. The effective income tax rate for the third quarter of 2016 was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, depletion deductions, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the gain recognized on previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall, the benefit in prior years' and current-year tax credits for increased research and development expenditures and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed and the foreign earnings rate differential, partially offset by state income taxes and nondeductible transaction costs related to the Merger. The effective income tax rate was 24.2% for the third quarter of 2015. The effective income tax rate for the third quarter of 2015 was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the foreign earnings rate differential, the increased benefit in certain prior years' deductions due to a change in the calculation methodology of the domestic manufacturing deduction and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed, partially offset by state income taxes. **Olefins Segment** 

Net Sales. Net sales for the Olefins segment decreased by \$90.7 million, or 15.4%, to \$497.4 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$588.1 million in the third quarter of 2015, primarily due to lower sales prices and lower sales volumes for our major products, as compared to the prior-year period. Average sales prices for the Olefins segment decreased by 6.3% in the third quarter of 2016 as compared to the third quarter of 2015. Average sales volumes for the Olefins segment decreased by 9.1% in the third quarter of 2016 as compared to the third quarter of 2015. Income from Operations. Income from operations for the Olefins segment decreased by \$78.2 million to \$118.5 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$196.7 million in the third quarter of 2015. This decrease was mainly attributable to lower olefins integrated product margins, primarily due to lower sales prices as compared to the

prior-year period, and the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs related to the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit and other planned turnarounds during the third quarter of 2016. Trading activity in the third quarter of 2016 resulted in a loss of \$7.8 million as compared to a loss of \$9.3 million in the third quarter of 2015.

#### Vinyls Segment

Net Sales. Net sales for the Vinyls segment increased by \$181.8 million, or 30.3%, to \$781.7 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$599.9 million in the third quarter of 2015. This increase was mainly attributable to sales contributed by Axiall, partially offset by lower sales prices for our building products and lower sales volumes for all of our major products, as compared to the prior-year period. Average sales prices for the Vinyls segment decreased by 3.0% in the third guarter of 2016 as compared to the third guarter of 2015. Average sales volumes for the Vinyls segment increased by 33.3% in the third quarter of 2016 as compared to the third quarter of 2015, primarily attributable to sales contributed by Axiall, as compared to the prior-year period. Income from Operations. Income from operations for the Vinyls segment decreased by \$45.6 million to \$22.2 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$67.8 million in the third quarter of 2015. This decrease was mainly caused by the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds at our European facilities and lower sales prices for our building products, as compared to the prior-year period. In addition, income from operations for the third quarter of 2016 was negatively impacted by the effect of selling higher cost Axiall inventory recorded at fair value. Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 Net Sales. Net sales decreased by \$136.3 million, or 3.9%, to \$3,340.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$3,476.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily attributable to lower sales prices for all our major products and lower sales volumes for ethylene, polyethylene and ethylene co-products, partially offset by higher sales volume for PVC resin and sales contributed by Axiall and Huasu, as compared to the prior-year period. Average sales prices for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 decreased by 8.9% as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Sales prices in the first nine months of 2016 were negatively impacted by lower crude oil prices as compared to the prior-year period. Overall sales volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 increased by 5.0% as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily attributable to sales contributed by Axiall and Huasu, as compared to the prior-year period. Gross Profit. Gross profit margin percentage of 20.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 decreased from the 27.3% gross profit margin percentage for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease was mainly attributable to lower sales prices for our major products, as compared to the prior-year period, and the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds and unplanned outages during the first nine months of 2016. Sales prices decreased an average of 8.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the prior-year period. In addition, gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 included the negative impact of selling higher cost Axiall inventory recorded at fair value. The decrease in gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was partially offset by lower average feedstock and energy costs and higher product margins at our European operations, as compared to the prior-year period.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$9.5 million to \$179.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to \$170.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This increase was mainly attributable to general and administrative costs incurred by Axiall for the period from August 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016, partially offset by lower consulting and professional fees, as compared to the prior-year period.

Transaction and Integration-related Costs. Transaction and integration-related costs were \$90.6 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and primarily consisted of severance benefits provided to former Axiall executives in conjunction with the Merger, including the conversion of Axiall restricted stock units into our restricted stock units, transitional service expenses for former Axiall employees, retention agreement costs and consulting and professional fees related to the Merger.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased by \$10.2 million to \$37.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, largely as a result of higher average debt outstanding for the period, partially offset by increased capitalized interest on major capital projects as compared to the prior-year period. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt"

below for a further discussion of our indebtedness.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net increased by \$18.3 million to \$52.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$33.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase was primarily attributable to the realized gain of approximately \$49.1 million from the previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall and higher interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the prior-year period, partially offset by the

expenses related to the bridge loan facility and other financing costs in connection with the Merger. Other income, net for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 included a gain of approximately \$15.5 million related to the bargain purchase gain from the acquisition of a controlling interest in Huasu, net of related expenses, and the partial impairment of an equity method investment.

