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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2021

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 1-12658

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

54-1692118  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4250 Congress Street, Suite 900  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28209  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code - (980) 299-5700

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

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

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
COMMON STOCK, \$.01 Par Value	ALB	New York Stock Exchange

Number of shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding as of October 29, 2021: 116,976,318

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited).

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME**  
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net sales	\$ 830,566	\$ 746,868	\$ 2,433,753	\$ 2,249,762
Cost of goods sold	581,293	492,812	1,672,376	1,520,329
Gross profit	249,273	254,056	761,377	729,433
Selling, general and administrative expenses	103,477	96,092	318,180	304,918
Research and development expenses	13,289	13,532	41,901	43,839
Gain on sale of business	984	—	(428,424)	—
Operating profit	131,523	144,432	829,720	380,676
Interest and financing expenses	(5,136)	(19,227)	(56,170)	(53,964)
Other expense, net	(643,196)	(3,661)	(631,870)	(1,620)
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	(516,809)	121,544	141,680	325,092
Income tax (benefit) expense	(114,670)	30,653	14,422	64,526
(Loss) income before equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	(402,139)	90,891	127,258	260,566
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax)	27,706	26,154	62,215	83,872
Net (loss) income	(374,433)	117,045	189,473	344,438
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18,348)	(18,744)	(61,977)	(53,309)
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (392,781)	\$ 98,301	\$ 127,496	\$ 291,129
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.74
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.73
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic	116,965	106,386	115,455	106,314
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – diluted	116,965	106,873	116,140	106,640

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME**  
**(In Thousands)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net (loss) income	\$ (374,433)	\$ 117,045	\$ 189,473	\$ 344,438
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation and other	(39,274)	37,499	(46,852)	18,377
Net investment hedge	—	(12,408)	5,110	(16,083)
Cash flow hedge	214	6,993	(563)	(6,822)
Interest rate swap	651	647	1,951	1,943
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(38,409)	32,731	(40,354)	(2,585)
Comprehensive (loss) income	(412,842)	149,776	149,119	341,853
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18,374)	(18,811)	(61,927)	(53,456)
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (431,216)	\$ 130,965	\$ 87,192	\$ 288,397

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In Thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 595,049	\$ 746,724
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts (2021 – \$2,574; 2020 – \$2,083)	520,746	530,838
Other accounts receivable	56,298	61,958
Inventories	745,598	750,237
Other current assets	160,415	116,427
Total current assets	2,078,106	2,206,184
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	7,783,962	7,427,641
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	2,128,485	2,073,016
Net property, plant and equipment	5,655,477	5,354,625
Investments	902,504	656,244
Other assets	251,786	219,268
Goodwill	1,623,471	1,665,520
Other intangibles, net of amortization	320,981	349,105
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,832,325</b>	<b>\$ 10,450,946</b>
<b>Liabilities And Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 545,922	\$ 483,221
Accrued expenses	956,506	440,763
Current portion of long-term debt	611	804,677
Dividends payable	45,450	40,937
Income taxes payable	42,553	32,251
Total current liabilities	1,591,042	1,801,849
Long-term debt	2,021,487	2,767,381
Postretirement benefits	47,020	48,075
Pension benefits	299,875	340,818
Other noncurrent liabilities	617,488	629,377
Deferred income taxes	360,181	394,852
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)		
Equity:		
Albemarle Corporation shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, issued and outstanding – 116,976 in 2021 and 106,842 in 2020	1,170	1,069
Additional paid-in capital	2,913,383	1,438,038
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(366,436)	(326,132)
Retained earnings	3,145,999	3,155,252
Total Albemarle Corporation shareholders' equity	5,694,116	4,268,227
Noncontrolling interests	201,116	200,367
Total equity	5,895,232	4,468,594
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ 10,832,325</b>	<b>\$ 10,450,946</b>

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
(Unaudited)

(In Thousands, Except Share Data)	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total Albemarle Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares	Amounts						
<b>Balance at July 1, 2021</b>	<b>116,944,511</b>	<b>\$ 1,169</b>	<b>\$ 2,907,981</b>	<b>\$ (328,001)</b>	<b>\$ 3,584,400</b>	<b>\$ 6,165,549</b>	<b>\$ 200,222</b>	<b>\$ 6,365,771</b>
Net (loss) income					(392,781)	(392,781)	18,348	(374,433)
Other comprehensive (loss) income				(38,435)		(38,435)	26	(38,409)
Cash dividends declared, \$0.39 per common share					(45,620)	(45,620)	(17,480)	(63,100)
Stock-based compensation			4,203			4,203		4,203
Fees related to public issuance of common stock			23			23		23
Exercise of stock options	22,226	1	1,884			1,885		1,885
Issuance of common stock, net	12,688	—	—			—		—
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(3,107)	—	(708)			(708)		(708)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2021</b>	<b>116,976,318</b>	<b>\$ 1,170</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,383</b>	<b>\$ (366,436)</b>	<b>\$ 3,145,999</b>	<b>\$ 5,694,116</b>	<b>\$ 201,116</b>	<b>\$ 5,895,232</b>
<b>Balance at July 1, 2020</b>	<b>106,336,982</b>	<b>\$ 1,064</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,105</b>	<b>\$ (431,131)</b>	<b>\$ 3,054,434</b>	<b>\$ 4,024,472</b>	<b>\$ 181,689</b>	<b>\$ 4,206,161</b>
Net income					98,301	98,301	18,744	117,045
Other comprehensive income				32,664		32,664	67	32,731
Cash dividends declared, \$0.385 per common share					(40,986)	(40,986)	—	(40,986)
Stock-based compensation			5,098			5,098		5,098
Exercise of stock options	96,356	1	6,115			6,116		6,116
Issuance of common stock, net	33,798	—	—			—		—
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(10,088)	—	(784)			(784)		(784)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2020</b>	<b>106,457,048</b>	<b>\$ 1,065</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,534</b>	<b>\$ (398,467)</b>	<b>\$ 3,111,749</b>	<b>\$ 4,124,881</b>	<b>\$ 200,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,325,381</b>
<b>Balance at January 1, 2021</b>	<b>106,842,369</b>	<b>\$ 1,069</b>	<b>\$ 1,438,038</b>	<b>\$ (326,132)</b>	<b>\$ 3,155,252</b>	<b>\$ 4,268,227</b>	<b>\$ 200,367</b>	<b>\$ 4,468,594</b>
Net income					127,496	127,496	61,977	189,473
Other comprehensive loss				(40,304)		(40,304)	(50)	(40,354)
Cash dividends declared, \$1.17 per common share					(136,749)	(136,749)	(61,178)	(197,927)
Stock-based compensation			13,981			13,981		13,981
Fees related to public issuance of common stock			(888)			(888)		(888)
Exercise of stock options	263,875	3	16,217			16,220		16,220
Issuance of common stock, net	9,918,778	99	1,453,789			1,453,888		1,453,888
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(48,704)	(1)	(7,754)			(7,755)		(7,755)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2021</b>	<b>116,976,318</b>	<b>\$ 1,170</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,383</b>	<b>\$ (366,436)</b>	<b>\$ 3,145,999</b>	<b>\$ 5,694,116</b>	<b>\$ 201,116</b>	<b>\$ 5,895,232</b>
<b>Balance at January 1, 2020</b>	<b>106,040,215</b>	<b>\$ 1,061</b>	<b>\$ 1,383,446</b>	<b>\$ (395,735)</b>	<b>\$ 2,943,478</b>	<b>\$ 3,932,250</b>	<b>\$ 161,330</b>	<b>\$ 4,093,580</b>
Net income					291,129	291,129	53,309	344,438
Other comprehensive (loss) income				(2,732)		(2,732)	147	(2,585)
Cash dividends declared, \$1.155 per common share					(122,858)	(122,858)	(14,286)	(137,144)
Stock-based compensation			14,970			14,970		14,970
Exercise of stock options	300,833	3	16,922			16,925		16,925
Issuance of common stock, net	179,368	2	(2)			—		—
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(63,368)	(1)	(4,802)			(4,803)		(4,803)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2020</b>	<b>106,457,048</b>	<b>\$ 1,065</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,534</b>	<b>\$ (398,467)</b>	<b>\$ 3,111,749</b>	<b>\$ 4,124,881</b>	<b>\$ 200,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,325,381</b>

