
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

☒ **Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

☐ **Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 1-16091

POLYONE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

34-1730488

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

33587 Walker Road, Avon Lake, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

44012

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(440) 930-1000**

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: **Not Applicable**

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 ☐ 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 (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☒

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller reporting company ☐

(Do not check if a 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

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, as of April 30, 2010 was 92,750,605.

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Part I — Financial Information**Item 1. Financial Statements**

PolyOne Corporation and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)
(In millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	Adjusted 2009
Sales	\$ 630.4	\$ 463.4
Cost of sales	526.9	412.6
Gross margin	103.5	50.8
Selling and administrative	73.9	70.2
Adjustment to impairment of goodwill	—	5.0
Income from equity affiliates	1.5	13.3
Operating income (loss)	31.1	(11.1)
Interest expense, net	(8.0)	(8.8)
Other expense, net	(0.7)	(6.6)
Income (loss) before income taxes	22.4	(26.5)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(4.0)	8.8
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 18.4</u>	<u>\$ (17.7)</u>
Earnings (loss) per common share:		
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 0.20	\$ (0.19)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.19)
Weighted average shares used to compute earnings (loss) per common share:		
Basic	92.5	92.2
Diluted	95.3	92.2

See Accompanying Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

PolyOne Corporation and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In millions)

	(Unaudited) March 31, 2010	Adjusted December 31, 2009
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 209.5	\$ 222.7
Accounts receivable, net	340.6	274.4
Inventories	205.4	183.7
Other current assets	28.1	38.0
Total current assets	783.6	718.8
Property, net	379.1	392.4
Investment in equity affiliates and nonconsolidated subsidiary	5.2	5.8
Goodwill	163.8	163.5
Other intangible assets, net	70.5	71.7
Deferred income tax assets	7.3	8.1
Other non-current assets	57.0	55.7
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,466.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,416.0</u>
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 59.8	\$ 19.9
Short-term debt	0.7	0.5
Accounts payable	310.1	238.3
Accrued expenses	100.7	117.0
Total current liabilities	471.3	375.7
Long-term debt	329.5	389.2
Post-retirement benefits other than pensions	20.8	21.8
Pension benefits	172.6	173.0
Other non-current liabilities	101.2	98.6
Shareholders' equity	371.1	357.7
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,466.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,416.0</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

PolyOne Corporation and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
(In millions)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	Adjusted 2009
Operating Activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 18.4	\$ (17.7)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	14.0	20.0
Deferred income tax benefit	—	(0.6)
Provision for doubtful accounts	1.2	1.0
Stock compensation expense	0.9	0.6
Adjustment to impairment of goodwill	—	5.0
Asset write-downs and impairment charges, net of gain on sale of assets	0.1	1.2
Companies carried at equity:		
Income from equity affiliates	(1.5)	(13.3)
Dividends and distributions received	0.6	1.4
Change in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(71.3)	16.0
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(24.3)	44.2
Increase in accounts payable	75.2	25.7
Decrease in sale of accounts receivable	—	(14.2)
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses and other	(10.5)	1.1
Net cash provided by operating activities	2.8	70.4
Investing Activities		
Capital expenditures	(4.3)	(6.7)
Proceeds from sale of equity affiliate and other assets	7.8	—
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	3.5	(6.7)
Financing Activities		
Change in short-term debt	0.2	15.2
Repayment of long-term debt	(20.0)	—
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	0.7	—
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	(19.1)	15.2
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(0.4)	(0.7)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(13.2)	78.2
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	222.7	44.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 209.5</u>	<u>\$ 122.5</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

PolyOne Corporation and Subsidiaries
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Note 1 — Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Form 10-Q instructions and in the opinion of management contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 of PolyOne Corporation.

Operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be attained in subsequent periods or for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Note 2 — Change in Accounting Principle

Effective January 1, 2010, we elected to change our method of valuing inventories for certain U.S. businesses to the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method, while in prior years, these inventories were valued using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. As a result of this change, all inventories are valued using the FIFO method. Inventories accounted for under the FIFO method as a percent of total consolidated inventories was 76%, with the remainder determined on a LIFO basis at December 31, 2009. We believe the FIFO method is preferable as it conforms the inventory costing methods for all of our inventories to a single method and improves comparability with our industry peers. The FIFO method also better reflects current acquisition cost of those inventories on our consolidated balance sheets. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 250, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, all prior periods presented have been adjusted to apply the new method retrospectively. The effect of the change in our inventory costing method increased our inventory balance and retained earnings by \$42.4 million as of January 1, 2009. There were no tax effects to retained earnings or any of the periods presented below due to the fact that we have a valuation allowance recorded against our net deferred tax assets in the United States.

We have presented the effects of the change in accounting principle for inventory costs on our consolidated financial statements for 2010 and 2009 below. We have condensed the comparative financial statements for financial statement line items that were not affected by the change in accounting principle.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In millions, except per share data)	Three months ended March 31, 2010		
	Computed under LIFO	Change to FIFO	Reported under FIFO
Sales	\$ 630.4	\$ —	\$ 630.4
Cost of sales	527.4	(0.5)	526.9
Gross margin	103.0	0.5	103.5
Selling and administrative	73.9	—	73.9
Income from equity affiliates	1.5	—	1.5
Operating income	30.6	0.5	31.1
Interest and other expense, net	(8.7)	—	(8.7)
Income before income taxes	21.9	0.5	22.4
Income tax expense	(4.0)	—	(4.0)
Net income	<u>\$ 17.9</u>	<u>\$ 0.5</u>	<u>\$ 18.4</u>
Earnings per common share:			
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.20
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.19

(In millions, except per share data)	Three months ended March 31, 2009		
	Originally Reported	Change to FIFO	Adjusted
Sales	\$ 463.4	\$ —	\$ 463.4
Cost of sales	404.2	8.4	412.6
Gross margin	59.2	(8.4)	50.8
Selling and administrative	70.2	—	70.2
Other income, net	8.3	—	8.3
Operating loss	(2.7)	(8.4)	(11.1)
Interest and other expense, net	(15.4)	—	(15.4)
Loss before income taxes	(18.1)	(8.4)	(26.5)
Income tax benefit	8.8	—	8.8
Net loss	<u>\$ (9.3)</u>	<u>\$ (8.4)</u>	<u>\$ (17.7)</u>
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.19)

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In millions)	March 31, 2010		
	Computed under LIFO	Change to FIFO	Reported under FIFO
Assets			
Current assets:			
Inventories	\$ 180.8	\$ 24.6	\$ 205.4
Other current assets	578.2	—	578.2
Total current assets	759.0	24.6	783.6
Other non-current assets	682.9	—	682.9
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,441.9</u>	<u>\$ 24.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,466.5</u>
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current liabilities	\$ 471.3	\$ —	\$ 471.3
Non-current liabilities	624.1	—	624.1
Shareholders' equity	346.5	24.6	371.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,441.9</u>	<u>\$ 24.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,466.5</u>

(In millions)	December 31, 2009		
	Originally Reported	Change to FIFO	Adjusted
Assets			
Current assets:			
Inventories	\$ 159.6	\$ 24.1	\$ 183.7
Other current assets	535.1	—	535.1
Total current assets	694.7	24.1	718.8
Other non-current assets	697.2	—	697.2
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,391.9</u>	<u>\$ 24.1</u>	<u>\$ 1,416.0</u>
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current liabilities	\$ 375.7	\$ —	\$ 375.7
Non-current liabilities	682.6	—	682.6
Shareholders' equity	333.6	24.1	357.7
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,391.9</u>	<u>\$ 24.1</u>	<u>\$ 1,416.0</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(In millions)	Three months ended March 31, 2010		
	Computed under LIFO	Change to FIFO	Reported under FIFO
Operating Activities			
Net income	\$ 17.9	\$ 0.5	\$ 18.4
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Other adjustments, net	15.3	—	15.3
Change in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:			
Increase in inventories	(23.8)	(0.5)	(24.3)
Decrease in other	(6.6)	—	(6.6)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2.8	—	2.8
Net cash provided by investing activities	3.5	—	3.5
Net cash used by financing activities	(19.1)	—	(19.1)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(0.4)	—	(0.4)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(13.2)	—	(13.2)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	222.7	—	222.7
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 209.5	—	\$ 209.5

(In millions)	Three months ended March 31, 2009		
	Originally Reported	Change to FIFO	Adjusted
Operating Activities			
Net loss	\$ (9.3)	\$ (8.4)	\$ (17.7)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Other adjustments, net	15.3	—	15.3
Change in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:			
Decrease in inventories	35.8	8.4	44.2
Increase in other	28.6	—	28.6
Net cash provided by operating activities	70.4	—	70.4
Net cash used by investing activities	(6.7)	—	(6.7)
Net cash provided by financing activities	15.2	—	15.2
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(0.7)	—	(0.7)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	78.2	—	78.2
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	44.3	—	44.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 122.5	—	\$ 122.5

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Note 3 — Goodwill

Goodwill as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, by operating segment, was as follows:

(In millions)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	\$ 82.6	\$ 82.4
Global Color, Additives and Inks	72.2	72.1
Performance Products and Solutions	7.4	7.4
PolyOne Distribution	1.6	1.6
Total	<u>\$ 163.8</u>	<u>\$ 163.5</u>

Note 4 — Inventories

As discussed in Note 2, *Change in Accounting Principle*, effective January 1, 2010, we elected to change our costing method for certain inventories. We applied this change in accounting principle by adjusting all prior periods presented retrospectively. Components of inventories are as follows:

(In millions)	March 31, 2010	Adjusted December 31, 2009
At FIFO cost:		
Finished products	\$ 125.8	\$ 108.4
Work in process	3.3	2.4
Raw materials and supplies	76.3	72.9
	<u>\$ 205.4</u>	<u>\$ 183.7</u>

Note 5 — Property

(In millions)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Land and land improvements	\$ 41.3	\$ 40.7
Buildings	280.5	277.0
Machinery and equipment	904.0	916.5
	1,225.8	1,234.2
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(846.7)	(841.8)
	<u>\$ 379.1</u>	<u>\$ 392.4</u>

Note 6 — Income Taxes

For the first quarter of 2010, we recognized income tax expense of \$4.0 million compared to a benefit of \$8.8 million in the first quarter of 2009. We record our interim provision for income taxes based on our estimated annual effective tax rate as well as certain items discrete to the current period. Our interim provision as well as our estimated annual effective tax rate are impacted by a number of factors including our U.S. federal, state and foreign income tax loss carryforwards, our ability to use them, as well as changes to our unrealized tax benefits.

We decreased existing valuation allowances against our deferred tax assets by \$11.7 million in the first quarter of 2010. The related non-cash benefit to income tax expense was \$2.9 million and related to various U.S. federal, state, local and foreign deferred tax assets. The remaining decrease is related to changes in our deferred tax balances associated with changing our costing method for certain inventories as noted in Note 2, *Change in Accounting Principle*. We review all valuation allowances related to deferred tax assets and will reverse these charges, partially or totally, when appropriate.