Income Taxes. The effective income tax rate was 29.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The effective income tax rate for the 2016 period was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, depletion deductions, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the gain recognized on previously held outstanding shares of common stock of Axiall, the benefit in prior years' and current-year tax credits for increased research and development expenditures and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed and the foreign earnings rate differential, partially offset by state income taxes and nondeductible transaction costs related to the Merger. The effective income tax rate was 30.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The effective income tax rate for the 2015 period was below the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the set of 35.0% primarily due to the benefit of state tax credits, the domestic manufacturing deduction, income attributable to noncontrolling interests, the non-recognition of tax related to the bargain purchase of a controlling interest in Huasu, the increased benefit in certain prior years' deductions due to a change in the calculation methodology of the domestic manufacturing deduction and adjustments related to prior years' tax returns as filed and the foreign earnings rate differential, partially offset by state income taxes. Olefins Segment

Net Sales. Net sales decreased by \$369.2 million, or 20.6%, to \$1,422.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$1,792.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, mainly due to lower sales prices for our major products and lower sales volumes for most of our major products, as compared to the prior-year period. Average sales prices for the Olefins segment decreased by 12.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Average sales volumes for the olefins segment decreased by 8.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Income from Operations. Income from operations decreased by \$200.4 million to \$408.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This decrease was mainly attributable to lower olefins integrated product margins, primarily as a result of lower sales prices as compared to the prior-year period, and the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs related to the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit and other planned turnarounds and unplanned outages during the first nine months of 2016. Trading activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 resulted in a gain of \$7.8 million as compared to a loss of \$4.5 million for the prior-year period. Vinyls Segment

Net Sales. Net sales increased by \$232.9 million, or 13.8%, to \$1,917.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$1,684.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This increase was primarily attributable to sales contributed by Axiall and Huasu and higher sales volume for PVC resin, partially offset by lower sales prices for our major products. Average sales prices for the Vinyls segment decreased by 5.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Average sales volumes for the Vinyls segment increased by 19.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily attributable to sales contributed by Axiall and Huasu, as compared to the prior-year period.

Income from Operations. Income from operations decreased by \$66.2 million to \$136.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$202.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This decrease was mainly caused by the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds during the first nine months of 2016. Income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was also lower as a result of lower sales prices for our major products, partially offset by higher product margins at our European operations, as compared to the prior-year period. In addition, income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 included the negative impact of selling higher cost Axiall inventory recorded at fair value.

CASH FLOW DISCUSSION FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

Cash Flows

**Operating Activities** 

Operating activities provided cash of \$544.2 million in the first nine months of 2016 compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$841.3 million in the first nine months of 2015. The \$297.1 million decrease in cash flows from

operating activities was mainly due to a decrease in income from operations, an increase in working capital requirements and an increase in deferred turnaround costs associated with OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 turnaround, partially offset by lower income taxes paid, as compared to the prior-year period. Income from operations decreased by \$349.9 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to the prior-year period, mostly attributable to (1) lower sales prices for all our major products; (2) transaction and integration-related costs associated with the Merger; and (3) the lost sales, lower production rates, unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs and other costs associated with the turnaround and expansion of OpCo's Lake Charles Petro 1 ethylene unit, the unplanned outage at our Calvert City facility and other planned turnarounds and unplanned outages. Changes in components of working capital, which we define for purposes of this cash flow discussion as accounts receivable, net, inventories, prepaid expenses and other current assets, less accounts payable and accrued liabilities, provided cash of \$10.5 million in the first nine months of 2016, compared to \$113.9 million of cash provided in the first nine months of 2015, an unfavorable change of \$103.4 million. The change was mainly due to an increase of \$147.2 million in accounts receivable and an increase of \$112.0 million in inventory, partially offset by a decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$148.7 million.

Net cash used for investing activities during the first nine months of 2016 was \$2,389.1 million as compared to net cash used for investing activities of \$553.6 million in the first nine months of 2015. We used \$2,437.8 million, net of cash acquired, for the acquisition of Axiall. Capital expenditures were \$467.3 million in the first nine months of 2016 compared to \$329.2 million in the first nine months of 2015. Capital expenditures in the first nine months of 2016 were primarily incurred on the upgrade and expansion of OpCo's Petro 1 ethylene unit at our Lake Charles site and OpCo's Calvert City ethylene plant at our Calvert City site. Capital expenditures in the first nine months of 2015 were primarily incurred on the upgrade and expansion of OpCo's Petro 1 ethylene unit at our Lake Charles site. The remaining capital expenditures in the first nine months of 2016 and 2015 primarily related to projects to improve production capacity or reduce costs, maintenance and safety projects and environmental projects at our various facilities. Purchases of securities in the first nine months of 2016 totaled \$138.4 million and were comprised of corporate debt securities, U.S. government debt securities and equity securities. We also received aggregate proceeds of \$662.9 million from the sales and maturities of our investments in the first nine months of 2015. We acquired cash of \$15.8 million, net of cash paid, in connection with the acquisition of a controlling interest in Huasu.