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**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In Thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$ 746,724	\$ 613,110
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	189,473	344,438
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	185,765	170,214
Gain on sale of business	(428,424)	—
Stock-based compensation and other	14,668	15,864
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax)	(62,215)	(83,872)
Dividends received from unconsolidated investments and nonmarketable securities	43,374	61,309
Pension and postretirement benefit	(12,451)	(4,975)
Pension and postretirement contributions	(24,145)	(10,323)
Unrealized gain on investments in marketable securities	(3,912)	(3,377)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	28,955	—
Deferred income taxes	(38,924)	7,920
Working capital changes	456,405	(167,436)
Non-cash transfer of 40% value of construction in progress of Kemerton plant to MRL	135,928	131,929
Other, net	6,089	23
Net cash provided by operating activities	490,586	461,714
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	(22,572)
Capital expenditures	(652,739)	(621,371)
Cash proceeds from divestitures, net	289,791	—
Sales of marketable securities, net	4,407	1,208
Investments in equity and other corporate investments	(286)	(786)
Net cash used in investing activities	(358,827)	(643,521)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	1,453,888	—
Repayments of long-term debt and credit agreements	(1,173,823)	(250,000)
Proceeds from borrowings of credit agreements	—	452,163
Other debt (repayments) borrowings, net	(327,292)	202,786
Fees related to early extinguishment of debt	(24,877)	—
Dividends paid to shareholders	(132,236)	(120,836)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(61,178)	(14,286)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	16,220	16,925
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(7,755)	(4,803)
Other	(1,384)	(2,751)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(258,437)	279,198
Net effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	(24,997)	(8,428)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(151,675)	88,963
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 595,049	\$ 702,073

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(Unaudited)**

**NOTE 1—Basis of Presentation**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Albemarle Corporation and our wholly-owned, majority-owned and controlled subsidiaries (collectively, “Albemarle,” “we,” “us,” “our” or “the Company”) contain all adjustments necessary for a fair statement, in all material respects, of our consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, our consolidated statements of income, consolidated statements of comprehensive income and consolidated statements of changes in equity for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, which was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on February 19, 2021. The December 31, 2020 consolidated balance sheet data herein was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) in the United States (“U.S.”). The results of operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. Certain reclassifications have been made to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto to conform to the current presentation.

Cost of goods sold for the three-month period ended September 30, 2021 includes expense of \$13.5 million for the correction of out-of-period errors regarding misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior periods. These misstatements in prior periods (understated) overstated Cost of goods sold by (\$18.3) million and \$9.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and (\$4.8) million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. In addition, Income tax expense for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2021 includes expense of \$7.9 million due to the correction of an out-of-period error regarding an overstated deferred tax liability for the three-month period ended December 31, 2017. The Company does not believe these are material to the consolidated financial statements for any of the prior periods presented or to the three-month period ended September 30, 2021.

The current novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic is having an impact on overall global economic conditions. While we have not seen a material impact to our operations to date, the ultimate impact on our business will depend on the length and severity of the outbreak throughout the world. The Company has taken, and plans to continue to take, certain measures to maintain financial flexibility while still protecting our employees and customers.

**NOTE 2—Acquisitions:**

On September 30, 2021, the Company signed a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding equity of Guangxi Tianyuan New Energy Materials Co., Ltd. (“Tianyuan”), for approximately \$200 million in cash. Tianyuan's operations include a recently constructed lithium processing plant strategically positioned near the Port of Qinzhou in Guangxi. The plant has designed annual conversion capacity of up to 25,000 metric tons of LCE and is capable of producing battery-grade lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide. The plant is currently in the commissioning stage and is expected to begin commercial production in the first half of 2022. The Company expects the transaction, which is subject to customary closing conditions, to close in early 2022.

**NOTE 3—Divestitures:**

On June 1, 2021, the Company completed the sale of its fine chemistry services (“FCS”) business to W. R. Grace & Co. (“Grace”) for proceeds of approximately \$570 million, consisting of \$300 million in cash and the issuance to Albemarle of preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary having an aggregate stated value of \$270 million. The preferred equity can be redeemed at Grace’s option under certain conditions and will accrue payment-in-kind (“PIK”) dividends at an annual rate of 12% beginning two years after issuance.

As part of the transaction, Grace acquired our manufacturing facilities located in South Haven, Michigan and Tyrone, Pennsylvania. The sale of the FCS business reflects the Company’s commitment to investing in its core, growth-oriented business segments. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2021 we recorded a gain of \$428.4 million (\$330.9 million after taxes) related to the sale of this business.

We determined that this business met the assets held for sale criteria in accordance with ASC 360, *Property, Plant and Equipment* during the first quarter of 2021. The results of operations of the business classified as held for sale are included in the consolidated statements of income through June 1, 2021. This business did not qualify for discontinued operations treatment



**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(Unaudited)**

because the Company's management does not consider the sale as representing a strategic shift that had or will have a major effect on the Company's operations and financial results.

**NOTE 4—Goodwill and Other Intangibles:**

The following table summarizes the changes in goodwill by reportable segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 (in thousands):

	Lithium	Bromine Specialties	Catalysts	All Other	Total
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 1,441,781	\$ 20,319	\$ 196,834	\$ 6,586	\$ 1,665,520
Divestitures <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	(6,586)	(6,586)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(27,623)	—	(7,840)	—	(35,463)
Balance at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 1,414,158</u>	<u>\$ 20,319</u>	<u>\$ 188,994</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,623,471</u>

(a) Represents goodwill of the FCS business. See Note 3, "Divestitures," for additional information.

The following table summarizes the changes in other intangibles and related accumulated amortization for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 (in thousands):

	Customer Lists and Relationships	Trade Names and Trademarks <sup>(a)</sup>	Patents and Technology	Other	Total
<b>Gross Asset Value</b>					
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 448,748	\$ 18,710	\$ 58,096	\$ 39,864	\$ 565,418
Divestitures <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	(1,473)	(1,473)
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	(12,075)	(484)	(507)	(1,070)	(14,136)
Balance at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 436,673</u>	<u>\$ 18,226</u>	<u>\$ 57,589</u>	<u>\$ 37,321</u>	<u>\$ 549,809</u>
<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>					
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ (147,286)	\$ (8,176)	\$ (39,500)	\$ (21,351)	\$ (216,313)
Amortization	(17,342)	—	(1,095)	(674)	(19,111)
Divestitures <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	1,457	1,457
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	4,023	111	685	320	5,139
Balance at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ (160,605)</u>	<u>\$ (8,065)</u>	<u>\$ (39,910)</u>	<u>\$ (20,248)</u>	<u>\$ (228,828)</u>
Net Book Value at December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 301,462</u>	<u>\$ 10,534</u>	<u>\$ 18,596</u>	<u>\$ 18,513</u>	<u>\$ 349,105</u>
Net Book Value at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 276,068</u>	<u>\$ 10,161</u>	<u>\$ 17,679</u>	<u>\$ 17,073</u>	<u>\$ 320,981</u>

(a) Net Book Value includes only indefinite-lived intangible assets.

(b) Represents other intangibles of the FCS business. See Note 3, "Divestitures," for additional information.