Note 7 — Investment in Equity Affiliates

The results of operations of SunBelt Chlor-Alkali Partnership (SunBelt), our significant equity investment, are included in the SunBelt Joint Venture segment. We own 50% of SunBelt.

The following table presents SunBelt's summarized financial results for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
SunBelt:		
Sales	\$27.6	\$52.5
Operating income	3.4	27.5
Partnership income as reported by SunBelt	1.6	25.5
PolyOne's ownership of SunBelt	50%	50%
Earnings of SunBelt recorded by PolyOne	\$ 0.8	\$12.8
(In millions)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Current assets	\$ 23.0	\$ 16.1
Non-current assets	90.4	94.1
Total assets	113.4	110.2
Current liabilities	23.0	21.4
Non-current liabilities	85.3	85.3
Total liabilities	108.3	106.7
Partnership capital	\$ 5.1	\$ 3.5

Other investments in equity affiliates are discussed below.

We own 50% of BayOne Urethane Systems, L.L.C. (BayOne), which is included in the Global Color, Additives and Inks operating segment. Through its disposition on October 13, 2009, the former Geon Polimeros Andinos equity affiliate (owned 50%) was included in the Performance Products and Solutions operating segment. Combined summarized financial information for these equity affiliates follows.

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
As reported by other equity affiliates:		
Net sales	\$12.6	\$20.2
Operating income	1.4	1.1
Partnership income	1.4	1.0
Equity affiliate earnings recorded by PolyOne	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.5

Note 8 — Weighted-Average Shares Used in Computing Earnings Per Share

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
Weighted-average shares outstanding — basic	92.5	92.2
Weighted-average shares — diluted:		
Weighted-average shares outstanding — basic	92.5	92.2
Plus dilutive impact of stock options and stock awards	2.8	—
	95.3	92.2

Basic earnings per common share is computed as net income available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average basic shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per common share is computed as net income available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average diluted shares outstanding. Pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 260, *Earnings Per Share*, when a loss is reported the denominator of diluted earnings per share cannot be adjusted for the dilutive impact of stock options and awards because doing so will result in anti-dilution. Therefore, for the quarter ended March 31, 2009, basic weighted-average shares outstanding are used in calculating diluted earnings per share.

Outstanding stock options with exercise prices greater than the average price of the common shares and certain other awards are anti-dilutive and are not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share. For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, 2.4 million of these options and awards were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share. Since we reported a net loss for the first quarter of 2009, all stock options and awards outstanding, which totaled 7.8 million at March 31, 2009, have been excluded from the computation of the diluted loss per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

Note 9 — Employee Separation and Plant Phaseout

Management has undertaken certain restructuring initiatives to improve profitability and, as a result, we incurred employee separation and plant phaseout costs. Employee separation and plant phaseout costs are reflected on the line *Corporate and eliminations* in Note 13, *Segment Information*. For further discussion of these initiatives, see Note 3, *Employee Separation and Plant Phaseout*, of the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in PolyOne's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2010, expense recorded for employee separation and plant phaseout was immaterial. A summary of total employee separation and plant phaseout costs for the three-month period ended March 31, 2009, including where the charges are recorded in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations, follows:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2009
Cost of sales	\$ 9.8
Selling and administrative	0.3
Total employee separation and plant phaseout	\$ 10.1

Cash payments during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 were \$2.1 million and \$8.1 million, respectively.

In July 2008, we announced the restructuring of certain manufacturing assets, including the closure of seven production facilities in North America and one in the United Kingdom. In January 2009, we announced further cost saving measures that included eliminating approximately 370 positions worldwide, implementing reduced work schedules for another 100 to 300 employees, closing our Niagara, Ontario facility and idling certain other capacity. We recognized charges of

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\$26.9 million in 2009 related to these actions. We do not expect to incur significant expenses associated with these activities in 2010.

The following table details the charges and changes to the reserves associated with these initiatives for the quarter ended March 31, 2010:

(In millions, except employee numbers)	Employee Separation Costs	Plant Phaseout Costs		Total
		Cash Closure	Asset Write-downs	
Realignment of certain manufacturing plants				
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$ 3.0	\$ 1.7	\$ —	\$ 4.7
Charge	(0.1)	—	0.1	—
Utilized	(1.6)	(0.4)	(0.1)	(2.1)
Impact of foreign currency translation	—	0.1	—	0.1
Balance at March 31, 2010	\$ 1.3	\$ 1.4	\$ —	\$ 2.7

Note 10 — Employee Benefit Plans

Components of defined benefit pension plan costs and post-retirement health care benefit plan costs are as follows:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	Pension Benefits		Health Care Benefits	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Service cost	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.3	\$ —	\$ 0.1
Interest cost	7.4	7.8	0.4	1.4
Expected return on plan assets	(6.5)	(5.3)	—	—
Amortization of unrecognized losses, transition obligation and prior service costs, including curtailment gain recognized in 2009	2.5	5.1	(4.2)	(0.9)
	<u>\$ 3.8</u>	<u>\$ 7.9</u>	<u>\$ (3.8)</u>	<u>\$ 0.6</u>

On January 15, 2009, our Board of Directors approved and adopted changes to the Geon Pension Plan (Geon Plan), the Benefit Restoration Plan (BRP), the voluntary retirement savings plan (RSP) and the Supplemental Retirement Benefit Plan (SRP). Effective March 20, 2009, the amendments permanently froze future benefit accruals and provided that participants will not receive credit under the Geon Plan or the BRP for any eligible earnings paid on or after that date.

Note 11 — Financing Arrangements

Short-term debt — At March 31, 2010, \$0.7 million of short-term notes issued by certain of our European subsidiaries were outstanding.

Long-term debt — Long-term debt consisted of the following:

(Dollars in millions)	March 31, 2010 (1)	December 31, 2009 (1)
8.875% senior notes due May 2012	\$ 279.5	\$ 279.5
7.500% debentures due December 2015	50.0	50.0
Medium-term notes:		
6.52% medium-term notes due February 2010	—	19.9
6.58% medium-term notes due February 2011	19.8	19.7
Credit facility borrowings, facility expires March 2011	<u>40.0</u>	<u>40.0</u>
Total long-term debt	\$ 389.3	\$ 409.1
Less current portion	<u>59.8</u>	<u>19.9</u>
Total long-term debt, net of current portion	<u>\$ 329.5</u>	<u>\$ 389.2</u>

(1) Book values include unamortized discounts, as applicable.

Current maturities of long-term debt at March 31, 2010 includes \$19.8 million of our 6.58% medium-term notes due February 2011 and \$40.0 million of borrowings on our credit facility, which expires March 2011.

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on debt obligations and from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Information about these risks and exposure management is included in Item 7A “Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures about Market Risk” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. There have been no material changes in the market risk faced by PolyOne from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

Note 12 — Sale of Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

(In millions)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 153.6	\$ 129.2
Retained interest in securitized accounts receivable	193.2	151.1
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(6.2)	(5.9)
	<u>\$ 340.6</u>	<u>\$ 274.4</u>

Sale of Accounts Receivable — Under the terms of our receivables sale facility, we sell accounts receivable to PolyOne Funding Corporation (PFC) and PolyOne Funding Canada Corporation (PFCC), both wholly-owned, bankruptcy-remote subsidiaries. PFC and PFCC, in turn, may sell an undivided interest in up to \$175.0 million and \$25.0 million of these accounts receivable, respectively, to certain investors. The receivables sale facility matures in June 2012. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, accounts receivable totaling \$193.2 million and \$151.1 million, respectively, were sold by us to PFC and PFCC. The maximum proceeds that PFC and PFCC may receive under the facility is limited to the lesser of \$200.0 million or 85% of the eligible domestic and Canadian accounts receivable sold. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, neither PFC nor PFCC had sold any of their undivided interests in accounts receivable.

The receivables sale facility also makes up to \$40.0 million available for the issuance of standby letters of credit as a sub-limit within the \$200.0 million limit under the facility, of which \$13.8 million was used at March 31, 2010. The level of availability under the receivables sale facility is based on the prior month’s total accounts receivable sold to PFC and PFCC, as reduced by outstanding letters of credit. Additionally, availability is dependent upon compliance with a fixed charge coverage ratio covenant related primarily to operating performance that is set forth in the related agreements. As of March 31, 2010, we were in compliance with these covenants. As of March 31, 2010, \$129.5 million of securitized accounts receivable were available for sale.

Note 13 — Segment Information

On February 4, 2010, we announced a new global organization structure that will help us better serve our global customers, drive our earnings growth, better execute our strategy, and leverage our strong geographic footprint. Our former International Color and Engineered Materials operating segment has been split and is now reported within the Global Specialty Engineered Materials operating segment and the Global Color, Additives and Inks operating segment. In addition, our former Resins and Intermediates segment is now referred to as the SunBelt Joint Venture. We now have five reportable segments: (1) Global Color, Additives and Inks; (2) Global Specialty Engineered Materials; (3) Performance Products and Solutions; (4) PolyOne Distribution; and (5) SunBelt Joint Venture.

As a result of these changes to PolyOne’s segment structure, prior period segment information was reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation. These changes did not impact total segment results.

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Segment information for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, adjusted to reflect our new segment reporting structure and change in accounting principle follows:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010			Adjusted Three Months Ended March 31, 2009		
	Sales to External Customers	Total Sales	Segment Operating Income (Loss)	Sales to External Customers	Total Sales	Segment Operating Income (Loss)
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	\$ 119.0	\$ 126.3	\$ 12.1	\$ 81.1	\$ 86.6	\$ (1.5)
Global Color, Additives and Inks	130.0	130.9	8.9	103.2	103.7	1.4
Performance Products and Solutions	166.4	183.7	12.1	142.6	158.8	1.1
PolyOne Distribution	215.0	215.9	8.6	136.5	136.9	4.9
SunBelt Joint Venture	—	—	(0.3)	—	—	11.7
Corporate and eliminations	—	(26.4)	(10.3)	—	(22.6)	(28.7)
Total	<u>\$ 630.4</u>	<u>\$ 630.4</u>	<u>\$ 31.1</u>	<u>\$ 463.4</u>	<u>\$ 463.4</u>	<u>\$ (11.1)</u>

	Total Assets	
	March 31, 2010	Adjusted December 31, 2009
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	\$ 346.9	\$ 324.1
Global Color, Additives and Inks	352.6	344.7
Performance Products and Solutions	306.3	282.6
PolyOne Distribution	179.0	152.9
SunBelt Joint Venture	3.2	2.0
Corporate and eliminations	278.5	309.7
Total	<u>\$ 1,466.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,416.0</u>

Note 14 — Commitments and Contingencies

We have been notified by certain federal and state environmental agencies and by private parties that we may be a potentially responsible party (PRP) in connection with the investigation and remediation of certain environmental waste disposal sites. While government agencies frequently assert that PRPs are jointly and severally liable at these sites, in our experience, the interim and final allocations of liability costs are generally made based on the relative contribution of waste. We believe that our potential continuing liability with respect to these sites will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, we initiate corrective and preventive environmental projects of our own to ensure safe and lawful activities at our operations. We believe that compliance with current governmental regulations at all levels will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

During the three-month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, we recorded \$3.1 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, of expense related to environmental activities at all of our active and inactive sites. During these same periods, we did not receive any proceeds from insurance recoveries.