#### **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided for financing activities during the first nine months of 2016 was \$1,560.5 million as compared to net cash used for financing activities of \$203.1 million in the first nine months of 2015. Net proceeds from the issuance of our senior notes and the proceeds from our term loan and the drawdown of the Credit Agreement were \$1,428.5 million and \$600.0 million, respectively, partially offset by the \$125.0 million partial repayment of the Credit Agreement in the first nine months of 2016. The remaining activity during the first nine months of 2016 was primarily related to the \$71.9 million payment of cash dividends, the \$12.3 million payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the \$35.2 million payment of debt issuance costs and the \$67.4 million of cash used for repurchases of shares of our common stock. In addition, we repaid \$10.6 million of Huasu's short-term notes payable to banks in connection with the payment of suppliers through letters of credit, partially offset by \$5.6 million of proceeds from the issuance of such notes payable. The financing activities during the first nine months of 2015 were mainly related to the repayment of cash dividends, the payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the cosh dividends, the payment of cash dividends of 2015 were mainly related to the payment of cash dividends, the payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the cosh dividends, the payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the cosh dividends, the payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the cosh dividends, the payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the cosh dividends, the payment of cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, the proceeds from the repayments of Huasu's short-term notes payable to banks and the repurchase of shares of our common stock.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity and Financing Arrangements

Our principal sources of liquidity are from cash and cash equivalents, cash from operations, short-term borrowings under the Credit Agreement and our long-term financing.

In January 2016, OpCo announced an expansion project to increase the ethylene capacity of its ethylene plant at our Calvert City facility. The expansion is expected to increase ethylene capacity by approximately 70 million pounds annually and is targeted for completion during the first half of 2017. Combined with other incremental capacity increases, the total ethylene capacity of OpCo's ethylene plant at our Calvert City facility is expected to increase to 730 million pounds annually at the completion of this project. This capital project is currently estimated to cost in the range of \$70.0 million to \$80.0 million and is expected to be funded with cash on hand, cash flow from operations, and, if necessary, borrowings under each of the Credit Agreement and OpCo's revolving credit facility with another subsidiary of ours and other external financing. As of

September 30, 2016, OpCo had incurred a total cost of approximately \$30.5 million on the Calvert City ethylene expansion capital project.

In November 2014, our Board of Directors authorized a \$250.0 million share repurchase program (the "2014 Program"). In November 2015, our Board of Directors approved the expansion of the 2014 Program by an additional \$150.0 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2016, no shares of our common stock were repurchased under the 2014 Program. As of September 30, 2016, we had repurchased 4,193,598 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$228.7 million under the 2014 Program. Purchases under the 2014 Program may be made either through the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Decisions regarding the amount and the timing of purchases under the 2014 Program will be influenced by our cash on hand, our cash flow from operations, general market conditions and other factors. The 2014 Program may be discontinued by our Board of Directors at any time.

We believe that our sources of liquidity as described above will be adequate to fund our normal operations and ongoing capital expenditures. Funding of any potential large expansions or any potential acquisitions would likely necessitate and therefore depend on our ability to obtain additional financing in the future. We may not be able to access additional liquidity at cost effective interest rates due to the volatility of the commercial credit markets. Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of September 30, 2016, our cash and cash equivalents totaled \$380.5 million. In addition, we have the Credit Agreement available to supplement cash if needed, as described under "Debt" below. Debt

As of September 30, 2016, our indebtedness, including current maturities, totaled \$3.8 billion, consisting of \$100.0 million of 6 1/2% senior notes due 2029, \$250.0 million of 6 3/4% senior notes due 2032, \$89.0 million of 6 1/2% senior notes due 2035 (the "6 1/2% 2035 GO Zone Senior Notes"), \$65.0 million of 6 1/2% senior notes due 2035 (the "6 1/2% 2035 IKE Zone Senior Notes") (collectively, the "Senior Notes"), \$624.8 million aggregate principal amount of 4.625% senior notes due 2021 (the "4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes"), \$63.2 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% senior notes due 2021 (the "4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes"), \$250.0 million principal amount of 3.60% senior notes due 2022, \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of 4.875% senior notes due 2023 (the "4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes"), \$16.2 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% senior notes due 2023 (the "4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes"), \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.60% senior notes due 2026 (the "3.60% 2026 Senior Notes"), \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.0% senior notes due 2046 (the "5.0% 2046 Senior Notes"), \$325.0 million borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement, a \$10.9 million loan from the proceeds of tax-exempt waste disposal revenue bonds (supported by an \$11.3 million letter of credit) and a \$150.0 million current term loan facility, plus unamortized premium net of unamortized discount and debt issuance costs of \$1.4 million. The 6 1/2% senior notes due 2029, the 6 3/4% senior notes due 2032, the 6 1/2% 2035 GO Zone Senior Notes and the 6 1/2% 2035 IKE Zone Senior Notes evidence and secure our obligations to the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facility and Development Authority (the "Authority"), a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, under four loan agreements relating to the issuance of \$100.0 million, \$250.0 million, \$89.0 million and \$65.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Authority's tax-exempt revenue bonds, respectively. As of September 30, 2016, debt outstanding under the Credit Agreement, tax-exempt waste disposal revenue bonds and the term loan facility bore interest at a variable rate. As of September 30, 2016, we were in compliance with all of the covenants with respect to the Senior Notes, the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes, the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes, the 3.60% senior notes due 2022, the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes, the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes, the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes, the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes, the Credit Agreement, our waste disposal revenue bonds and our term loan facility.