**NOTE 5—Income Taxes:**

The effective income tax rate for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 was 22.2% and 10.2% compared to 25.2% and 19.8% for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, respectively. The three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 include a tax benefit of \$152.9 million related to an accrual recorded as a subsequent event for a legal arbitration ruling in October 2021. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details of this legal matter. The nine-month period ended September 30, 2021 also includes discrete tax expenses related to global intangible low-taxed income, tax expense due to an out-of-period adjustment regarding an overstated deferred tax liability recorded during the three-month period ended December 31, 2017 and foreign uncertain tax positions, partially offset by tax benefits related to the release of a foreign valuation allowance, excess tax benefits realized from stock-based compensation arrangements, and the revaluation of deferred taxes due to tax rate changes. The Company's effective income tax rate fluctuates based on, among other factors, the amount and location of income. The difference between the U.S. federal

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statutory income tax rate and our effective income tax rate for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020 was impacted by a variety of factors, primarily stemming from the location in which income was earned. In addition, the nine-month period ended September 30, 2021 includes \$97.5 million in tax expense recorded for the gain on the sale of the FCS business, offset by the tax benefit for the legal arbitration ruling noted above and a benefit from foreign rate differences.

**NOTE 6—Earnings Per Share:**

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 are calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Basic earnings per share</b>				
Numerator:				
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (392,781)	\$ 98,301	\$ 127,496	\$ 291,129
Denominator:				
Weighted-average common shares for basic earnings per share	116,965	106,386	115,455	106,314
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.74
<b>Diluted earnings per share</b>				
Numerator:				
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (392,781)	\$ 98,301	\$ 127,496	\$ 291,129
Denominator:				
Weighted-average common shares for basic earnings per share	116,965	106,386	115,455	106,314
Incremental shares under stock compensation plans	—	487	685	326
Weighted-average common shares for diluted earnings per share	116,965	106,873	116,140	106,640
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.73

On February 8, 2021, we completed an underwritten public offering of 8,496,773 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at a price to the public of \$153.00 per share. The Company also granted to the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 1,274,509 shares, which was exercised. The total gross proceeds from this offering were approximately \$1.5 billion, before deducting expenses, underwriting discounts and commissions. The net proceeds were used for debt repayments and general corporate purposes. See Note 9, “Long-Term Debt,” for further details.

On July 20, 2021, the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.39, an increase from the prior year regular quarterly dividend. This dividend was paid on October 1, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business as of September 17, 2021. On October 25, 2021, the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.39 per share, which is payable on January 3, 2022 to shareholders of record at the close of business as of December 17, 2021.

**NOTE 7—Inventories:**

The following table provides a breakdown of inventories at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
Finished goods	\$ 426,616	\$ 454,162
Raw materials and work in process <sup>(a)</sup>	240,881	219,896
Stores, supplies and other	78,101	76,179
Total	\$ 745,598	\$ 750,237

(a) Included \$145.0 million and \$129.6 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively, of work in process in our Lithium segment.

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**NOTE 8—Investments:**

The Company holds a 49% equity interest in Windfield Holdings Pty. Ltd. (“Windfield”), where the ownership parties share risks and benefits disproportionate to their voting interests. As a result, the Company considers Windfield to be a variable interest entity (“VIE”), however this investment is not consolidated as the Company is not the primary beneficiary. The carrying amount of our 49% equity interest in Windfield, which is our most significant VIE, was \$469.4 million and \$479.6 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. The Company’s aggregate net investment in all other entities which it considers to be VIEs for which the Company is not the primary beneficiary was \$8.2 million and \$8.0 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. Our unconsolidated VIEs are reported in Investments on the consolidated balance sheets. The Company does not guarantee debt for, or have other financial support obligations to, these entities, and its maximum exposure to loss in connection with its continuing involvement with these entities is limited to the carrying value of the investments.

As part of the proceeds from the sale of the FCS business on June 1, 2021, Grace issued Albemarle preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary having an aggregate stated value of \$270 million. The preferred equity can be redeemed at Grace’s option under certain conditions and will accrue PIK dividends at an annual rate of 12% beginning two years after issuance. This preferred equity has a fair value of \$248.8 million at September 30, 2021, which is reported in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets.

**NOTE 9—Long-Term Debt:**

Long-term debt at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
1.125% notes due 2025	\$ 441,090	\$ 610,800
1.625% notes due 2028	584,800	610,800
1.875% Senior notes due 2021	—	480,007
3.45% Senior notes due 2029	171,612	300,000
4.15% Senior notes due 2024	425,000	425,000
5.45% Senior notes due 2044	350,000	350,000
Floating rate notes	—	200,000
Credit facilities	—	223,900
Commercial paper notes	—	325,000
Variable-rate foreign bank loans	5,404	7,702
Finance lease obligations	58,579	59,181
Unamortized discount and debt issuance costs	(14,387)	(20,332)
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>2,022,098</b>	<b>3,572,058</b>
Less amounts due within one year	611	804,677
<b>Long-term debt, less current portion</b>	<b>\$ 2,021,487</b>	<b>\$ 2,767,381</b>

In the first quarter of 2021, the Company made the following debt principal payments using proceeds from the February 2021 underwritten public offering of common stock:

- €123.8 million of the 1.125% notes due in November 2025
- €393.0 million, the remaining balance, of the 1.875% Senior notes originally due in December 2021
- \$128.4 million of the 3.45% Senior notes due in November 2029
- \$200.0 million, the remaining balance, of the floating rate notes originally due in November 2022
- €183.3 million, the outstanding balance, of the unsecured credit facility originally entered into on August 14, 2019, as amended and restated on December 15, 2020
- \$325.0 million, the outstanding balance, of the commercial paper notes

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As a result, included in Interest and financing expenses for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2021 is a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$29.0 million representing the tender premiums, fees, unamortized discounts and unamortized deferred financing costs from the redemption of this debt.

Prior to repayment in the first quarter of 2021, the carrying value of our 1.875% Euro-denominated senior notes was designated as an effective hedge of our net investment in certain foreign subsidiaries where the Euro serves as the functional currency, and gains or losses on the revaluation of these senior notes to our reporting currency were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Upon repayment of these notes, this net investment hedge was discontinued. The balance of foreign exchange revaluation gains and losses associated with this discontinued net investment hedge will remain within accumulated other comprehensive loss until the hedged net investment is sold or liquidated. Prior to the net investment hedge being discontinued, we recorded a gain of \$5.1 million (net of income taxes) in 2021, and during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 we recorded losses of \$12.4 million and \$16.1 million (net of income taxes), respectively in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

**NOTE 10—Commitments and Contingencies:**

*Environmental*

We had the following activity in our recorded environmental liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 (in thousands):

Beginning balance at December 31, 2020	\$	45,771
Expenditures		(1,529)
Accretion of discount		723
Additions and changes in estimates		1,576
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other		(814)
Ending balance at September 30, 2021		45,727
Less amounts reported in Accrued expenses		9,850
Amounts reported in Other noncurrent liabilities	\$	<u>35,877</u>

Environmental remediation liabilities included discounted liabilities of \$38.2 million and \$39.2 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively, discounted at rates with a weighted-average of 3.5%, and with the undiscounted amount totaling \$71.2 million and \$73.6 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. For certain locations where the Company is operating groundwater monitoring and/or remediation systems, prior owners or insurers have assumed all or most of the responsibility.

The amounts recorded represent our future remediation and other anticipated environmental liabilities. These liabilities typically arise during the normal course of our operational and environmental management activities or at the time of acquisition of the site, and are based on internal analysis as well as input from outside consultants. As evaluations proceed at each relevant site, changes in risk assessment practices, remediation techniques and regulatory requirements can occur, therefore such liability estimates may be adjusted accordingly. The timing and duration of remediation activities at these sites will be determined when evaluations are completed. Although it is difficult to quantify the potential financial impact of these remediation liabilities, management estimates (based on the latest available information) that there is a reasonable possibility that future environmental remediation costs associated with our past operations, could be an additional \$10 million to \$37 million before income taxes in excess of amounts already recorded. The variability of this range is primarily driven by possible environmental remediation activity at a formerly owned site where we indemnify the buyer through a set cutoff date in 2024.

We believe that any sum we may be required to pay in connection with environmental remediation matters in excess of the amounts recorded would likely occur over a period of time and would likely not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows on a consolidated annual basis although any such sum could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows in a particular quarterly reporting period.