Based on estimates that were prepared by our environmental engineers and consultants, we had accruals totaling \$81.3 million at March 31, 2010 and \$81.7 million at December 31, 2009 to cover probable future environmental expenditures related to previously contaminated sites. The accruals represent our best estimate of the remaining probable remediation costs, based upon information and technology that is currently available and our view of the most likely remedy. Depending upon the results of future testing, the ultimate remediation alternatives undertaken, changes in regulations, new information, newly discovered conditions and other factors, it is reasonably possible that we could incur additional costs in excess of the amount accrued at March 31, 2010. However, such additional costs, if any, cannot be currently estimated. Our estimate of the liability may be revised as new regulations or technologies are developed or additional information is obtained. Additional information related to environmental liabilities is in Note 12, *Commitments and*

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Related-Party Information, to the consolidated financial statements included in PolyOne's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

We guarantee \$48.8 million of SunBelt's outstanding senior secured notes issued in connection with the construction of a chlor-alkali facility in McIntosh, Alabama. This debt matures in equal installments annually until 2017.

Note 15 — Financial Instruments

The estimated fair values of financial instruments were principally based on market prices where such prices were available and, where unavailable, fair values were estimated based on market prices of similar instruments. Short-term foreign exchange contracts are the only asset or liability recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. These contracts are measured based on exchange rates at March 31, 2010 and classified as a level 2 fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes the contractual amounts of our foreign exchange contracts as of March 31, 2010. Foreign currency amounts are translated at exchange rates as of March 31, 2010. The "Buy" amounts represent the U.S. dollar equivalent of commitments to purchase currencies, and the "Sell" amounts represent the U.S. dollar equivalent of commitments to sell currencies.

Currency (In millions)	March 31, 2010	
	Buy	Sell
U.S. Dollar	\$58.6	
Euro		\$54.6
British pound		4.0

The carrying amounts and fair values of our financial instruments as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are as follows:

(In millions)	March 31, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$209.5	\$209.5	\$222.7	\$222.7
Long-term debt				
Credit facility borrowings	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
7.500% debentures	50.0	46.3	50.0	45.8
8.875% senior notes	279.5	296.1	279.5	285.1
Medium-term notes	19.8	19.8	39.6	38.4
Foreign exchange contracts	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5

Note 16 — Comprehensive Income

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of net income (loss) to comprehensive income:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	Adjusted 2009
Net income (loss)	\$ 18.4	\$ (17.7)
Amortization of unrecognized losses, transition obligation and prior service costs	(1.7)	3.9
Net gain occurring in the year due to plan amendments	—	18.5
Translation adjustment	(4.9)	(8.4)
Total comprehensive income	<u>\$ 11.8</u>	<u>\$ (3.7)</u>

Note 17 — Subsequent Events

We have evaluated events subsequent to March 31, 2010, through the date the financial statements were issued, and have determined that no events have occurred that require adjustment of or disclosure in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**Our Business**

We are a premier provider of specialized polymer materials, services and solutions with operations in thermoplastic compounds, specialty polymer formulations, color and additive systems, thermoplastic resin distribution and specialty vinyl resins. We also have two equity investments: one in a manufacturer of caustic soda and chlorine and one in a formulator of polyurethane compounds. Headquartered in Avon Lake, Ohio, we have employees at manufacturing sites and distribution facilities in North America, Europe and Asia and joint ventures in North America. We provide value to our customers through our ability to link our knowledge of polymers and formulation technology with our manufacturing and supply chain to provide an essential link between large chemical producers (our raw material suppliers) and designers, assemblers and processors of plastics (our customers).

Recent Developments*Change in Accounting Principle*

Effective January 1, 2010, we elected to change our method of valuing inventories for certain U.S. businesses to the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method, while in prior years, these inventories were valued using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. As a result of this change, all inventories are valued using the FIFO method. We believe the FIFO method is preferable as it conforms the inventory costing methods for all of our inventories to a single method and improves comparability with our industry peers. The FIFO method also better reflects current acquisition cost of those inventories on our consolidated balance sheets. All prior periods presented herein have been adjusted to apply the new method retrospectively and conform to the current costing methodology.

Highlights and Executive Summary*Selected Financial Data*

(In millions)	Three-month period ended March 31,	
	2010	2009 Adjusted
Sales	\$630.4	\$463.4
Operating income (loss)	31.1	(11.1)
Net income (loss)	18.4	(17.7)

Sales increased 36.0% in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to an increase in total volume of 26.8%, increased market pricing associated with higher commodity costs, most notably as it relates to the PolyOne Distribution segment.

Operating income in the first quarter of 2010 increased as compared to the first quarter of 2009 reflecting an increase in volumes, the favorable impact of improved mix and new business gains, and the realization of restructuring savings. In addition, charges related to environmental remediation and plant related restructuring were \$3.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 versus \$11.6 million in the first quarter of 2009.

These positive items were partially offset by an increase in selling and administrative expenses due to higher incentive compensation expense associated with the improved performance results and lower income from our equity investment in SunBelt of \$12.0 million. Additionally, operating income for the first quarter of 2009 reflected a \$5.0 million charge related to the adjustment to our 2008 estimated year-end goodwill impairment charge as compared to no such charge in the first quarter of 2010.

Net income increased due to the items discussed in the paragraph above and lower *Other expense, net* due to decreased foreign exchange losses. Income tax expense was \$4.0 million in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to benefit of \$8.8 million in the first quarter of 2009. The benefit recorded in the first quarter of 2009 reflects \$10.0 million of income tax benefits and related interest income due to the favorable settlement of a foreign tax audit as compared to no such benefits in the first quarter of 2010.

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	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 209.5	\$ 222.7
Accounts receivable facility availability	129.5	112.8
Liquidity	<u>\$ 339.0</u>	<u>\$ 335.5</u>
Debt, short- and long-term	\$ 390.0	\$ 409.6

In the first quarter of 2010, liquidity increased due to improved sales, and higher accounts receivable, which more than offset the decline in cash. The decrease in our cash balance of \$13.2 million reflects the repayment of \$20.0 million aggregate principal of our 6.52% medium term notes, which was partially offset by the \$9.8 million of cash received from the sale of our investment in, and related seller note receivable from, O'Sullivan Films.

Results of Operations

(Dollars in millions, except per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variances—Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	2010	Adjusted 2009	Change	% Change
Sales	\$ 630.4	\$ 463.4	\$ 167.0	36.0%
Cost of sales	526.9	412.6	(114.3)	(27.7)%
Gross margin	103.5	50.8	52.7	103.7%
Selling and administrative	73.9	70.2	(3.7)	(5.3)%
Adjustment to impairment of goodwill	—	5.0	5.0	NM
Income from equity affiliates	1.5	13.3	(11.8)	(88.7)%
Operating income (loss)	31.1	(11.1)	42.2	NM
Interest expense, net	(8.0)	(8.8)	0.8	9.1%
Other expense, net	(0.7)	(6.6)	5.9	NM
Income (loss) before income taxes	22.4	(26.5)	48.9	NM
Income tax (expense) benefit	(4.0)	8.8	(12.8)	NM
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 18.4</u>	<u>\$ (17.7)</u>	<u>\$ 36.1</u>	NM
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	<u>\$ 0.20</u>	<u>\$ (0.19)</u>		
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	<u>\$ 0.19</u>	<u>\$ (0.19)</u>		

NM — Not meaningful

Sales

Sales increased in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to an increase in total volume of 26.8% and increased market pricing associated with higher commodity and other raw material costs, most notably in our Distribution segment.

Cost of Sales

These costs include raw materials, plant conversion, distribution, environmental remediation and plant related restructuring charges. As a percentage of sales, these costs declined to 83.6% of sales in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to 87.2% in the first quarter of 2009. Charges related to environmental remediation and plant related restructuring were \$3.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to \$11.3 million in the first quarter of 2009. The primary drivers of the remaining decrease were improved mix of products sold and the realization of savings associated with the previously announced plant realignment activities.

Selling and Administrative

These costs include selling, technology, administrative functions, corporate and general expenses and amortization of intangible assets. Selling and administrative costs increased in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to increased incentive compensation expense resulting from improved performance results, and changes in

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currency exchange rates. These items were partially offset by restructuring savings and lower pension and other post-employment expenses.

Adjustment to Impairment of Goodwill (2009)

During the fourth quarter of 2008, we identified indicators of potential impairment and evaluated the carrying values of goodwill and other intangible and long-lived assets. Due to the extensive work involved in performing the related asset appraisals, we initially recognized a preliminary estimate of the impairment loss of \$170.0 million in 2008. Upon completion of the analysis in the first quarter of 2009, we revised our estimate of goodwill impairment to \$175.0 million, and, accordingly, we recorded \$5.0 million of additional goodwill impairment. There were no such charges in the first quarter of 2010.

Income from Equity Affiliates

Income from equity affiliates is summarized as follows:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
SunBelt	\$ 0.8	\$ 12.8
Other equity affiliates	0.7	0.5
	<u>\$ 1.5</u>	<u>\$ 13.3</u>

During the first quarter of 2010, *Income from equity affiliates* decreased as compared to the corresponding period in 2009 due to lower earnings from our SunBelt joint venture driven primarily by lower caustic soda prices.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net decreased in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to lower average borrowing levels and lower interest rates on our variable rate debt.

Included in *Interest expense, net* for each of the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 is interest income of \$0.8 million.

Other Expense, Net

Financing costs associated with our receivables sale facility, foreign currency gains and losses and other miscellaneous items are as follows:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
Currency exchange loss	\$ (4.0)	\$ (4.2)
Foreign exchange contracts gains (losses), net	3.6	(2.2)
Receivable sale facility fees	(0.3)	(0.3)
Other income, net	—	0.1
Other expense, net	<u>\$ (0.7)</u>	<u>\$ (6.6)</u>

Income Tax (Expense) Benefit

For the first quarter of 2010, we recorded income tax expense of \$4.0 million compared to an income tax benefit of \$8.8 million in the first quarter of 2009.