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future, which is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. Based on our current level of operations and unless we were to undertake a new expansion or large acquisition, we believe our cash flow from operations, available cash and available borrowings under the Credit Agreement will be adequate to meet our normal operating needs for the foreseeable future.

Term Loan

On August 10, 2016, our indirect subsidiary, Westlake International Holdings II C.V., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Netherlands (the "CV Borrower"), entered into a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as agent and lender, providing the CV Borrower with a \$150.0 million term loan facility. The term loan facility matures on March 31, 2017. The loans thereunder bear interest at a floating interest rate equal to LIBOR plus 2.0% per annum, payable in arrears on the last day of each three-month period following the date of funding and at maturity. The CV Borrower may elect to convert the interest rate to a base rate with a 1.0% spread.

The facility contains customary covenants and events of default that impose certain operating and financial restrictions on the CV Borrower and certain of its subsidiaries. These restrictions, among other things, provide limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and liens and the ability to engage in certain transactions with affiliates. Pursuant to the credit agreement, all of our non-U.S. subsidiaries are to remain owned, directly or indirectly, by the CV Borrower and its wholly owned subsidiary, Westlake International II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("WII LLC"). The CV Borrower is also required, together with its subsidiaries, to maintain at all times unencumbered cash and cash equivalents in a U.S. dollar equivalent of not less than \$150.0 million, which amount shall be increased by 5% to the extent maintained in non-U.S. currencies. In connection therewith, an amount of cash and cash equivalents for the period (a) from the closing date until the date 30 days thereafter, not less than \$50.0 million, and (b) thereafter, not less than \$75.0 million, shall be maintained by the CV Borrower and its subsidiaries in accounts at Bank of America, N.A., in accordance with existing cash management agreements.

Obligations under the term loan facility are secured by a pledge of 65% of the membership interests of WII LLC as well as rights under the partnership agreement of Westlake International Holdings C.V., a limited partnership organized under the laws of The Netherlands, held by WII LLC and the CV Borrower. Credit Agreement

On August 23, 2016, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into an unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Agreement"), by and among us, the other borrowers and guarantors referred to therein, the lenders from time to time party thereto (collectively, the "Lenders"), the issuing banks party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent. Under the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have committed to provide an unsecured five-year revolving credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0 billion. The Credit Agreement replaced our existing \$400.0 million senior secured third amended and restated credit facility, dated as of July 17, 2014 (the "Prior ABL Credit Agreement"), by and among us, the financial institutions party thereto, as lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and us and certain of our subsidiaries, as borrowers. The Credit Agreement includes a \$150.0 million sub-limit for letters of credit, and any outstanding letters of credit will be deducted from availability under the facility. The Credit Agreement also provides for a discretionary \$50.0 million commitment for swing-line loans to be provided on a same-day basis. We may also increase the size of the facility, in increments of at least \$25.0 million, up to a maximum of \$500.0 million, subject to certain conditions and if certain Lenders agree to commit to such an increase. On October 14, 2016, certain domestic subsidiaries of Axiall and Lagoon LLC were added as subsidiary guarantors to the Credit Agreement.

At September 30, 2016, we had \$325.0 million borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement will bear interest, at our option, at either (a) LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 1.0% to 1.75% that will vary depending on our credit rating or (b) Alternate Base Rate plus a spread ranging from 0.0% to 0.75% that will vary depending on our credit rating. The Credit Agreement also requires an undrawn commitment fee ranging from 0.10% to 0.25% that will vary depending on our credit rating. The Credit rating. The Credit Agreement matures on August 23, 2021. As of September 30, 2016, we had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$76.6 million and borrowing availability of \$598.4 million under the Credit Agreement.

Our obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by our current and future material domestic subsidiaries, subject to customary exceptions. The Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants, including a quarterly total leverage ratio financial maintenance covenant. The Credit Agreement also contains customary events of default and if and for so long as an event of default has occurred and is continuing, any amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement will accrue interest at an increased rate, the Lenders can terminate their commitments thereunder and payments of any outstanding amounts could be accelerated by the Lenders. As of September 30, 2016, we were in compliance with the total leverage ratio financial maintenance covenant. GO Zone and IKE Zone Bonds

As of September 30, 2016, we had drawn all the proceeds from the issuance of the 6 ½% senior notes due 2029, 6 ¾% senior notes due 2032, 6 ½% 2035 GO Zone Senior Notes and 6 ½% 2035 IKE Zone Senior Notes. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt" in the 2015 Form 10-K for more information on the 6 ½% senior notes due 2029, the 6 ¾% senior

notes due 2032, the 6 ½% 2035 GO Zone Senior Notes and the 6 ½% 2035 IKE Zone Senior Notes. All domestic restricted subsidiaries that guarantee other debt of ours or of another guarantor of the Senior Notes in excess of \$5.0 million are guarantors of these notes.