*Litigation*

We are involved from time to time in legal proceedings of types regarded as common in our business, including administrative or judicial proceedings seeking remediation under environmental laws, such as the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as CERCLA or Superfund, products liability,

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breach of contract liability and premises liability litigation. Where appropriate, we may establish financial reserves for such proceedings. We also maintain insurance to mitigate certain of such risks. Costs for legal services are generally expensed as incurred.

On February 6, 2017, Huntsman International LLC (“Huntsman”), a subsidiary of Huntsman Corporation, filed a lawsuit in New York state court against Rockwood Holdings, Inc. (“Rockwood”), Rockwood Specialties, Inc., certain former executives of Rockwood and its subsidiaries—Seifollah Ghasemi, Thomas Riordan, Andrew Ross, and Michael Valente, and Albemarle. The lawsuit arises out of Huntsman’s acquisition of certain Rockwood subsidiaries in connection with a stock purchase agreement (the “SPA”), dated September 17, 2013. Before that transaction closed on October 1, 2014, Albemarle began discussions with Rockwood to purchase all outstanding equity of Rockwood and did so in a transaction that closed on January 12, 2015. Huntsman’s complaint asserted that certain technology that Rockwood had developed for a production facility in Augusta, Georgia, and which was among the assets that Huntsman acquired pursuant to the SPA, did not work, and that Rockwood and the defendant executives had intentionally misled Huntsman about that technology in connection with the Huntsman-Rockwood transaction. The complaint asserted claims for, among other things, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of the SPA, and sought certain costs for completing construction of the production facility.

On March 10, 2017, Albemarle moved in New York state court to compel arbitration, which was granted on January 8, 2018 (although Huntsman unsuccessfully appealed that decision). Huntsman’s arbitration demand asserted claims substantially similar to those asserted in its state court complaint, and sought various forms of legal remedies, including cost overruns, compensatory damages, expectation damages, punitive damages, and restitution. After a trial, the arbitration panel issued an award on October 28, 2021, awarding approximately \$600 million (including interest) to be paid by Albemarle to Huntsman, in addition to the possibility of attorney’s fees, costs and expenses. Albemarle continues to assess its legal rights and options. Albemarle and Huntsman have initiated discussions regarding a resolution of the matter.

Based on our review of the decision by the AAA arbitration panel, Albemarle has decided to view the decision as representing the best estimate available of the outcome of this arbitration. As a result, the consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, includes a loss of \$657.4 million (\$504.5 million net of income tax), inclusive of estimated possible legal fees incurred by Huntsman and other related obligations, to reflect the increase in liabilities for this legal matter.

In addition, as first reported in 2018, following receipt of information regarding potential improper payments being made by third-party sales representatives of our Refining Solutions business, within our Catalysts segment, we promptly retained outside counsel and forensic accountants to investigate potential violations of the Company’s Code of Conduct, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and other potentially applicable laws. Based on this internal investigation, we have voluntarily self-reported potential issues relating to the use of third-party sales representatives in our Refining Solutions business, within our Catalysts segment, to the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), the SEC, and the Dutch Public Prosecutor (“DPP”), and are cooperating with the DOJ, the SEC, and the DPP in their review of these matters. In connection with our internal investigation, we have implemented, and are continuing to implement, appropriate remedial measures. We have commenced discussions with the SEC about a potential resolution.

At this time, we are unable to predict the duration, scope, result, or related costs associated with the investigations. We also are unable to predict what action may be taken by the DOJ, the SEC, or the DPP, or what penalties or remedial actions they may ultimately seek. Any determination that our operations or activities are not, or were not, in compliance with existing laws or regulations could result in the imposition of fines, penalties, disgorgement, equitable relief, or other losses. We do not believe, however, that any such fines, penalties, disgorgement, equitable relief, or other losses would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity. However, an adverse resolution could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in a particular period.

#### *Indemnities*

We are indemnified by third parties in connection with certain matters related to acquired and divested businesses. Although we believe that the financial condition of those parties who may have indemnification obligations to the Company is generally sound, in the event the Company seeks indemnity under any of these agreements or through other means, there can be no assurance that any party who may have obligations to indemnify us will adhere to their obligations and we may have to resort to legal action to enforce our rights under the indemnities.

The Company may be subject to indemnity claims relating to properties or businesses it divested, including properties or businesses of acquired businesses that were divested prior to the completion of the acquisition. In the opinion of management,

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and based upon information currently available, the ultimate resolution of any indemnification obligations owed to the Company or by the Company is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company had approximately \$27.9 million and \$30.5 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively, recorded in Other noncurrent liabilities, primarily related to the indemnification of certain income and non-income tax liabilities associated with the Chemetall Surface Treatment entities sold.

*Other*

We have contracts with certain of our customers which serve as guarantees on product delivery and performance according to customer specifications that can cover both shipments on an individual basis, as well as blanket coverage of multiple shipments under certain customer supply contracts. The financial coverage provided by these guarantees is typically based on a percentage of net sales value.

**NOTE 11—Leases:**

We lease certain office space, buildings, transportation and equipment in various countries. The initial lease terms generally range from 1 to 30 years for real estate leases, and from 2 to 15 years for non-real estate leases. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet, and we recognize lease expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Many leases include options to terminate or renew, with renewal terms that can extend the lease term from 1 to 50 years or more. The exercise of lease renewal options is at our sole discretion. Certain leases also include options to purchase the leased property. The depreciable life of assets and leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term, unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. Our lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

The following table provides details of our lease contracts for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Operating lease cost	\$ 13,807	\$ 8,085	\$ 32,954	\$ 25,298
Finance lease cost:				
Amortization of right of use assets	153	126	466	433
Interest on lease liabilities	722	697	2,229	1,977
Total finance lease cost	875	823	2,695	2,410
Short-term lease cost	2,949	3,427	7,729	9,824
Variable lease cost	2,441	2,312	6,619	6,344
Total lease cost	<u>\$ 20,072</u>	<u>\$ 14,647</u>	<u>\$ 49,997</u>	<u>\$ 43,876</u>

Supplemental cash flow information related to our lease contracts for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 24,462	\$ 28,074
Operating cash flows from finance leases	1,295	1,156
Financing cash flows from finance leases	471	513
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations:		
Operating leases	57,136	17,197

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Supplemental balance sheet information related to our lease contracts, including the location on balance sheet, at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 is as follows (in thousands, except as noted):

	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Operating leases:</b>		
Other assets	\$ 165,970	\$ 136,292
Accrued expenses	33,862	22,297
Other noncurrent liabilities	136,552	116,765
<b>Total operating lease liabilities</b>	<b>170,414</b>	<b>139,062</b>
<b>Finance leases:</b>		
Net property, plant and equipment	58,375	58,963
Current portion of long-term debt <sup>(a)</sup>	2,658	1,752
Long-term debt	57,968	58,543
<b>Total finance lease liabilities</b>	<b>60,626</b>	<b>60,295</b>
<b>Weighted average remaining lease term (in years):</b>		
Operating leases	12.6	15.3
Finance leases	27.0	27.5
<b>Weighted average discount rate (%):</b>		
Operating leases	3.46 %	3.94 %
Finance leases	4.57 %	4.56 %

(a) Balance includes accrued interest of finance lease recorded in Accrued liabilities.

Maturities of lease liabilities at September 30, 2021 were as follows (in thousands):

	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
Remainder of 2021	\$ 10,126	\$ 542
2022	38,503	4,448
2023	34,453	4,448
2024	20,984	4,448
2025	14,714	4,448
Thereafter	131,456	89,916
<b>Total lease payments</b>	<b>250,236</b>	<b>108,250</b>
Less imputed interest	79,822	47,624
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 170,414</b>	<b>\$ 60,626</b>

**NOTE 12—Segment Information:**

Our three reportable segments include: (1) Lithium; (2) Bromine Specialties; and (3) Catalysts. Each segment has a dedicated team of sales, research and development, process engineering, manufacturing and sourcing, and business strategy personnel and has full accountability for improving execution through greater asset and market focus, agility and responsiveness. This business structure aligns with the markets and customers we serve through each of the segments. This structure also facilitates the continued standardization of business processes across the organization, and is consistent with the manner in which information is presently used internally by the Company's chief operating decision maker to evaluate performance and make resource allocation decisions.