We decreased existing valuation allowances against our deferred tax assets by \$11.7 million in the first quarter of 2010. The related non-cash benefit to income tax expense was \$2.9 million and related to various U.S. federal, state, local and foreign deferred tax assets. The remaining decrease is related to changes in our deferred tax balances associated with changing our costing method for certain inventories as noted in Note 2, *Change in Accounting Principle*.

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In the first quarter of 2009, we recorded \$10.0 million of income tax benefits and related interest income related to the favorable settlement of a foreign tax audit. No such benefits were recorded in the first quarter of 2010.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating income is the primary financial measure that is reported to the chief operating decision maker for purposes of allocating resources to the segment and assessing its performance. Operating income at the segment level does not include: corporate general and administrative costs that are not allocated to segments; intersegment sales and profit eliminations; charges related to specific strategic initiatives, such as the consolidation of operations; restructuring activities, including employee separation costs resulting from personnel reduction programs, plant closure and phaseout costs; executive separation agreements; share-based compensation costs; asset and goodwill impairments; environmental remediation costs for facilities no longer owned or closed in prior years; gains and losses on the divestiture of joint ventures and equity investments; and certain other items that are not included in the measure of segment profit or loss that is reported to and reviewed by the chief operating decision maker. These costs are included in *Corporate and eliminations*.

During the first quarter of 2010, we announced our new global organization structure that will help us better serve our global customers, drive our earnings growth, better execute our strategy, and leverage our strong geographic footprint. As a result, our former International Color and Engineered Materials operating segment has been split and is now reported within the Global Specialty Engineered Materials operating segment and the Global Color, Additives and Inks operating segment. In addition, our former Resin and Intermediates segment is now referred to as the SunBelt Joint Venture. As a result of these changes, we now have five reportable segments: (1) Global Color, Additives and Inks; (2) Global Specialty Engineered Materials; (3) Performance Products and Solutions; (4) PolyOne Distribution; and (5) SunBelt Joint Venture.

As a result of these changes to PolyOne's segment structure, all prior period segment information was reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation. These changes did not impact total segment results.

Sales and Operating Income (Loss) — Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2009:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
(Dollars in millions)	2010	2009	Change	% Change
Sales:				
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	\$ 126.3	\$ 86.6	\$ 39.7	45.8%
Global Color, Additives and Inks	130.9	103.7	27.2	26.2%
Performance Products and Solutions	183.7	158.8	24.9	15.7%
PolyOne Distribution	215.9	136.9	79.0	57.7%
Corporate and eliminations	(26.4)	(22.6)	(3.8)	16.8%
	<u>\$ 630.4</u>	<u>\$ 463.4</u>	<u>\$ 167.0</u>	36.0%
Operating income (loss):				
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	\$ 12.1	\$ (1.5)	\$ 13.6	NM
Global Color, Additives and Inks	8.9	1.4	7.5	535.7%
Performance Products and Solutions	12.1	1.1	11.0	NM
PolyOne Distribution	8.6	4.9	3.7	75.5%
SunBelt Joint Venture	(0.3)	11.7	(12.0)	NM
Corporate and eliminations	(10.3)	(28.7)	18.4	64.1%
	<u>\$ 31.1</u>	<u>\$ (11.1)</u>	<u>\$ 42.2</u>	NM
Operating income (loss) as a percentage of sales:				
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	9.6%	(1.7)%	11.3% points	
Global Color, Additives and Inks	6.8%	1.4%	5.4% points	
Performance Products and Solutions	6.6%	0.7%	5.9% points	
PolyOne Distribution	4.0%	3.6%	0.4% points	
Total	4.9%	(2.4)%	7.3% points	

NM — Not meaningful

Global Specialty Engineered Materials

Sales increased \$39.7 million, or 45.8%, in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 primarily due to the improved demand in our end markets and the favorable impact of changes in currency exchange rates. Volumes increased 41.5% as compared to the first quarter of 2009, with the largest percentage increases occurring in Europe and Asia. The end markets that experienced the highest growth include consumer products, wire & cable, transportation and electronics.

Operating income increased to \$12.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 from an operating loss of \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2009 primarily due to increased volumes, the benefits of profitable new business gains, lower raw material costs in certain product lines and the realization of savings from our restructuring activities. These items were partially offset by an increase in selling and administrative costs, primarily associated with increased incentive compensation expenses associated with the improved performance results.

Global Color, Additives and Inks

Sales increased \$27.2 million, or 26.2%, in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to an increase in volumes, a higher value sales mix and the favorable impact of changes in currency exchange rates. Volumes increased 20.4% as compared to the first quarter of 2009, with the largest percentage increases in North America and Europe. In North America, sales increased across most of our end markets, led by industrial and transportation. In Europe, the increase in sales is primarily attributable to the building & construction, packaging and wire & cable end markets.

Operating income increased \$7.5 million in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 driven by increased volumes, cost reductions from our restructuring initiatives, improved sales mix and lower raw material costs. These items were partially offset by an increase in selling and administrative costs, primarily associated with increased incentive compensation expenses associated with the improved performance results.

Performance Products and Solutions

Sales increased \$24.9 million, or 15.7%, in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to an increase in volumes and the favorable impact of changes in currency exchange rates. Volumes increased 21.6% as compared to the first quarter of 2009, driven primarily by improvements in the transportation and industrial end markets. Sales did not increase as much as volumes primarily due to the impact of a higher mix of tolling services provided by our Producer Services business for the automotive industry.

Operating income increased in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to the increase in volumes and savings from our restructuring activities. These items were partially offset by an increase in selling and administrative costs, primarily associated with increased incentive compensation expenses associated with the improved performance results.

PolyOne Distribution

PolyOne Distribution sales increased \$79.0 million, or 57.7%, in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009, reflecting a 29.2% increase in volume and improved mix. Additionally, sales were favorably impacted by increased market pricing associated with raw material inflation in the North American plastics and chemicals industry, as our Distribution business is largely a pass through for raw material costs from our suppliers.

Operating income increased in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to the increase in volume and a more profitable mix of products sold. These items were partially offset by an increase in selling and administrative costs, primarily associated with increased incentive compensation expenses associated with the improved performance results.

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SunBelt Joint Venture

Income from the SunBelt Joint Venture declined in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 primarily due to lower caustic soda prices. The negative impact of these items was partially offset by the favorable impact of improved pricing for chlorine as compared to the first quarter of 2009.

Corporate and Eliminations

Operating loss from Corporate and eliminations improved in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 due mainly to a decrease in restructuring charges, as the activities associated with the previously announced plant realignment were completed in 2009, partially offset by increased incentive compensation expense due to improved performance. The following table breaks down Corporate and eliminations into its various components:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
Environmental remediation costs, net of recoveries	\$ (3.1)	\$ (1.5)
Employee separation and plant phaseout (a)	—	(10.1)
Share-based compensation	(0.9)	(0.6)
Incentive compensation	(8.4)	(0.8)
Unallocated pension and other post-retirement expense	1.1	(7.4)
Adjustment to impairment of goodwill (b)	—	(5.0)
Insurance settlement	3.2	—
All other and eliminations (c)	(2.2)	(3.3)
Total Corporate and eliminations	<u>\$ (10.3)</u>	<u>\$ (28.7)</u>

- (a) During the third quarter of 2008, we announced the restructuring of certain manufacturing assets, primarily in North America. In January 2009, we announced the initiation of further cost saving measures that include eliminating approximately 370 jobs, implementing reduced work schedules, closing a facility and idling certain other capacity. See Note 9, *Employee Separation and Plant Phaseout*, to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for further information.
- (b) In the first quarter of 2009, we increased our estimated year-end goodwill impairment charge of \$170.0 million by \$5.0 million.
- (c) All other and eliminations is comprised of intersegment eliminations and corporate general and administrative costs that are not allocated to segments.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

(In millions)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 209.5	\$ 222.7
Accounts receivable facility availability	129.5	112.8
Liquidity	<u>\$ 339.0</u>	<u>\$ 335.5</u>

Liquidity is defined as an enterprise's ability to generate adequate amounts of cash to meet both current and future needs. These needs include paying obligations as they mature, maintaining production capacity and providing for planned growth. Capital resources are sources of funds other than those generated by operations.

In the first quarter of 2010, liquidity increased due to improved sales, and higher accounts receivable, which more than offset the decline in cash. The decrease in our cash balance of \$13.2 million reflects the repayment of \$20.0 million aggregate principal of our 6.52% medium-term notes, which was partially offset by the \$9.8 million of cash received from the sale of our investment in, and related seller note receivable from, O'Sullivan Films.

Cash Flows

The following discussion focuses on the material components of cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the first quarter of 2010.

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Operating Activities — Cash provided by operating activities was \$2.8 million in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to \$70.4 million in the first quarter of 2009. In the first quarter of 2010, working capital (defined as accounts receivable plus inventory less accounts payable) increased, reflecting our investment in support of our sales growth. However, working capital as a percentage of sales continued to improve and for the first quarter of 2010 was 9.1% versus 16.1% in the first quarter of 2009.

Investing Activities — Cash provided by investing activities during the first quarter of 2010 was \$3.5 million, which was primarily comprised of cash proceeds from the sale of our investment in O’Sullivan and the collection of the principal on the related note receivable. Partially offsetting these proceeds was capital expenditures of \$4.3 million. Cash used by investing activities in the first quarter of 2009 included \$6.7 million of capital expenditures.

Financing Activities — Net cash used by financing activities in the first quarter of 2010 reflects the repayment of \$20.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.52% medium term notes. In the first quarter of 2009, net cash provided by financing activities reflected a \$15.2 million increase in short-term borrowings.

Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2010, we had existing facilities to access available capital resources totaling \$519.5 million. The following table summarizes our available and outstanding facilities as of March 31, 2010:

(In millions)	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Available</u>
Long-term debt, including current maturities	\$ 389.3	\$ —
Receivables sale facility	—	129.5
Short-term debt	0.7	—
	<u>\$ 390.0</u>	<u>\$ 129.5</u>

Long-Term Debt

As of March 31, 2010, long-term debt totaled \$389.3 million, with maturities ranging from 2011 to 2015. Current maturities of long-term debt at March 31, 2010 were \$59.8 million.

Guarantee and Agreement

We entered into a definitive Guarantee and Agreement with Citicorp USA, Inc., KeyBank National Association and National City Bank (now PNC Bank) on June 6, 2006. Under this Guarantee and Agreement, we guarantee some treasury management and banking services provided to us and our subsidiaries, such as foreign currency forwards and bank overdrafts. This guarantee is secured by our inventories located in the United States.

Credit Facility

On January 3, 2008, we entered into a credit agreement with Citicorp USA, Inc., as administrative agent and as issuing bank, and The Bank of New York, as paying agent. The credit agreement provides for an unsecured revolving and letter of credit facility with total commitments of up to \$40.0 million. The credit agreement expires on March 20, 2011.