The indentures governing the Senior Notes contain customary covenants and events of default. Accordingly, these agreements generally impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions, among other things, provide limitations on incurrence of additional indebtedness, the payment of dividends, certain investments and acquisitions

and sales of assets. However, the effectiveness of certain of these restrictions is currently suspended because the Senior Notes are currently rated investment grade by at least two nationally recognized credit rating agencies. The most significant of these provisions, if it were currently effective, would restrict us from incurring additional debt, except specified permitted debt (including borrowings under our credit facility), when our fixed charge coverage ratio is below 2.0:1. These limitations are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions, including, without limitation, an exception for the payment of our regular quarterly dividend of up to \$0.10 per share. If the restrictions were currently effective, distributions in excess of \$100.0 million would not be allowed unless, after giving pro forma effect to the distribution, our fixed charge coverage ratio is at least 2.0:1 and such payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other distributions after January 13, 2006, is less than the sum of 50% of our consolidated net income for the period from October 1, 2003 to the end of the most recent quarter for which financial statements have been filed, plus 100% of net cash proceeds received after October 1, 2003 as a contribution to our common equity capital or from the issuance or sale of certain securities, plus several other adjustments. 3.60% Senior Notes due 2022

The 3.60% senior notes due 2022 are unsecured and were issued with an original issue discount of \$1.2 million. There is no sinking fund and no scheduled amortization of the 3.60% senior notes due 2022 prior to maturity. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt" in the 2015 Form 10-K for more information on the 3.60% senior notes due 2022. All of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee other indebtedness of ours or of another guarantor of the 3.60% senior notes due 2022 in excess of \$5.0 million are guarantors of the 3.60% senior notes due 2022.

The indenture governing the 3.60% senior notes due 2022 contains customary events of default and covenants that will restrict our and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to (1) incur certain secured indebtedness, (2) engage in certain sale-leaseback transactions and (3) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our or their assets. 3.60% Senior Notes due 2026 and 5.0% Senior Notes due 2046

On August 10, 2016, we completed our private offering of our \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes. The 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes are our senior obligations and are guaranteed on a senior basis by certain of our existing and future domestic subsidiaries. The 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes and guarantees are unsecured and rank equally with our existing and future senior unsecured obligations. We have entered into a registration rights agreement in which we have agreed to file an exchange offer registration statement or, under specified circumstances, a shelf registration statement, with the SEC with respect to the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes. The net proceeds from the offering were used to finance the Merger and to repay amounts under the term loan facility dated February 27, 2015 entered into by Axiall Holdco, Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Axiall), as the borrower, with the financial institutions party thereto. All of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee other indebtedness of ours or of another guarantor of the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes in excess of \$40.0 million are guarantors of the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes.

The indenture governing the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes and the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes contains customary events of default and covenants that will restrict our and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to (1) incur certain secured indebtedness, (2) engage in certain sale-leaseback transactions and (3) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our or their assets.

#### **Exchange Offers**

On September 7, 2016, we completed offers to exchange (the "Axiall Exchange Offers") any and all of the \$688.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes and the \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes (together with the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes, the "Subsidiary Notes") issued by Axiall for new senior notes issued by us having the same maturity and interest rates as the Subsidiary Notes. The 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes were assumed at fair value, which resulted in a premium on the Subsidiary Notes of \$33.5 million and \$15.8 million, respectively. The Axiall Exchange Offers, pursuant to which \$624.8 million aggregate principal amount

of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes were exchanged, respectively, for \$624.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes, leaving outstanding \$63.2 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2021 Senior Notes and \$16.2 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes are the senior unsecured obligations of Axiall and Eagle Spinco, respectively. The 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes are our senior obligations and are guaranteed on a senior basis by certain of our

existing and future domestic subsidiaries. The 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes and guarantees are unsecured and rank equally with our existing and future senior unsecured obligations and each guarantor's existing and future senior unsecured obligations. We have entered into a registration rights agreement in which we have agreed to file an exchange offer registration statement or, under specified circumstances, a shelf registration statement, with the SEC with respect to the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes. All of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee other indebtedness of ours or of another guarantor of the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes or the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes in excess of \$40.0 million are guarantors of the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes. The indenture governing the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes of default and covenants that will restrict our and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to (1) incur certain secured indebtedness, (2) engage in certain sale-leaseback transactions and (3) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our or their assets.