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Summarized financial information concerning our reportable segments is shown in the following tables. The “All Other” category includes only the FCS business that does not fit into any of our core businesses. On June 1, 2021, we completed the sale of the FCS business. See Note 3, “Divestitures,” for additional information. Amounts in the “All Other” category represent activity in this business until divested on June 1, 2021.

The Corporate category is not considered to be a segment and includes corporate-related items not allocated to the operating segments. Pension and other post-employment benefit (“OPEB”) service cost (which represents the benefits earned by active employees during the period) and amortization of prior service cost or benefit are allocated to the reportable segments, All Other, and Corporate, whereas the remaining components of pension and OPEB benefits cost or credit (“Non-operating pension and OPEB items”) are included in Corporate. Segment data includes inter-segment transfers of raw materials at cost and allocations for certain corporate costs.

The Company’s chief operating decision maker uses adjusted EBITDA (as defined below) to assess the ongoing performance of the Company’s business segments and to allocate resources. The Company defines adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest and financing expenses, income tax expenses, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted on a consistent basis for certain non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items in a balanced manner and on a segment basis. These non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items may include acquisition and integration related costs, gains or losses on sales of businesses, restructuring charges, facility divestiture charges, certain litigation and arbitration costs and charges, non-operating pension and OPEB items and other significant non-recurring items. In addition, management uses adjusted EBITDA for business and enterprise planning purposes and as a significant component in the calculation of performance-based compensation for management and other employees. The Company has reported adjusted EBITDA because management believes it provides transparency to investors and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance. Adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, U.S. GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP, or any other financial measure reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
<b>Net sales:</b>				
Lithium	\$ 359,229	\$ 265,646	\$ 958,539	\$ 786,186
Bromine Specialties	277,783	237,193	837,978	701,564
Catalysts	193,554	197,919	562,141	602,179
All Other	—	46,110	75,095	159,833
Total net sales	<u>\$ 830,566</u>	<u>\$ 746,868</u>	<u>\$ 2,433,753</u>	<u>\$ 2,249,762</u>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA:</b>				
Lithium	\$ 125,416	\$ 97,789	\$ 341,293	\$ 270,962
Bromine Specialties	86,012	79,448	273,298	235,751
Catalysts	33,103	37,834	79,694	108,081
All Other	—	24,985	29,858	66,407
Corporate	(26,962)	(24,001)	(81,892)	(83,588)
Total adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 217,569</u>	<u>\$ 216,055</u>	<u>\$ 642,251</u>	<u>\$ 597,613</u>

See below for a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA, the non-GAAP financial measure, from Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP (in thousands):



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	Lithium	Bromine Specialties	Catalysts	Reportable Segments Total	All Other	Corporate	Consolidated Total
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2021</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 92,449	\$ 73,409	\$ 20,039	\$ 185,897	\$ —	\$ (578,678)	\$ (392,781)
Depreciation and amortization	34,256	12,603	13,064	59,923	—	2,159	62,082
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	754	754
Gain on sale of business <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	984	984
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	1,553	1,553
Interest and financing expenses	—	—	—	—	—	5,136	5,136
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	(114,670)	(114,670)
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(5,471)	(5,471)
Legal accrual <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	657,412	657,412
Other <sup>(e)</sup>	(1,289)	—	—	(1,289)	—	3,859	2,570
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 125,416</u>	<u>\$ 86,012</u>	<u>\$ 33,103</u>	<u>\$ 244,531</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (26,962)</u>	<u>\$ 217,569</u>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2020</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 69,102	\$ 66,548	\$ 25,176	\$ 160,826	\$ 22,798	\$ (85,323)	\$ 98,301
Depreciation and amortization	28,687	12,900	12,658	54,245	2,187	2,247	58,679
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	2,251	2,251
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	5,928	5,928
Interest and financing expenses	—	—	—	—	—	19,227	19,227
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	30,653	30,653
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(2,901)	(2,901)
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	3,917	3,917
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 97,789</u>	<u>\$ 79,448</u>	<u>\$ 37,834</u>	<u>\$ 215,071</u>	<u>\$ 24,985</u>	<u>\$ (24,001)</u>	<u>\$ 216,055</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2021</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 237,293	\$ 235,670	\$ 41,401	\$ 514,364	\$ 27,988	\$ (414,856)	\$ 127,496
Depreciation and amortization	99,559	37,628	38,293	175,480	1,870	8,415	185,765
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	2,294	2,294
Gain on sale of business <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	(428,424)	(428,424)
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	5,629	5,629
Interest and financing expenses <sup>(g)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	56,170	56,170
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	14,422	14,422
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(16,407)	(16,407)
Legal accrual <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	657,412	657,412
Albemarle Foundation contribution <sup>(h)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	20,000	20,000
Other <sup>(e)</sup>	4,441	—	—	4,441	—	13,453	17,894
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 341,293</u>	<u>\$ 273,298</u>	<u>\$ 79,694</u>	<u>\$ 694,285</u>	<u>\$ 29,858</u>	<u>\$ (81,892)</u>	<u>\$ 642,251</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2020</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 188,380	\$ 198,905	\$ 70,770	\$ 458,055	\$ 60,069	\$ (226,995)	\$ 291,129
Depreciation and amortization	82,582	36,846	37,311	156,739	6,338	7,137	170,214
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	10,831	10,831
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	14,349	14,349
Interest and financing expenses	—	—	—	—	—	53,964	53,964
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	64,526	64,526
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(8,704)	(8,704)
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	1,304	1,304
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 270,962</u>	<u>\$ 235,751</u>	<u>\$ 108,081</u>	<u>\$ 614,794</u>	<u>\$ 66,407</u>	<u>\$ (83,588)</u>	<u>\$ 597,613</u>

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- (a) In 2021, we recorded facility closure related to offices in Germany, and severance expenses in Germany and Belgium, in Selling, general and administrative expenses (“SG&A”). In 2020, we recorded severance expenses as part of business reorganization plans, impacting each of our businesses and Corporate, primarily in the U.S., Germany and with our Jordanian joint venture partner. During the three months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded expenses of \$2.3 million in SG&A. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded expenses of \$0.7 million in Cost of goods sold, \$10.4 million in SG&A and a \$0.3 million gain in Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests for the portion of severance expense allocated to our Jordanian joint venture partner. The balance of unpaid severance is recorded in Accrued expenses and is expected to primarily be paid through 2021.
- (b) See Note 3, “Divestitures,” for additional information.
- (c) Costs related to the acquisition, integration and potential divestitures for various significant projects, recorded in SG&A.
- (d) Loss recorded in Other expense, net in the three months ended September 30, 2021 related to an arbitration ruling for the Huntsman legal matter. See Note 10, “Commitments and Contingencies,” for further details.
- (e) Included amounts for the three months ended September 30, 2021 recorded in:
- SG&A - \$2.5 million of expenses primarily related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements.
  - Other expense, net - \$0.1 million of a loss resulting from the adjustment of indemnifications related to previously disposed businesses.
- Included amounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 recorded in:
- SG&A - \$8.6 million of expenses primarily related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements, a \$4.0 million loss resulting from the sale of property, plant and equipment and \$1.6 million of charges for an environmental reserve at a site not part of our operations.
  - Other expense, net - \$3.7 million of expenses primarily related to asset retirement obligation charges to update of an estimate at a site formerly owned by Albemarle.
- (f) Included amounts for the three months ended September 30, 2020 recorded in:
- SG&A - \$3.8 million of a net expense primarily related to the increase of environmental reserves at non-operating businesses we had previously divested.
  - Other expense, net - \$0.2 million loss resulting from the settlement of a historical legal matter of an acquired company.
- Included amounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 recorded in:
- SG&A - \$3.8 million of a net expense primarily related to the increase of environmental reserves at non-operating businesses we had previously divested.
  - Other expense, net - \$2.5 million net gain resulting from the settlement of legal matters related to a business sold and \$0.8 million net gain primarily related to the sale of idle properties in Germany, partially offset by a \$0.8 million loss resulting from the adjustment of indemnifications related to previously disposed businesses.
- (g) Included in Interest and financing expenses is a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$29.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, respectively. See Note 9, “Long-Term Debt,” for additional information.
- (h) Included in SG&A is a charitable contribution, using a portion of the proceeds received from the FCS divestiture, to the Albemarle Foundation, a non-profit organization that sponsors grants, health and social projects, educational initiatives, disaster relief, matching gift programs, scholarships and other charitable initiatives in locations where our employees live and the Company operates. This contribution is in addition to the normal annual contribution made to the Albemarle Foundation by the Company, and is significant in size and nature in that it is intended to provide more long-term benefits in these communities.