Borrowings under the credit facility are based on the applicable LIBOR rate plus a fixed facility fee of 4.77%. At March 31, 2010, we had outstanding borrowings under the credit facility of \$40.0 million that is included in Current portion of long-term debt in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The credit agreement contains covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to incur liens, and various other customary provisions, including affirmative and negative covenants, and representations and warranties. As of March 31, 2010, we were in compliance with the covenants in the credit agreement.

Receivables Sale Facility

As of March 31, 2010, we had receivables sale facilities outstanding in the United States and Canada totaling \$200.0 million. These facilities expire in June 2012. The maximum proceeds that we may receive are limited to the lesser of

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\$200.0 million or 85% of the eligible domestic and Canadian accounts receivable sold. This facility also makes up to \$40.0 million available for issuing standby letters of credit as a sub-limit within the \$200.0 million facility, of which \$13.8 million was used at March 31, 2010.

The facility requires us to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio (defined as Adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures, divided by interest expense and scheduled debt repayments for the next four quarters) of at least 1 to 1 when average excess availability under the facility is \$40.0 million or less. As of March 31, 2010, the average excess availability under the facility was greater than \$40.0 million. Additionally, the fixed charge coverage ratio exceeded 1 to 1.

Each indenture governing our senior unsecured notes and debentures and our guarantee of the \$48.8 million of SunBelt notes allows a specific level of secured debt, above which security must be provided on each indenture and our guarantee of the SunBelt notes. The receivables sale facility and our guarantee of the SunBelt notes are not considered debt under the covenants associated with our senior unsecured notes and debentures.

Notes Receivable

Included in *Other non-current assets* as of March 31, 2010 is \$24.0 million outstanding on a seller note receivable due from Excel Polymers LLC, which purchased our elastomers and performance additives business in August 2004. With the extension of this note in 2009, we were given a secured position in the assets of the business. This note accrues interest at 10% per annum and is due in full with accrued interest at maturity on February 29, 2012.

Contractual Obligations

We have future obligations under various contracts relating to debt and interest payments, operating leases, standby letters of credit, pension and postretirement benefit plans and purchase obligations. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, there were no significant changes to these obligations as reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Effective January 1, 2010, we elected to change our method of valuing inventories for certain U.S. businesses to the FIFO method, while in prior years, these inventories were valued using the LIFO method. As a result of this change, all inventories are valued using the FIFO method. Inventories accounted for under the FIFO method as a percent of total consolidated inventories was 76%, with the remainder determined on a LIFO basis at December 31, 2009. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 250, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, all prior periods presented have been adjusted to apply the new method retrospectively. The effect of the change in our inventory costing method increased our inventory balance and retained earnings by \$42.4 million as of January 1, 2009.

CAUTIONARY NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, statements that are not reported financial results or other historical information are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give current expectations or forecasts of future events and are not guarantees of future performance. They are based on management’s expectations that involve a number of business risks and uncertainties, any of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward-looking statements. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historic or current facts. They use words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe” and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance and/or sales. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions; prospective changes in raw material costs, product pricing or product demand; future performance; results of current and anticipated market conditions and market strategies; sales efforts; expenses; the outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings; and financial results. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to:

- the effect on foreign operations of currency fluctuations, tariffs and other political, economic and regulatory risks;
- changes in polymer consumption growth rates in the markets where we conduct business;
- changes in global industry capacity or in the rate at which anticipated changes in industry capacity come online in the polyvinyl chloride (PVC), chlor alkali, vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) or other industries in which we participate;
- fluctuations in raw material prices, quality and supply and in energy prices and supply;
- production outages or material costs associated with scheduled or unscheduled maintenance programs;
- unanticipated developments that could occur with respect to contingencies such as litigation and environmental matters, including any developments that would require any increase in our costs and/or reserves for such contingencies;
- an inability to achieve or delays in achieving or achievement of less than the anticipated financial benefit from initiatives related to our specialization strategy, operational excellence initiatives, cost reductions and employee productivity goals;
- an inability to raise or sustain prices for products or services;
- an inability to maintain appropriate relations with unions and employees;
- the possibility of further degradation in the North American building and construction market;
- amounts for non-cash charges relating to property, plant and equipment that differ from the original estimates because of the ultimate fair market value of such property, plant and equipment;
- amounts required for capital expenditures at remaining locations changing based on the level of expenditures required to shift production capacity;
- our ability to continue to realize anticipated savings and operational benefits from our realigning of assets, including those related to closure of certain production facilities;
- disruptions, uncertainty or volatility in the credit markets that may limit our access to capital; and
- other factors affecting our business beyond our control, including, without limitation, changes in the general economy, changes in interest rates and changes in the rate of inflation.

We cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be realized, although we believe we have been prudent in our plans and assumptions. Achievement of future results is subject to risks, uncertainties and inaccurate assumptions. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. Investors should bear this in mind as they consider forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our reports on Forms 10-Q, 8-K and 10-K furnished to the SEC. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all risk factors. Consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete set of all potential risks or uncertainties.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We are exposed to certain market risks as part of our ongoing business operations, including risks from changes in interest rates on debt obligations and currency exchange rates that could impact our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. We manage our exposure to these and other market risks through regular operating and financing activities, including the use of derivative financial instruments. We intend to use these derivative financial instruments as risk management tools and not for speculative investment purposes.

Interest rate exposure — We are subject to interest rate risk related to our floating rate debt. As of March 31, 2010, approximately 90% of the principal amount of our debt obligations were at fixed rates. Additionally, borrowings under the credit facility are based on the applicable LIBOR rate plus a fixed facility fee of 4.77%. There would be no significant impact on our interest expense or cash flows from either a 10% increase or decrease in market rates of interest on our outstanding variable rate debt as of March 31, 2010.

Foreign currency exposure — We enter into intercompany lending transactions that are denominated in various foreign currencies and are subject to financial exposure from foreign exchange rate movement from the date a loan is recorded to the date it is settled or revalued. To mitigate this risk, we enter into foreign exchange contracts. Gains and losses on these contracts generally offset gains and losses on the assets and liabilities being hedged.

We face translation risks related to the changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Amounts invested in our foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the Shareholders' equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Net sales and expenses in our foreign operations' foreign currencies are translated into varying amounts of U.S. dollars depending upon whether the U.S. dollar weakens or strengthens against other currencies. Therefore, changes in exchange rates may either positively or negatively affect our net sales and expenses from foreign operations as expressed in U.S. dollars.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures

PolyOne's management, under the supervision of, and with the participation of, its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of PolyOne's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based upon this evaluation, PolyOne's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, its disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There were no changes in PolyOne's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

Part II — Other Information

Item 6. Exhibits

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SIGNATURE

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.

May 5, 2010

POLYONE CORPORATION

/s/ Robert M. Patterson

Robert M. Patterson

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

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February 17, 2010

Attn: [_____]
PolyOne Corporation

POLYONE CORPORATION INCENTIVE AWARD

Grant of Restricted Stock Units

THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES PART OF A PROSPECTUS COVERING SECURITIES REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE COMMON SHARES OF THE COMPANY ARE LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Dear [_____]:

Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2008 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and this letter agreement (this "Agreement"), the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") of PolyOne Corporation ("PolyOne") (or a subcommittee thereof) has granted to you as of February 17, 2010, the following award:

[_____] restricted stock units (the "Restricted Stock Units"), which shall become non-forfeitable in accordance with Section 1 hereof. Each Restricted Stock Unit shall represent one hypothetical share of PolyOne's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Shares") and shall at all times be equal in value to one Common Share.

A copy of the Plan is available for your review through the Corporate Secretary's office. Unless otherwise indicated, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Plan.

1. Vesting of Restricted Stock Units.

- (a) Provided that you have been in the continuous employ of PolyOne or a Subsidiary from the date hereof until February 17, 2013 (the "Restriction Period"), the Restricted Stock Units shall become non-forfeitable on February 17, 2013 (the "Vesting Date").
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1(a), (i) all of the Restricted Stock Units shall immediately become non-forfeitable if a Change of Control (as defined on Exhibit A to this Agreement) occurs, and (ii) a pro-rata portion of the

Restricted Stock Units shall immediately become non-forfeitable if your employment terminates prior to February 17, 2013 due to (A) your retirement at age 55 or older with at least 10 years of service, (B) your retirement at age 58 or older with at least 5 years of service, (C) your permanent and total disability (as defined under the relevant disability plan or program of PolyOne or a Subsidiary in which you then participate), or (D) your death, such proration to be based on the portion of the Restriction Period during which you were employed by PolyOne.

2. **Other Termination.** If your employment with PolyOne or a Subsidiary terminates before the Vesting Date for any reason other than as set forth in Section 1(b)(ii) and before a Change of Control, the Restricted Stock Units will be forfeited.
3. **Payment of Restricted Stock Units.**
 - (a) The Restricted Stock Units that have become non-forfeitable pursuant to Section 1 will be paid in Common Shares transferred to you on the 10th business day following the Vesting Date, provided, however, that, subject to Section 3(b), (i) in the event a Change of Control occurs prior to the Vesting Date or (ii) in the event your employment terminates on account of the reasons set forth in Section 1(b)(ii) prior to the Vesting Date, the Restricted Stock Units will be paid on the 10th business day following such Change of Control or the date of the termination of your employment, whichever applies. If PolyOne determines that it is required to withhold any federal, state, local or foreign taxes from any payment, PolyOne may withhold Common Shares with a Market Value per Share equal to the amount of these taxes from the payment.
 - (b) If the event triggering the right to payment under Section 3(a) above does not constitute a permitted distribution event under Section 409A(a)(2) of the Code, then notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the payment of Common Shares will be made to you, to the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code, on the earliest of (i) your “separation from service” with PolyOne or a Subsidiary (determined in accordance with Section 409A) that occurs after the event giving rise to payment; (ii) the Vesting Date (to the extent it constitutes a permitted distribution event); or (iii) your death. In addition, if you are a “key employee” as determined pursuant to procedures adopted by PolyOne in compliance with Section 409A of the Code and any payment of Common Shares made pursuant to this Agreement is considered to be a “deferral of compensation” (as such phrase is defined for purposes of Section 409A of the Code) that is payable upon your “separation from service” (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), then the payment date for such payment shall be the date that is the first business day of the seventh month after the date of your “separation from service” with PolyOne or a Subsidiary (determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code).
4. **Dividend, Voting and Other Rights.** You shall have no rights of ownership in the Restricted Stock Units and shall have no right to vote them until the date on which the

Restricted Stock Units are transferred to you pursuant to Section 3. While the Restricted Stock Units are still outstanding, on the date that PolyOne pays a cash dividend to holders of Common Shares generally, you shall be entitled to a number of additional whole Restricted Stock Units determined by dividing (i) the product of (A) the dollar amount of the cash dividend paid per Common Share on such date and (B) the total number of Restricted Stock Units (including dividend equivalents paid thereon) previously credited to you as of such date, by (ii) the Market Value per Share on such date. Such dividend equivalents shall be subject to the same terms and conditions and shall be settled or forfeited in the same manner and at the same time as the Restricted Stock Units to which the dividend equivalents were credited.