### Revenue Bonds

In December 1997, we entered into a loan agreement with a public trust established for public purposes for the benefit of the Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana. The public trust issued \$10.9 million principal amount of tax-exempt waste disposal revenue bonds in order to finance our construction of waste disposal facilities for an ethylene plant. The waste disposal revenue bonds expire in December 2027 and are subject to redemption and mandatory tender for purchase prior to maturity under certain conditions. Interest on the waste disposal revenue bonds accrues at a rate determined by a remarketing agent and is payable quarterly.

Westlake Chemical Partners LP Credit Arrangements

Our subsidiary, Westlake Chemical Finance Corporation, is the lender party to a \$300.0 million revolving credit facility with Westlake Chemical Partners LP ("Westlake Partners"). The revolving credit facility matures in 2018. Borrowings under the revolver bear interest at LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 2.0% to 3.0% (depending on Westlake Partners' consolidated leverage ratio), payable quarterly. Westlake Partners may pay all or a portion of the interest on any borrowings in kind, in which case any such amounts would be added to the principal amount of the loan. As of September 30, 2016, outstanding borrowings under the credit facility totaled \$135.3 million and bore interest at the LIBOR rate plus 2.0%.

Our subsidiary, Westlake Development Corporation, is the lender party to a \$600.0 million revolving credit facility with OpCo. The revolving credit facility matures in 2019. As of September 30, 2016, outstanding borrowings under the credit facility totaled \$428.0 million and bore interest at the LIBOR rate plus 3.0%, which is accrued in arrears quarterly.

We consolidate Westlake Partners and OpCo for financial reporting purposes as we have a controlling financial interest. As such, the revolving credit facilities described above between our subsidiaries and Westlake Partners and OpCo are eliminated upon consolidation.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements** 

None.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor provisions for forward-looking information. Certain of the statements contained in this report are forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this report that address activities, events or developments that we expect, project, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expected" or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategies or trends. Similarly, statements made herein and elsewhere regarding our acquisition of Axiall are also forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the expected benefits of the acquisition on our future business, operations and financial performance and our ability to successfully integrate the recently acquired business. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot give any assurances that these expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements relate to matters such as:

future operating rates, margins, cash flow and demand for our products; industry market outlook, including the price of crude oil; production capacities;

currency devaluation;

our ability to borrow additional funds under the Credit Agreement;

- our ability to meet our liquidity
- needs;

our ability to meet debt obligations under our debt instruments;

our intended quarterly dividends;

future capacity additions and expansions in the industry;

timing, funding and results of capital projects, such as the expansion program at our Calvert City facility;
results of acquisitions, including our acquisition of Axiall (including the benefits, results and effects thereof);
pension plan obligations, funding requirements and investment policies;

compliance with present and future environmental regulations and costs associated with environmentally related penalties, capital expenditures, remedial actions and proceedings, including any new laws, regulations or treaties that may come into force to limit or control carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases emissions or to address other issues of climate change;

effects of pending legal proceedings; and

timing of and amount of capital expenditures.

We have based these statements on assumptions and analyses in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe were appropriate in the circumstances when the statements were made. Forward-looking statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results, and actual future results could differ materially from those described in such statements. These statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, including those described in "Risk Factors" in the 2015 Form 10-K and the following:

general economic and business conditions;

the cyclical nature of the chemical industry;

the availability, cost and volatility of raw materials and energy;

uncertainties associated with the United States, European and worldwide economies, including those due to political tensions and unrest in the Middle East, the Commonwealth of Independent States (including Ukraine) and elsewhere; current and potential governmental regulatory actions in the United States and other countries and political unrest in other areas;

industry production capacity and operating rates;

the supply/demand balance for our products;

competitive products and pricing pressures;

instability in the credit and financial markets;

access to capital markets;

terrorist acts;

operating interruptions (including leaks, explosions, fires, weather-related incidents, mechanical failure, unscheduled downtime, labor difficulties, transportation interruptions, spills and releases and other environmental risks); changes in laws or regulations;

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technological developments;

our ability to realize anticipated benefits of the Merger and to integrate Axiall's business;

charges or other liabilities relating to the Merger;

the significant indebtedness that we have incurred in connection with the Merger;

our ability to integrate acquired businesses other than Axiall;

foreign currency exchange risks;

# our ability to implement our business strategies; and

creditworthiness of our customers.

Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. Any of the factors, or a combination of these factors, could materially affect our future results of operations and the ultimate accuracy of the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance, and our actual results and future developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Management cautions against putting undue reliance on forward-looking statements or projecting any future results based on such statements or present or prior earnings levels. Every forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

**Commodity Price Risk** 

A substantial portion of our products and raw materials are commodities whose prices fluctuate as market supply and demand fundamentals change. Accordingly, product margins and the level of our profitability tend to fluctuate with changes in the business cycle. We try to protect against such instability through various business strategies. Our strategies include ethylene feedstock flexibility and moving downstream into the olefins and vinyls products where pricing is more stable. We use derivative instruments in certain instances to reduce price volatility risk on feedstocks and products. Based on our open derivative positions at September 30, 2016, a hypothetical \$0.10 increase in the price of a gallon of ethane would have increased our income before taxes by \$19.4 million and a hypothetical \$0.10 increase in the price of a gallon of propane would have increased our income before taxes by \$6.3 million. Additional information concerning derivative commodity instruments appears in Notes 14 and 15 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements within this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk with respect to fixed and variable rate debt. At September 30, 2016, we had \$485.9 million principal amount of variable rate debt outstanding. All of the debt outstanding under our current term loan facility, the Credit Agreement and our loan relating to the tax-exempt waste disposal revenue bonds are at variable rates. We do not currently hedge our variable interest rate debt, but we may do so in the future. The average variable interest rate for our variable rate debt of \$485.9 million as of September 30, 2016 was 2.26%. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in the average interest rate on our variable rate debt would increase our annual interest expense by approximately \$4.9 million. Also, at September 30, 2016, we had \$3.3 billion aggregate principal amount of fixed rate debt. We are subject to the risk of higher interest cost if and when this debt is refinanced. If interest rates were 1% higher at the time of refinancing, our annual interest expense would increase by approximately \$33.4 million.

## Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk associated with our international operations. However, the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates caused by our international operations has not had a material impact on our overall operating results. We may engage in activities to mitigate our exposure to foreign currency exchange risk in certain instances through the use of currency exchange derivative instruments, including forward exchange contracts, or spot purchases. A forward exchange contract obligates us to exchange predetermined amounts of specified currencies at a stated exchange rate on a stated date.

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#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective with respect to (i) the accumulation and communication to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we submit under the Exchange Act, and (ii) the recording, processing, summarizing and reporting of such information within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1.Legal Proceedings

The 2015 Form 10-K, filed on February 24, 2016, contained a description of various legal proceedings in which we are involved, including environmental proceedings at our facilities in Calvert City. See Note 20 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements within this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a description of certain of those proceedings, which information is incorporated by reference herein.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

For a discussion of risk factors, please read Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in the 2015 Form 10-K. The information below includes additional risks relating to our acquisition of Axiall. The risks described below and in other documents that we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flow, liquidity or financial condition.

We may not realize all of the anticipated benefits of the Merger or those benefits may take longer to realize than expected. We may also encounter significant unexpected difficulties in integrating the two businesses. Our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Merger will depend, to a large extent, on our ability to integrate the Westlake and Axiall businesses. The combination of two independent businesses is a complex, costly and time-consuming process. As a result, we will be required to devote significant management attention and resources to integrating Axiall's business practices and operations with our existing business practices and operations. The integration process may disrupt the businesses and, if implemented ineffectively or if impacted by unforeseen negative economic or market conditions or other factors, we may not realize the full anticipated benefits of the Merger. Our failure to meet the challenges involved in integrating the two businesses to realize the anticipated benefits of the Merger or market could cause an interruption of, or a loss of momentum in, our activities and could adversely affect our results of operations.

In addition, the overall integration of the businesses may result in material unanticipated problems, expenses, liabilities, competitive responses, loss of customer relationships, and diversion of management's attention. The difficulties of combining the operations of the companies include, among others:

the diversion of management's attention to integration matters;

difficulties in achieving anticipated cost savings, synergies, business opportunities and growth prospects from combining Axiall's business with our business;

difficulties entering new markets or manufacturing in new geographies where we have no or limited direct prior experience;

difficulties in the integration of operations and systems;

difficulties in the assimilation of employees;

difficulties in managing the expanded operations of a significantly larger and more complex company;

successfully managing relationships with our strategic partners and our supplier and customer base;

challenges in maintaining existing, and establishing new, business relationships; and

challenges in attracting and retaining key personnel.

Many of these factors will be outside of our control and any one of them could result in increased costs, decreases in the amount of expected revenues and diversion of management's time and energy, which could materially impact the business, financial condition and our results of operations. In addition, even if the operations of our business and Axiall's business are integrated successfully, we may not realize the full benefits of the Merger, including the synergies, cost savings or sales or growth opportunities that we expect. These benefits may not be achieved within the anticipated time frame, or at all. Furthermore, additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in the integration of the businesses. All of these factors could decrease or delay the expected accretive effect of the Merger and negatively impact us. As a result, we cannot be certain that the combination of the Westlake and Axiall businesses will result in the realization of the full benefits anticipated from the Merger.

The Merger may result in significant charges or other liabilities that could adversely affect the financial results of the combined company.

The financial results of the combined company may be adversely affected by cash expenses and non-cash accounting charges incurred in connection with our integration of the business and operations of Axiall with our existing business and operations. The amount and timing of these possible charges are not yet known. Further, our failure to identify or accurately assess the magnitude of certain liabilities that we are assuming in the Merger could result in unexpected litigation or regulatory exposure, unfavorable accounting charges, unexpected increases in taxes due, a loss of anticipated tax benefits or other adverse effects on our business, operating results or financial condition. The price of our common stock following the Merger could decline to the extent the combined company's financial results are materially affected by any of these events.