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**NOTE 13—Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits:**

The components of pension and postretirement benefits cost (credit) for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Pension Benefits Cost (Credit):</b>				
Service cost	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,202	\$ 3,776	\$ 3,623
Interest cost	5,113	6,696	15,352	20,049
Expected return on assets	(10,893)	(10,065)	(32,687)	(30,156)
Amortization of prior service benefit	29	9	87	27
Total net pension benefits credit	<u>\$ (4,326)</u>	<u>\$ (2,158)</u>	<u>\$ (13,472)</u>	<u>\$ (6,457)</u>
<b>Postretirement Benefits Cost:</b>				
Service cost	\$ 31	\$ 27	\$ 93	\$ 79
Interest cost	309	468	928	1,403
Total net postretirement benefits cost	<u>\$ 340</u>	<u>\$ 495</u>	<u>\$ 1,021</u>	<u>\$ 1,482</u>
Total net pension and postretirement benefits credit	<u>\$ (3,986)</u>	<u>\$ (1,663)</u>	<u>\$ (12,451)</u>	<u>\$ (4,975)</u>

All components of net benefit cost (credit), other than service cost, are included in Other expense, net on the consolidated statements of income.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021, we made contributions of \$3.2 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, to our qualified and nonqualified pension plans. During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, we made contributions of \$2.7 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, to our qualified and nonqualified pension plans.

We paid \$0.7 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, in premiums to the U.S. postretirement benefit plan during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021, respectively. During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, we paid \$0.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, in premiums to the U.S. postretirement benefit plan.

**NOTE 14—Fair Value of Financial Instruments:**

In assessing the fair value of financial instruments, we use methods and assumptions that are based on market conditions and other risk factors existing at the time of assessment. Fair value information for our financial instruments is as follows:

Long-Term Debt—the fair values of our notes are estimated using Level 1 inputs and account for the difference between the recorded amount and fair value of our long-term debt. The carrying value of our remaining long-term debt reported in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets approximates fair value as substantially all of such debt bears interest based on prevailing variable market rates currently available in the countries in which we have borrowings.

	September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020	
	Recorded Amount	Fair Value	Recorded Amount	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Long-term debt	\$ 2,033,469	\$ 2,235,877	\$ 3,588,157	\$ 3,783,225

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts—During the fourth quarter of 2019, we entered into a foreign currency forward contract to hedge the cash flow exposure of non-functional currency purchases during the construction of the Kemerton plant in Australia. This derivative financial instrument is used to manage risk and is not used for trading or other speculative purposes. This foreign currency forward contract has been designated as a hedging instrument under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. At September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had outstanding designated foreign currency forward contracts with notional values totaling the equivalent of \$127.1 million and \$75.4 million, respectively.

We also enter into foreign currency forward contracts in connection with our risk management strategies that have not been designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, in an attempt to minimize the financial

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impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These derivative financial instruments are used to manage risk and are not used for trading or other speculative purposes. The fair values of our non-designated foreign currency forward contracts are estimated based on current settlement values. At September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had outstanding non-designated foreign currency forward contracts with notional values totaling \$593.1 million and \$611.1 million, respectively, hedging our exposure to various currencies including the Euro, Australian Dollar, Taiwanese Dollar, Chinese Renminbi and Chilean Peso.

The following table summarizes the fair value of our foreign currency forward contracts included in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Designated as hedging instruments <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,961	\$ 93	\$ 7,043	\$ —
Not Designated as hedging instruments <sup>(b)</sup>	2,675	4,101	6,563	4,803
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,636</b>	<b>\$ 4,194</b>	<b>\$ 13,606</b>	<b>\$ 4,803</b>

- (a) Included \$2.0 million in Other current assets and \$0.1 million in Accrued expenses at September 30, 2021, and \$6.2 million in Other current assets and \$0.9 million in Other assets at December 31, 2020.
- (b) Included \$2.7 million in Other current assets and \$4.1 million in Accrued expenses at September 30, 2021 and \$6.6 million in Other current assets and \$4.8 million in Accrued expenses at December 31, 2020.

The following table summarizes the net gains (losses) recognized for our foreign currency forward contracts during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Designated as hedging instruments</b>				
Income (loss) recognized in Other comprehensive (loss) income	\$ 214	\$ 6,993	\$ (563)	\$ (6,8
<b>Not designated as hedging instruments</b>				
(Loss) income recognized in Other expense, net <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ (1,199)	\$ 3,102	\$ 658	\$ (5,2

- (a) Fluctuations in the value of our foreign currency forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments are generally expected to be offset by changes in the value of the underlying exposures being hedged, which are also reported in Other expense, net.

In addition, for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, we recorded net cash receipts (settlements) of \$0.8 million and (\$25.5) million, respectively, in Other, net, in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

As of September 30, 2021, there are no unrealized gains or losses related to the cash flow hedges expected to be reclassified to earnings in the next twelve months.

The counterparties to our foreign currency forward contracts are major financial institutions with which we generally have other financial relationships. We are exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by these counterparties. However, we do not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparties.

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**NOTE 15—Fair Value Measurement:**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The inputs used to measure fair value are classified into the following hierarchy:

- Level 1      Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2      Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Level 3      Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

We endeavor to utilize the best available information in measuring fair value. Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following tables set forth our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2021	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Similar Items (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets:</b>				
Available for sale debt securities <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 248,775	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 248,775
Investments under executive deferred compensation plan <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 31,952	\$ 31,952	\$ —	\$ —
Private equity securities measured at net asset value <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	\$ 4,695	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Foreign currency forward contracts <sup>(e)</sup>	\$ 4,636	\$ —	\$ 4,636	\$ —
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Obligations under executive deferred compensation plan <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 31,952	\$ 31,952	\$ —	\$ —
Foreign currency forward contracts <sup>(e)</sup>	\$ 4,194	\$ —	\$ 4,194	\$ —
	December 31, 2020	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Similar Items (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets:</b>				
Investments under executive deferred compensation plan <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 32,447	\$ 32,447	\$ —	\$ —
Private equity securities measured at net asset value <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	\$ 4,661	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Foreign currency forward contracts <sup>(e)</sup>	\$ 13,606	\$ —	\$ 13,606	\$ —
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Obligations under executive deferred compensation plan <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 32,447	\$ 32,447	\$ —	\$ —
Foreign currency forward contracts <sup>(e)</sup>	\$ 4,803	\$ —	\$ 4,803	\$ —

(a) Preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary acquired as a portion of the proceeds of the FCS sale on June 1, 2021. See Note 2, “Divestitures,” for further details on the material terms and conditions. A third-party estimate of the fair value was prepared using expected future cash flows over the period up to when the asset is likely to be redeemed, applying a discount rate that appropriately captures a market participant's view of the risk associated with the investment. These are considered to be Level 3 inputs.