5. **Adjustments.** In the event of any change in the number of Common Shares by reason of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, or similar transaction, or in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, or distribution to shareholders (other than normal cash dividends), the number of Restricted Stock Units then held by you will be adjusted. Such adjustment shall be made automatically on the customary arithmetical basis in the case of any stock split, including a stock split effected by means of a stock dividend, and in the case of any other dividend paid in PolyOne Common Shares. If any such transaction or event occurs, the Committee may provide in substitution for outstanding Restricted Stock Units such alternative consideration (including, without limitation, in the form of cash, securities or other property) as it may determine to be equitable in the circumstances and may require in connection therewith the surrender of the Restricted Stock Units subject to this Agreement. No adjustment provided for in this Section 5 will require PolyOne to issue any fractional shares.
6. **Non-Assignability.** The Restricted Stock Units subject to this grant of Restricted Stock Units are personal to you and may not be sold, exchanged, assigned, transferred, pledged, encumbered or otherwise disposed of by you until they become earned as provided in this Agreement; provided, however, that your rights with respect to such Restricted Stock Units may be transferred by will or pursuant to the laws of descent and distribution. Any purported transfer or encumbrance in violation of the provisions of this Section 6 shall be void, and the other party to any such purported transaction shall not obtain any rights to or interest in such Restricted Stock Units.
7. **Miscellaneous.**
 - (a) The contents of this Agreement are subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Plan as approved by the Board and the shareholders of PolyOne, which are controlling. The interpretation and construction by the Board and/or the Committee of any provision of the Plan or this Agreement shall be final and conclusive upon you, your estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and PolyOne and its successors and assigns.
 - (b) The grant of the Restricted Stock Units is discretionary and will not be considered to be an employment contract or a part of your terms and conditions of employment or of your salary or compensation. Information about you and your participation in the Plan, including, without limitation, your name, home address

and telephone number, date of birth, social security number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in PolyOne, and details of the Restricted Stock Units or other entitlement to shares of stock awarded, cancelled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in your favor may be collected, recorded, held, used and disclosed by PolyOne and any of its Subsidiaries and any non-PolyOne entities engaged by PolyOne to provide services in connection with this grant (a "Third Party Administrator"), for any purpose related to the administration of the Plan. You understand that PolyOne and its Subsidiaries may transfer such information to Third Party Administrators, regardless of whether such Third Party Administrators are located within your country of residence, the European Economic Area or in countries outside of the European Economic Area, including the United States of America. You consent to the processing of information relating to you and your participation in the Plan in any one or more of the ways referred to above. This consent may be withdrawn at any time in writing by sending a declaration of withdrawal to PolyOne's chief human resources officer.

- (c) Any amendment to the Plan shall be deemed to be an amendment to this Agreement to the extent that the amendment is applicable hereto. The terms and conditions of this Agreement may not be modified, amended or waived, except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized executive officer at PolyOne. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment shall adversely affect your rights under this Agreement without your consent.
- (d) By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that you have entered into an Employee Agreement [(the "Employee Agreement")] with PolyOne. You understand that, as set forth in Paragraph 5 and Attachment A of the Employee Agreement, you have agreed not to engage in certain prohibited practices in competition with PolyOne following the termination of your employment (hereinafter referred to as the "Covenant Not to Compete"). You further acknowledge that as consideration for entering into the Covenant Not to Compete, PolyOne is providing you the opportunity to participate in PolyOne's long-term incentive plan and receive the award set forth in this Agreement. You understand that eligibility for participation in the long-term incentive plan was conditioned upon entering into the Covenant Not to Compete. You further understand and acknowledge that you would have been ineligible to participate in the long-term incentive plan and receive this award had you decided not to agree to the Covenant Not to Compete. You understand that the acknowledgment contained in this sub-section is a part of the Employee Agreement and is to be interpreted in a manner consistent with its terms.

8. **Notice.** All notices under this Agreement to PolyOne must be delivered personally or mailed to PolyOne Corporation at PolyOne Center, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012, Attention: Corporate Secretary. PolyOne's address may be changed at any time by written notice of such change to you. Also, all notices under this Agreement to you will be delivered personally or mailed to you at your address as shown from time to time in PolyOne's records.

9. **Compliance with Section 409A of the Code.**

- (a) To the extent applicable, it is intended that this Agreement and the Plan comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, so that the income inclusion provisions of Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code do not apply to you. This Agreement and the Plan shall be administered in a manner consistent with this intent.
- (b) Reference to Section 409A of the Code will also include any proposed, temporary or final regulations, or any other guidance, promulgated with respect to such Section by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service.

10. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and both of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

11. **Severability.** If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement is invalidated for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, any provision so invalidated shall be deemed to be separable from the other provisions hereof, and the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be valid and fully enforceable.

This Agreement, and the terms and conditions of the Plan, shall bind, and inure to the benefit of you, your estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and PolyOne and its successors and assigns.

Very Truly Yours,

POLYONE CORPORATION

By:



Kenneth M. Smith, Senior Vice President,
Chief Information and Human Resources Officer

Accepted:

_____ (Date)

Exhibit A

A “Change of Control” means:

(a) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) (a “Person”) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of voting securities of PolyOne where such acquisition causes such Person to own 25% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of PolyOne entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that for purposes of this paragraph (a), the following acquisitions shall not be deemed to result in a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from PolyOne that is approved by the Incumbent Board (as defined in paragraph (b) below), (ii) any acquisition by PolyOne, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by PolyOne or any corporation controlled by PolyOne or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) below; provided, further, that if any Person’s beneficial ownership of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities reaches or exceeds 25% as a result of a transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above, and such Person subsequently acquires beneficial ownership of additional voting securities of PolyOne, such subsequent acquisition shall be treated as an acquisition that causes such Person to own 25% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities; and provided, further, that if at least a majority of the members of the Incumbent Board determines in good faith that a Person has acquired beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 25% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities inadvertently, and such Person divests as promptly as practicable a sufficient number of shares so that such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) less than 25% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, then no Change of Control shall have occurred as a result of such Person’s acquisition; or

(b) individuals who, as of August 31, 2000, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board” as modified by this paragraph (b)) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to August 31, 2000 whose election, or nomination for election by PolyOne’s shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board (either by specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of PolyOne in which such person is named as a nominee for director, without objection to such nomination) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(c) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of PolyOne or the acquisition of assets of another corporation or other transaction (“Business Combination”) excluding, however, such a Business Combination pursuant to which (i) the individuals and entities who were the beneficial

owners of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 60% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that as a result of such transaction owns PolyOne or all or substantially all of PolyOne's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries), (ii) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of PolyOne, PolyOne or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the entity resulting from such Business Combination and (iii) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(d) approval by the shareholders of PolyOne of a complete liquidation or dissolution of PolyOne except pursuant to a Business Combination that complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) above.



February 17, 2010

Attn: [____]
PolyOne Corporation

POLYONE CORPORATION INCENTIVE AWARD

Grant of Stock-Settled SARs

THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES PART OF A PROSPECTUS COVERING SECURITIES REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE COMMON SHARES OF THE COMPANY ARE LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Dear [____]:

Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2008 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) and this letter agreement (this “Agreement”), the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Committee”) of PolyOne Corporation (“PolyOne”) has granted to you as of February 17, 2010, the following award:

Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights (“SARs”) in respect of an aggregate of [____] common shares of PolyOne, having a par value of \$0.01 per share (the “Common Shares”). The price (the “Base Price”) to be used as the basis for determining the Spread (as defined below) upon exercise of the SAR is \$7.99, the fair market value of one Common Share on February 17, 2010.

A copy of the Plan is available for your review through the Corporate Secretary’s office. Unless otherwise indicated, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Plan.

1. Vesting and Exercise of SARs.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and this Agreement, the SARs will expire on February 17, 2017 and shall be exercisable on or before February 17, 2017. Subject to Sections 2 and 3 of the Agreement, vesting of the SARs will occur as follows, provided that you have been in the continuous employ of PolyOne or a Subsidiary on each such vesting date specified below (except as provided in Section 3(ii)):
- One-third of the SARs will vest on February 17, 2011;
 - One-third of the SARs will vest on February 17, 2012; and
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- The remaining one-third of the SARs will vest on February 17, 2013.
- (b) The SARs may be exercised as provided in this Section 1(b) as to all or any of the SARs that are exercisable in accordance with Section 1(a), as long as each exercise covers the lesser of the number of fully vested SARs or 1,000 SARs. To exercise the SARs, you must submit a SAR Exercise Form to PolyOne signed by you stating the number of SARs you are exercising at that time and certifying that you are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. PolyOne will then issue you the number of Common Shares determined under Section 1(c).
- (c) The number of Common Shares to be issued will be determined by calculating (i) the difference between the fair market value of a Common Share on the date of exercise and the Base Price (the “Spread”); (ii) multiplied by the number of SARs exercised; (iii) less any withholding taxes (federal, state, local or foreign taxes) PolyOne determines are to be withheld in accordance with the Plan and with applicable law. The result of this calculation will then be divided by the fair market value of a Common Share on the date of exercise to determine the number of Common Shares to be issued, rounded down to the nearest whole share. For purposes of this Section 1(c), the term “fair market value” will mean the closing price of the Common Shares on the date of exercise as reported on the New York Stock Exchange — Composite Transactions Listing or similar report. In no event will you be entitled to acquire a fraction of one Common Share pursuant to this Agreement.
2. **Vesting Upon a Change of Control**. If a Change of Control (as defined on Exhibit A to this Agreement) occurs during the term of the SARs, the SARs, to the extent not previously fully exercisable, will become immediately exercisable in full.
3. **Retirement, Disability or Death**. If your employment with PolyOne or a Subsidiary terminates before the expiration of the SARs due to (a) retirement at age 55 or older with at least 10 years of service, (b) retirement at age 58 or older with at least 5 years of service, (c) permanent and total disability (as defined under the relevant disability plan or program of PolyOne or a Subsidiary in which you then participate) or (d) death, then:
- (i) Any SARs that have vested prior to the date of the termination of your employment as provided in Section 1(a) above, but have not been exercised as of the time of the termination of your employment, may be exercised in whole or in part, for the remainder of their term, but in no event beyond February 17, 2017, after which such SARs will terminate; and
 - (ii) A pro-rata portion of any SARs that remain unvested as of the time of the termination of your employment will vest, based on the number of days that you were employed by PolyOne or a Subsidiary during the period commencing on the February 18th immediately preceding the date of the termination of your employment and ending on February 17, 2013. You

or your executor or administrator, as the case may be, will be entitled to exercise, in whole or in part, such vested SARs for the remainder of their term, but in no event beyond February 17, 2017, after which such SARs will terminate.