Our level of debt, including that incurred in connection with the Merger, could adversely affect our ability to operate our business.

In connection with the Merger, we substantially increased our indebtedness, which could adversely affect our ability to fulfill our obligations and have a negative impact on our financing options and liquidity position. As of September 30, 2016, our total indebtedness was \$3.8 billion, and our debt represented approximately 50% of our total capitalization. Our annual interest expense for 2015 was \$34.7 million, net of interest capitalized of \$10.4 million. On August 10, 2016, we issued \$1.45 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes in order to finance part of the Merger consideration. On August 23, 2016, we entered into the Credit Agreement (replacing the Prior ABL Credit Agreement). On September 7, 2016, we completed the Axiall Exchange Offers, pursuant to which \$624.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes were exchanged for \$624.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$433.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.625% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$16.2 million aggregate principal amount of the 4.875% Subsidiary 2023 Senior Notes and \$16.

Our level of debt and the limitations imposed on us by our existing or future debt agreements could have significant consequences on our business and future prospects, including the following:

a portion of our cash flow from operations will be dedicated to the payment of interest and principal on our debt and will not be available for other purposes, including the payment of dividends;

we may not be able to obtain necessary financing in the future for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements or other purposes;

our less leveraged competitors could have a competitive advantage because they have greater flexibility to utilize their cash flow to improve their operations;

we may be exposed to risks inherent in interest rate fluctuations because some of our borrowings are at variable rates of interest, which would result in higher interest expense in the event of increases in interest rates;

we could be vulnerable in the event of a downturn in our business that would leave us less able to take advantage of significant business opportunities and to react to changes in our business and in market or industry conditions; and should we pursue additional expansions of existing assets or acquisition of third party assets, we may not be able to obtain additional liquidity at cost effective interest rates.

These factors could be magnified or accelerated to the extent we were to finance future acquisitions with significant amounts of debt.

The Credit Agreement and the indenture governing the Senior Notes impose significant operating and financial restrictions, which may prevent us from capitalizing on business opportunities and taking some actions.

The Credit Agreement and the indenture governing the Senior Notes impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions limit our ability to:

pay dividends on, redeem or repurchase our capital stock;

make investments and other restricted payments;

incur additional indebtedness or issue preferred stock;

create liens;

permit dividend or other payment restrictions on our restricted subsidiaries;

sell all or substantially all of our assets or consolidate or merge with or into other companies;

engage in transactions with affiliates; and

engage in sale-leaseback transactions.

These limitations are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. However, the effectiveness of many of these restrictions in the indenture governing the Senior Notes is currently suspended under the indenture because the Senior Notes are currently rated investment grade by at least two nationally recognized credit rating agencies.

The Credit Agreement also requires us to maintain a quarterly total leverage ratio. These covenants may adversely affect our ability to finance future business opportunities or acquisitions. A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default in respect of the related debt. If a default occurred, the relevant lenders could elect to declare the debt, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable. In addition, any acceleration of debt under the Credit Agreement will constitute a default under some of our other debt, including the indenture governing the Senior Notes, the 3.60% 2026 Senior Notes, the 5.0% 2046 Senior Notes, the 4.625% Westlake 2021 Senior Notes and the 4.875% Westlake 2023 Senior Notes.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information on our purchase of equity securities during the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

				Maximum Number
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number	(or Approximate
			of Shares	Dollar Value) of
			Purchased as Part	Shares that
			of Publicly	May Yet Be
			Announced Plans	Purchased Under the
			or Programs <sup>(2)</sup>	Plans or
				Programs <sup>(2)</sup>
July 2016		\$ —		\$ 171,285,000
August 2016	16,613	\$ 51.91		\$ 171,285,000
September 2016	13,212	\$ 51.11		\$ 171,285,000
	29,825	\$ 51.56		

(1) Represents shares withheld in satisfaction of withholding taxes due upon the vesting of restricted stock and restricted stock units granted to our employees under the 2013 Plan.

In November 2014, our Board of Directors authorized a \$250.0 million share repurchase program (the "2014 Program"). In November 2015, our Board of Directors approved the expansion of the 2014 Program by an additional \$150.0 million. As of September 30, 2016, 4,193,598 shares of common stock had been acquired at an (2) aggregate purchase price of approximately \$228.7 million under the 2014 Program. Transaction fees and

(2) aggregate purchase price of approximately \$228.7 million under the 2014 Program. Transaction fees and commissions are not reported in the average price paid per share in the table above. Decisions regarding the amount and the timing of purchases under the 2014 Program will be influenced by our cash on hand, our cash flow from operations, general market conditions and other factors. The 2014 Program may be discontinued by our Board of Directors at any time.

Item 6. Exhibits Exhibit No.

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Filed herewith. #Furnished herewith.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

## WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION

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