(b) We maintain an Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (“EDCP”) that was adopted in 2001 and subsequently amended. The purpose of the EDCP is to provide current tax planning opportunities as well as supplemental funds upon the retirement or death of certain of our employees. The EDCP is intended to aid in attracting and retaining employees of exceptional ability by providing them with these benefits. We also maintain a Benefit Protection Trust (the “Trust”) that was created to provide a source of funds to assist in meeting the obligations of the EDCP, subject to the claims of our creditors in the event of our insolvency. Assets of the Trust are consolidated in accordance with authoritative guidance. The assets of the Trust consist primarily of mutual fund investments (which are accounted for as trading securities and are marked-to-market on a monthly basis through the consolidated statements of income) and cash and cash equivalents. As such, these assets and obligations are classified within Level 1.

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- (c) Primarily consists of private equity securities reported in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. The changes in fair value are reported in Other expense, net, in our consolidated statements of income.
- (d) Holdings in certain private equity securities are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient and have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy.
- (e) As a result of our global operating and financing activities, we are exposed to market risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates which may adversely affect our operating results and financial position. When deemed appropriate, we minimize our risks from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations through the use of foreign currency forward contracts. The foreign currency forward contracts are valued using broker quotations or market transactions in either the listed or over-the-counter markets. As such, these derivative instruments are classified within Level 2. See Note 14, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," for further details about our foreign currency forward contracts.

The following tables set forth the reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance for the Level 3 recurring fair value measurements (in thousands):

	<b>Available for Sale Debt Securities</b>
Beginning balance at December 31, 2020	\$ —
Additions	244,530
Accretion of discount	4,245
Ending balance at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 248,775</u>

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**NOTE 16—Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income:**

The components and activity in Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income (net of deferred income taxes) consisted of the following during the periods indicated below (in thousands):

	Foreign Currency Translation and Other	Net Investment Hedge <sup>(a)</sup>	Cash Flow Hedge <sup>(b)</sup>	Interest Rate Swap <sup>(c)</sup>	Total
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2021</b>					
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ (324,951)	\$ —	\$ 5,672	\$ (8,722)	\$ (328,001)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(39,295)	—	214	—	(39,081)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	21	—	—	651	672
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(39,274)	—	214	651	(38,409)
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(26)	—	—	—	(26)
Balance at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ (364,251)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 5,886</u>	<u>\$ (8,071)</u>	<u>\$ (366,436)</u>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2020</b>					
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ (487,939)	\$ 77,103	\$ (8,968)	\$ (11,327)	\$ (431,131)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	37,489	(12,408)	6,993	—	32,074
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	10	—	—	647	657
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	37,499	(12,408)	6,993	647	32,731
Other comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(67)	—	—	—	(67)
Balance at September 30, 2020	<u>\$ (450,507)</u>	<u>\$ 64,695</u>	<u>\$ (1,975)</u>	<u>\$ (10,680)</u>	<u>\$ (398,467)</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2021</b>					
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ (369,152)	\$ 46,593	\$ 6,449	\$ (10,022)	\$ (326,132)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(46,923)	5,110	(563)	—	(42,376)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	71	—	—	1,951	2,022
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(46,852)	5,110	(563)	1,951	(40,354)
Amounts reclassified within accumulated other comprehensive loss	51,703	(51,703)	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	50	—	—	—	50
Balance at September 30, 2021	<u>\$ (364,251)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 5,886</u>	<u>\$ (8,071)</u>	<u>\$ (366,436)</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2020</b>					
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ (468,737)	\$ 80,778	\$ 4,847	\$ (12,623)	\$ (395,735)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	18,350	(16,083)	(6,822)	—	(4,555)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	27	—	—	1,943	1,970
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	18,377	(16,083)	(6,822)	1,943	(2,585)
Other comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(147)	—	—	—	(147)
Balance at September 30, 2020	<u>\$ (450,507)</u>	<u>\$ 64,695</u>	<u>\$ (1,975)</u>	<u>\$ (10,680)</u>	<u>\$ (398,467)</u>

- (a) During the first quarter of 2021 the net investment hedge was discontinued following the repayment of the 1.875% Euro-denominated senior notes. The balance of foreign exchange revaluation gains and losses associated with this discontinued net investment hedge have been reclassified to Foreign currency translation and other, and will remain within accumulated other comprehensive loss until the hedged net investment is sold or liquidated.
- (b) We entered into a foreign currency forward contract, which was designated and accounted for as a cash flow hedge under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. See Note 14, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," for additional information.
- (c) The pre-tax portion of amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss is included in interest expense.

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The amount of income tax (expense) benefit allocated to each component of Other comprehensive income (loss) for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 is provided in the following tables (in thousands):

	<u>Foreign Currency Translation and Other</u>	<u>Net Investment Hedge</u>	<u>Cash Flow Hedge</u>	<u>Interest Rate Swap</u>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2021</b>				
Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax	\$ (39,266)	\$ —	\$ 214	\$ 834
Income tax expense	(8)	—	—	(183)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	<u>\$ (39,274)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 214</u>	<u>\$ 651</u>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2020</b>				
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	\$ 37,504	\$ (16,029)	\$ 6,993	\$ 834
Income tax (expense) benefit	(5)	3,621	—	(187)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	<u>\$ 37,499</u>	<u>\$ (12,408)</u>	<u>\$ 6,993</u>	<u>\$ 647</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2021</b>				
Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax	\$ (46,836)	\$ 6,552	\$ (563)	\$ 2,502
Income tax expense	(16)	(1,442)	—	(551)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	<u>\$ (46,852)</u>	<u>\$ 5,110</u>	<u>\$ (563)</u>	<u>\$ 1,951</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2020</b>				
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	\$ 18,380	\$ (20,755)	\$ (6,822)	\$ 2,502
Income tax (expense) benefit	(3)	4,672	—	(559)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	<u>\$ 18,377</u>	<u>\$ (16,083)</u>	<u>\$ (6,822)</u>	<u>\$ 1,943</u>

**NOTE 17—Related Party Transactions:**

Our consolidated statements of income include sales to and purchases from unconsolidated affiliates in the ordinary course of business as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Three Months Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Sales to unconsolidated affiliates	\$ 5,629	\$ 4,863	\$ 16,357	\$ 17,361
Purchases from unconsolidated affiliates <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 55,540	\$ 10,742	\$ 144,461	\$ 142,366

(a) Purchases from unconsolidated affiliates primarily relate to purchases from our Windfield joint venture.

Our consolidated balance sheets include accounts receivable due from and payable to unconsolidated affiliates in the ordinary course of business as follows (in thousands):

	<u>September 30, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
Receivables from unconsolidated affiliates	\$ 1,782	\$ 4,098
Payables to unconsolidated affiliates	\$ 36,744	\$ 30,123



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**NOTE 18—Supplemental Cash Flow Information:**

Supplemental information related to the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows is as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020
Supplemental non-cash disclosure related to investing activities:		
Capital expenditures included in Accounts payable	\$ 157,743	\$ 167,393
Non-cash proceeds from divestitures <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 244,530	\$ —

(a) Fair value of preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary received as part of proceeds for the sale of our FCS business. See Note 3, “Divestitures,” for further details.

As part of the purchase price paid for the acquisition of a 60% interest in the Mineral Resources Ltd. (“MRL”) Wodgina Project, the Company transferred \$135.9 million and \$131.9 million of its construction in progress of the designated Kemerton assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, representing MRL’s 40% interest in the assets. Since the acquisition, we have transferred the full \$480.0 million of construction in progress to MRL, as defined in the purchase agreement. The cash outflow for these assets is recorded in Capital expenditures within Cash flows from investing activities on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. The non-cash transfer of these assets is recorded in Non-cash transfer of 40% value of construction in progress of the Kemerton plant to MRL within Cash flows from operating activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Other, net within Cash flows from operating activities on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 included \$28.7 million and \$30.4 million, respectively, representing the reclassification of the current portion of the one-time transition tax resulting from the enactment of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, from Other noncurrent liabilities to Income taxes payable within current liabilities.