4. **Termination Following Change of Control.**

- (a) If your employment with PolyOne or a Subsidiary terminates following a Change of Control because (i) your employment is involuntarily terminated without “Cause” (as defined below), or (ii) you terminate your employment for “Good Reason” (as defined below), notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the SARs may be exercised in whole or in part at any time and from time to time for the remainder of their term, but in no event beyond February 17, 2017, after which the SARs will terminate.
- (b) For purposes of Section 4(a) above:
 - (i) If you are a party to a Management Continuity Agreement, “Cause” shall mean “Cause” and “Good Reason” shall mean “Good Reason,” each as defined in your Management Continuity Agreement;
 - (ii) If you are not a party to a Management Continuity Agreement, “Cause” shall mean: (A) the willful and continued failure by you to substantially perform your duties with PolyOne or a Subsidiary, which failure causes material and demonstrable injury to PolyOne or a Subsidiary (other than any such failure resulting from your incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a demand for substantial performance is delivered to you by PolyOne or a Subsidiary which specifically identifies the manner in which you have not substantially performed your duties, and after you have been given a period (hereinafter known as the “Cure Period”) of at least thirty (30) days to correct your performance, or (B) the willful engaging by you in other gross misconduct materially and demonstrably injurious to PolyOne or a Subsidiary. For purposes of this Section 4(b)(ii), no act, or failure to act, on your part shall be considered “willful” unless conclusively demonstrated to have been done, or omitted to be done, by you not in good faith and without reasonable belief that your action or omission was in the best interests of PolyOne or a Subsidiary; and
 - (iii) If you are not a party to a Management Continuity Agreement, “Good Reason” shall mean, without your express written consent: (A) your permanent assignment to a new work location that would either increase your routine one-way commute by fifty (50) or more miles, measured by the shortest commonly traveled routes between your then-current residence and new reporting or work location, or make your routine one-way commute sixty (60) or more miles, or (B) a reduction in your base salary, target annual incentive amount or employer-provided benefits, if immediately after the reduction the aggregate total of your base salary,

target annual incentive amount and value of employer-provided benefits is less than eighty percent (80%) of the aggregate total of your salary, target annual incentive amount and the value of employer-provided benefits immediately prior to the Change of Control.

5. **Other Termination.** If your employment with PolyOne or a Subsidiary terminates before the expiration of the SARs for any reason other than as set forth in Sections 3 or 4 above, the SARs that are exercisable shall be limited to the number of SARs that could have been exercised under Section 1 above at the time of your termination of employment and shall terminate as to the remaining SARs and may be exercised as to such limited number of SARs at any time within ninety (90) days of your termination of employment, but in no event beyond February 17, 2017, after which the SARs will terminate.
6. **Non-Assignability.** The SARs are personal to you and are not transferable by you other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. They are exercisable during your lifetime only by you or by your guardian or legal representative.
7. **Adjustments.** In the event of any change in the number of Common Shares by reason of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, or similar transaction, or in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, or distribution to shareholders (other than normal cash dividends), the number and class of shares subject to outstanding SARs, the Base Price applicable to outstanding SARs and other value determinations, if any, applicable to outstanding SARs will be adjusted. Such adjustment shall be made automatically on the customary arithmetical basis in the case of any stock split, including a stock split effected by means of a stock dividend, and in the case of any other dividend paid in Common Shares. If any such transaction or event occurs, the Committee may provide in substitution for outstanding SARs such alternative consideration (including, without limitation, in the form of cash, securities or other property) as it may determine to be equitable in the circumstances and may require in connection therewith the surrender of the SARs subject to this Agreement. No adjustment provided for in this Section 7 will require PolyOne to issue any fractional shares.
8. **Miscellaneous.**
 - (a) The contents of this Agreement are subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Plan as approved by the Board and the shareholders of PolyOne, which are controlling. The interpretation and construction by the Board and/or the Committee of any provision of the Plan or this Agreement shall be final and conclusive upon you, your estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and PolyOne and its successors and assigns.
 - (b) The grant of the SARs is discretionary and will not be considered to be an employment contract or a part of your terms and conditions of employment or of your salary or compensation. Information about you and your participation in the Plan, including, without limitation, your name, home address and telephone

number, date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in PolyOne, and details of the SARs or other entitlement to shares of stock awarded, cancelled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in your favor may be collected, recorded, held, used and disclosed by PolyOne and any of its Subsidiaries and any non-PolyOne entities engaged by PolyOne to provide services in connection with this grant (a "Third Party Administrator"), for any purpose related to the administration of the Plan. You understand that PolyOne and its Subsidiaries may transfer such information to Third Party Administrators, regardless of whether such Third Party Administrators are located within your country of residence, the European Economic Area or in countries outside of the European Economic Area, including the United States of America. You consent to the processing of information relating to you and your participation in the Plan in any one or more of the ways referred to above. This consent may be withdrawn at any time in writing by sending a declaration of withdrawal to PolyOne's chief human resources officer.

- (c) Any amendment to the Plan shall be deemed to be an amendment to this Agreement to the extent that the amendment is applicable hereto. The terms and conditions of this Agreement may not be modified, amended or waived, except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized executive officer at PolyOne. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment shall adversely affect your rights under this Agreement without your consent.
- (d) By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that you have entered into an Employee Agreement [(the "Employee Agreement")] with PolyOne. You understand that, as set forth in Paragraph 5 and Attachment A of the Employee Agreement, you have agreed not to engage in certain prohibited practices in competition with PolyOne following the termination of your employment (hereinafter referred to as the "Covenant Not to Compete"). You further acknowledge that as consideration for entering into the Covenant Not to Compete, PolyOne is providing you the opportunity to participate in PolyOne's long-term incentive plan and receive the award set forth in this Agreement. You understand that eligibility for participation in the long-term incentive plan was conditioned upon entering into the Covenant Not to Compete. You further understand and acknowledge that you would have been ineligible to participate in the long-term incentive plan and receive this award had you decided not to agree to the Covenant Not to Compete. You understand that the acknowledgment contained in this sub-section is a part of the Employee Agreement and is to be interpreted in a manner consistent with its terms.

9. **Notice.** All notices under this Agreement to PolyOne must be delivered personally or mailed to PolyOne Corporation at PolyOne Center, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012, Attention: Corporate Secretary. PolyOne's address may be changed at any time by written notice of such change to you. Also, all notices under this Agreement to you will be delivered personally or mailed to you at your address as shown from time to time in PolyOne's records.

10. **Compliance with Section 409A of the Code.**

- (a) To the extent applicable, it is intended that this Agreement and the Plan comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, so that the income inclusion provisions of Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code do not apply to you. This Agreement and the Plan shall be administered in a manner consistent with this intent.
- (b) Reference to Section 409A of the Code will also include any proposed, temporary or final regulations, or any other guidance, promulgated with respect to such Section by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service.

11. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and both of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

12. **Severability.** If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement is invalidated for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, any provision so invalidated shall be deemed to be separable from the other provisions hereof, and the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be valid and fully enforceable.

This Agreement, and the terms and conditions of the Plan, shall bind, and inure to the benefit of you, your estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and PolyOne and its successors and assigns.

Very Truly Yours,

POLYONE CORPORATION

By:



Kenneth M. Smith, Senior Vice President,
Chief Information and Human Resources Officer

Accepted:

_____. (Date)

Exhibit A

A “Change of Control” means:

(a) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) (a “Person”) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of voting securities of PolyOne where such acquisition causes such Person to own 25% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of PolyOne entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that for purposes of this paragraph (a), the following acquisitions shall not be deemed to result in a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from PolyOne that is approved by the Incumbent Board (as defined in paragraph (b) below), (ii) any acquisition by PolyOne, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by PolyOne or any corporation controlled by PolyOne or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) below; provided, further, that if any Person’s beneficial ownership of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities reaches or exceeds 25% as a result of a transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above, and such Person subsequently acquires beneficial ownership of additional voting securities of PolyOne, such subsequent acquisition shall be treated as an acquisition that causes such Person to own 25% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities; and provided, further, that if at least a majority of the members of the Incumbent Board determines in good faith that a Person has acquired beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 25% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities inadvertently, and such Person divests as promptly as practicable a sufficient number of shares so that such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) less than 25% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, then no Change of Control shall have occurred as a result of such Person’s acquisition; or

(b) individuals who, as of August 31, 2000, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board” as modified by this paragraph (b)) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to August 31, 2000 whose election, or nomination for election by PolyOne’s shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board (either by specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of PolyOne in which such person is named as a nominee for director, without objection to such nomination) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(c) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of PolyOne or the acquisition of assets of another corporation or other transaction (“Business Combination”); excluding, however, such a Business Combination pursuant to which (i) the individuals and entities who were the beneficial

owners of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 60% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that as a result of such transaction owns PolyOne or all or substantially all of PolyOne's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries), (ii) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of PolyOne, PolyOne or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the entity resulting from such Business Combination and (iii) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(d) approval by the shareholders of PolyOne of a complete liquidation or dissolution of PolyOne except pursuant to a Business Combination that complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) above.



Attn: [_____]]
PolyOne Corporation

February 17, 2010

POLYONE CORPORATION INCENTIVE AWARD

Grant of Performance Units

THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES PART OF A PROSPECTUS COVERING SECURITIES REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE COMMON SHARES OF THE COMPANY ARE LISTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Dear [_____]]:

Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2008 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and this letter agreement (this "Agreement"), the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") of PolyOne Corporation ("PolyOne") (or a subcommittee thereof) has granted to you as of February 17, 2010, the following award:

[_____] performance units (the "Performance Units"), with each such Performance Unit being equal in value to \$1.00, payment of which depends on PolyOne's performance as set forth in this Agreement and in your Statement of Performance Goals.

A copy of the Plan is available for your review through the Corporate Secretary's office. Unless otherwise indicated, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Plan.

1. **Performance Units.**

- (a) Your right to receive all or any portion of the Performance Units will be contingent upon the achievement of certain management objectives (the "Management Objectives"), as set forth in your Statement of Performance Goals. The achievement of the Management Objectives will be measured during the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 (the "Performance Period").
 - (b) The Management Objectives for the Performance Period will be based solely on achievement of performance goals relating to PolyOne's Consolidated Working
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Capital Percentage of Sales ("Working Capital"), as defined in your Statement of Performance Goals.

2. **Earning of Performance Units.**

- (a) The Performance Units shall be earned as follows:
 - (i) If, upon the conclusion of the Performance Period, Working Capital equals or exceeds the threshold level, but is less than the 100% target level, as set forth in the Performance Matrix contained in your Statement of Performance Goals, a proportionate number of the Performance Units shall become earned, as determined by mathematical interpolation and rounded up to the nearest whole unit.
 - (ii) If, upon the conclusion of the Performance Period, Working Capital equals or exceeds the 100% target level, but is less than the maximum level, as set forth in the Performance Matrix contained in your Statement of Performance Goals, a proportionate number of the Performance Units shall become earned, as determined by mathematical interpolation and rounded up to the nearest whole unit.
 - (iii) If, upon the conclusion of the Performance Period, Working Capital equals or exceeds the maximum level, as set forth in the Performance Matrix contained in your Statement of Performance Goals, 200% of the Performance Units shall become earned.
- (b) In no event shall any Performance Units become earned if actual performance falls below the threshold level for Working Capital or if the Board does not certify that the Management Objectives have been satisfied.
- (c) If the Committee determines that a change in the business, operations, corporate structure or capital structure of PolyOne, the manner in which it conducts business or other events or circumstances render the Management Objectives to be unsuitable, the Committee may modify such Management Objectives or the related levels of achievement, in whole or in part, as the Committee deems appropriate; provided, however, that no such action will be made in the case of a Covered Employee where such action may result in the loss of the otherwise available exemption of the award under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (d) Subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4, your right to receive any Performance Units is contingent upon your remaining in the continuous employ of PolyOne or a Subsidiary through the payment date, which shall be a date in 2013 determined by the Board and shall occur no later than March 15, 2013 (the "Payment Date"). For awards to Covered Employees, the Committee shall only have the ability and authority to reduce, but not increase, the amount of Performance Units that become earned hereunder.

3. **Change of Control.** Subject to Section 6,
- (a) if a Change of Control (as defined on Exhibit A to this Agreement) occurs prior to the end of the Performance Period, PolyOne shall pay to you 100% of the Performance Units as soon as administratively practicable after, but in all events no later than 30 days following, the Change of Control; and
 - (b) if a Change of Control (as defined on Exhibit A to this Agreement) occurs after the end of the Performance Period but on or prior to the Payment Date, PolyOne shall pay to you the actual number of Performance Units earned pursuant to Section 2(a) as soon as administratively practicable after, but in all events no later than 30 days following, the Change of Control.
4. **Retirement, Disability or Death.** Subject to Section 6, if your employment with PolyOne or a Subsidiary terminates after the end of the Performance Period but on or prior to the Payment Date due to (a) retirement at age 55 or older with at least 10 years of service, (b) retirement at age 58 or older with at least 5 years of service, (c) permanent and total disability (as defined under the relevant disability plan or program of PolyOne or a Subsidiary in which you then participate) or (d) death, PolyOne shall pay to you or your executor or administrator, as the case may be, the actual number of Performance Units earned pursuant to Section 2(a) as soon as administratively practicable after, but in all events no later than 30 days following, the date of the termination of your employment.
5. **Other Termination.** If your employment with PolyOne or a Subsidiary terminates before the Payment Date for any reason other than as set forth in Section 4 above or before a Change of Control, the Performance Units will be forfeited.
6. **Payment of Performance Units.**
- (a) Payment of any Performance Units that become earned as set forth herein will be made in the form of cash. The amount of the cash payment to be made shall be determined by multiplying (i) the number of Performance Units earned pursuant to Sections 2, 3 or 4 above by (ii) \$1.00. Except as provided in Sections 3, 4 and 6(b), payment will be made on the Payment Date. If PolyOne determines that it is required to withhold any federal, state, local or foreign taxes from any payment, PolyOne will withhold the amount of these taxes from the payment.
 - (b) If the event triggering the right to payment under Section 3 or 4 above does not constitute a permitted distribution event under Section 409A(a)(2) of the Code, then notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the cash payment will be made to you, to the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code, on the earliest of (i) your “separation from service” with PolyOne or a Subsidiary (determined in accordance with Section 409A) that occurs after the event giving rise to payment; (ii) the Payment Date (to the extent it constitutes a permitted distribution event); or (iii) your death. In addition, if you are a “key employee” as determined pursuant to procedures adopted by PolyOne in compliance with

Section 409A of the Code and any payment made pursuant to this Agreement is considered to be a “deferral of compensation” (as such phrase is defined for purposes of Section 409A of the Code) that is payable upon your “separation from service” (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), then the payment date for such payment shall be the date that is the first business day of the seventh month after the date of your “separation from service” with PolyOne or a Subsidiary (determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code).

7. **Non-Assignability.** The Performance Units subject to this grant of Performance Units are personal to you and may not be sold, exchanged, assigned, transferred, pledged, encumbered or otherwise disposed of by you until they become earned as provided in this Agreement; provided, however, that your rights with respect to such Performance Units may be transferred by will or pursuant to the laws of descent and distribution. Any purported transfer or encumbrance in violation of the provisions of this Section 7 shall be void, and the other party to any such purported transaction shall not obtain any rights to or interest in such Performance Units.
8. **Miscellaneous.**
- (a) The contents of this Agreement are subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Plan as approved by the Board and the shareholders of PolyOne, which are controlling. The interpretation and construction by the Board and/or the Committee of any provision of the Plan or this Agreement shall be final and conclusive upon you, your estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and PolyOne and its successors and assigns.
- (b) The grant of the Performance Units is discretionary and will not be considered to be an employment contract or a part of your terms and conditions of employment or of your salary or compensation. Information about you and your participation in the Plan, including, without limitation, your name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social security number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in PolyOne, and details of the Performance Units or other entitlement to shares of stock awarded, cancelled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in your favor may be collected, recorded, held, used and disclosed by PolyOne and any of its Subsidiaries and any non-PolyOne entities engaged by PolyOne to provide services in connection with this grant (a “Third Party Administrator”), for any purpose related to the administration of the Plan. You understand that PolyOne and its Subsidiaries may transfer such information to Third Party Administrators, regardless of whether such Third Party Administrators are located within your country of residence, the European Economic Area or in countries outside of the European Economic Area, including the United States of America. You consent to the processing of information relating to you and your participation in the Plan in any one or more of the ways referred to above. This consent may be withdrawn at any time in writing by sending a declaration of withdrawal to PolyOne’s chief human resources officer.

- (c) Any amendment to the Plan shall be deemed to be an amendment to this Agreement to the extent that the amendment is applicable hereto. The terms and conditions of this Agreement may not be modified, amended or waived, except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized executive officer at PolyOne. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment shall adversely affect your rights under this Agreement without your consent.
 - (d) By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that you have entered into an Employee Agreement [(the “Employee Agreement”)] with PolyOne. You understand that, as set forth in Paragraph 5 and Attachment A of the Employee Agreement, you have agreed not to engage in certain prohibited practices in competition with PolyOne following the termination of your employment (hereinafter referred to as the “Covenant Not to Compete”). You further acknowledge that as consideration for entering into the Covenant Not to Compete, PolyOne is providing you the opportunity to participate in PolyOne’s long-term incentive plan and receive the award set forth in this Agreement. You understand that eligibility for participation in the long-term incentive plan was conditioned upon entering into the Covenant Not to Compete. You further understand and acknowledge that you would have been ineligible to participate in the long-term incentive plan and receive this award had you decided not to agree to the Covenant Not to Compete. You understand that the acknowledgment contained in this sub-section is a part of the Employee Agreement and is to be interpreted in a manner consistent with its terms.
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11. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and both of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
12. **Severability.** If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement is invalidated for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, any provision so invalidated shall be deemed to be separable from the other provisions hereof, and the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be valid and fully enforceable.

This Agreement, and the terms and conditions of the Plan, shall bind, and inure to the benefit of you, your estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and PolyOne and its successors and assigns.

Very Truly Yours,

POLYONE CORPORATION

By:



Kenneth M. Smith, Senior Vice President, Chief
Information and Human Resources Officer

Accepted:

_____ (Date)

Exhibit A

A “Change of Control” means:

(a) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) (a “Person”) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of voting securities of PolyOne where such acquisition causes such Person to own 25% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of PolyOne entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that for purposes of this paragraph (a), the following acquisitions shall not be deemed to result in a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from PolyOne that is approved by the Incumbent Board (as defined in paragraph (b) below), (ii) any acquisition by PolyOne, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by PolyOne or any corporation controlled by PolyOne or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) below; provided, further, that if any Person’s beneficial ownership of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities reaches or exceeds 25% as a result of a transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above, and such Person subsequently acquires beneficial ownership of additional voting securities of PolyOne, such subsequent acquisition shall be treated as an acquisition that causes such Person to own 25% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities; and provided, further, that if at least a majority of the members of the Incumbent Board determines in good faith that a Person has acquired beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 25% or more of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities inadvertently, and such Person divests as promptly as practicable a sufficient number of shares so that such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) less than 25% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, then no Change of Control shall have occurred as a result of such Person’s acquisition; or

(b) individuals who, as of August 31, 2000, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board” as modified by this paragraph (b)) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to August 31, 2000 whose election, or nomination for election by PolyOne’s shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board (either by specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of PolyOne in which such person is named as a nominee for director, without objection to such nomination) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(c) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of PolyOne or the acquisition of assets of another corporation or other transaction (“Business Combination”) excluding, however, such a Business Combination pursuant to which (i) the individuals and entities who were the beneficial

owners of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 60% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that as a result of such transaction owns PolyOne or all or substantially all of PolyOne's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries), (ii) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of PolyOne, PolyOne or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the entity resulting from such Business Combination and (iii) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(d) approval by the shareholders of PolyOne of a complete liquidation or dissolution of PolyOne except pursuant to a Business Combination that complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) above.

March 8, 2010

Board of Directors
PolyOne Corporation

Note 2 of the Notes to the consolidated financial statements of PolyOne Corporation included in its Form 10-Q for the three-months ended March 31, 2010 describes a change in the method of accounting for inventory valuation from the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method to the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method for all of its US-based LIFO inventory. There are no authoritative criteria for determining a “preferable” inventory method based on the particular circumstances; however, we conclude that such change in the method of accounting is to an acceptable alternative method which, based on your business judgment to make this change and for the stated reasons, is preferable in your circumstances. We have not conducted an audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) of any financial statements of the Company as of any date or for any period subsequent to December 31, 2009, and therefore we do not express any opinion on any financial statements of PolyOne Corporation subsequent to that date.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephen D. Newlin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of PolyOne Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 5, 2010

/s/ Stephen D. Newlin

Stephen D. Newlin

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert M. Patterson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of PolyOne Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 5, 2010

/s/ Robert M. Patterson

Robert M. Patterson

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PolyOne Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2010, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Stephen D. Newlin, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Report.

/s/ Stephen D. Newlin

Stephen D. Newlin

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 5, 2010

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

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In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PolyOne Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2010, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Robert M. Patterson, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Report.

/s/ Robert M. Patterson

Robert M. Patterson

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

May 5, 2010

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