**NOTE 19—Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements:**

In December 2019, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued accounting guidance that simplifies the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions to the general principles in Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 740. The amendments also improve consistent application of and simplify U.S. GAAP for other areas of ASC Topic 740 by clarifying and amending existing guidance. This guidance became effective on January 1, 2020 and did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2020, the FASB issued accounting guidance that provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying U.S. GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. The guidance applies only to contracts, hedging relationships and other transactions that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued because of reference rate reform. In January 2021, the FASB issued additional accounting guidance which clarifies that certain optional expedients and exceptions apply to derivatives that are affected by the discounting transition. The guidance under both FASB issuances is effective March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. We currently do not expect this guidance to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

**Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

***Forward-looking Statements***

Some of the information presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations, which are in turn based on assumptions that we believe are reasonable based on our current knowledge of our business and operations. We have used words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “should,” “would,” “will” and variations of such words and similar expressions to identify such forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. There can be no assurance that our actual results will not differ materially from the results and expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the outlook expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement include, without limitation, information related to:

- changes in economic and business conditions;
- product development;
- future acquisition and divestiture transactions;
- expected benefits from proposed transactions;
- timing of active and proposed projects;
- changes in financial and operating performance of our major customers and industries and markets served by us;
- the timing of orders received from customers;
- the gain or loss of significant customers;
- competition from other manufacturers;
- changes in the demand for our products or the end-user markets in which our products are sold;
- limitations or prohibitions on the manufacture and sale of our products;
- availability of raw materials;
- increases in the cost of raw materials and energy, and our ability to pass through such increases to our customers;
- changes in our markets in general;
- fluctuations in foreign currencies;
- changes in laws and government regulation impacting our operations or our products;
- the occurrence of regulatory actions, proceedings, claims or litigation;
- the occurrence of cyber-security breaches, terrorist attacks, industrial accidents, natural disasters or climate change;
- hazards associated with chemicals manufacturing;
- the inability to maintain current levels of product or premises liability insurance or the denial of such coverage;
- political unrest affecting the global economy, including adverse effects from terrorism or hostilities;
- political instability affecting our manufacturing operations or joint ventures;
- changes in accounting standards;
- the inability to achieve results from our global manufacturing cost reduction initiatives as well as our ongoing continuous improvement and rationalization programs;
- changes in the jurisdictional mix of our earnings and changes in tax laws and rates;
- changes in monetary policies, inflation or interest rates that may impact our ability to raise capital or increase our cost of funds, impact the performance of our pension fund investments and increase our pension expense and funding obligations;
- volatility and uncertainties in the debt and equity markets;
- technology or intellectual property infringement, including through cyber-security breaches, and other innovation risks;
- decisions we may make in the future;
- the ability to successfully execute, operate and integrate acquisitions and divestitures;
- uncertainties as to the duration and impact of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic; and

- the other factors detailed from time to time in the reports we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

We assume no obligation to provide revisions to any forward-looking statements should circumstances change, except as otherwise required by securities and other applicable laws. The following discussion should be read together with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The following is a discussion and analysis of our results of operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. A discussion of our consolidated financial condition and sources of additional capital is included under a separate heading “Financial Condition and Liquidity.”

### **Overview**

We are a leading global developer, manufacturer and marketer of highly-engineered specialty chemicals that are designed to meet our customers’ needs across a diverse range of end markets. We believe our purpose is making the world safe and sustainable by powering the potential of people. The end markets we serve include energy storage, petroleum refining, consumer electronics, construction, automotive, lubricants, pharmaceuticals and crop protection. We believe that our commercial and geographic diversity, technical expertise, innovative capability, flexible, low-cost global manufacturing base, experienced management team and strategic focus on our core base technologies will enable us to maintain leading market positions in those areas of the specialty chemicals industry in which we operate.

Secular trends favorably impacting demand within the end markets that we serve combined with our diverse product portfolio, broad geographic presence and customer-focused solutions will continue to be key drivers of our future earnings growth. We continue to build upon our existing green solutions portfolio and our ongoing mission to provide innovative, yet commercially viable, clean energy products and services to the marketplace to contribute to our sustainable revenue. For example, our Lithium business contributes to the growth of clean miles driven with electric miles and more efficient use of renewable energy through grid storage; Bromine Specialties enables the prevention of fires starting in electronic equipment, greater fuel efficiency from rubber tires and the reduction of emissions from coal fired power plants; and the Catalysts business creates efficiency of natural resources through more usable products from a single barrel of oil, enables safer, greener production of alkylates used to produce more environmentally-friendly fuels, and reduced emissions through cleaner transportation fuels. We believe our disciplined cost reduction efforts and ongoing productivity improvements, among other factors, position us well to take advantage of strengthening economic conditions as they occur, while softening the negative impact of the current challenging global economic environment.

### **Third Quarter 2021**

During the third quarter of 2021:

- Our board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.39 per share on July 20, 2021, which was paid on October 1, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business as of September 17, 2021.
- On September 30, 2021, we signed a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding equity of Guangxi Tianyuan New Energy Materials Co., Ltd. (“Tianyuan”), for approximately \$200 million in cash. Tianyuan’s operations include a recently constructed lithium processing plant with a designed annual conversion capacity of up to 25,000 metric tons of lithium carbonate equivalent (“LCE”) per year.
- Our net sales for the quarter were \$830.6 million, up 11% from net sales of \$746.9 million in the third quarter of 2020.
- Diluted loss per share was \$(3.36), which included an after tax loss of \$504.5 million following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood Holdings, Inc. (“Rockwood”) business sold to Huntsman International LLC (“Huntsman”) prior to Albemarle’s acquisition of Rockwood.
- Net cash provided by operations was \$105.0 million in the third quarter of 2021

### **Outlook**

The current global business environment presents a diverse set of opportunities and challenges in the markets we serve. In particular, the market for lithium battery and energy storage, particularly that for electric vehicles (“EVs”), remains strong, providing the opportunity to continue to develop high quality and innovative products while managing the high cost of expanding capacity. The other markets we serve continue to present various opportunities for value and growth as we have positioned ourselves to manage the impact on our business of changing global conditions, such as slow and uneven global growth, currency exchange volatility, crude oil price fluctuation, a dynamic pricing environment, an ever-changing landscape in electronics, the continuous need for cutting edge catalysts and technology by our refinery customers and increasingly stringent environmental standards. Amidst these dynamics, we believe our business fundamentals are sound and that we are strategically well-positioned as we remain focused on increasing sales volumes, optimizing and improving the value of our portfolio

primarily through pricing and product development, managing costs and delivering value to our customers and shareholders. We believe that our businesses remain well-positioned to capitalize on new business opportunities and long-term trends driving growth within our end markets and to respond quickly to changes in economic conditions in these markets.

While global economic conditions have been improving, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact globally. We have not seen a material impact to our operations to date, however, the ultimate impact on our business will depend on the length and severity of the outbreak throughout the world. All of our information technology systems are running as designed and all sites are operating at normal capacity while we continue to comply with all government and health agency recommendations and requirements, as well as protecting the safety of our employees and communities. We believe we have sufficient inventory to continue to produce at current levels, however, government mandated shutdowns could impact our ability to acquire additional materials and disrupt our customers' purchases. At this time we cannot predict the expected overall financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, but we are planning for various economic scenarios and continue to make efforts to protect the safety of our employees and the health of our business.

**Lithium:** We expect results to be higher year-over-year during 2021 in Lithium, due mainly to North American plant restarts, efficiency improvements and tolling, offset by higher unit costs from plant start-ups at La Negra, Chile and Kemerton, Western Australia. We will not be introducing any new capacity during 2021 to drive significant additional sales volume, although we expect our new plants in La Negra and Kemerton to begin producing sales in 2022. EV sales have started to rebound after a marked slowdown during the second quarter of 2020, with full year 2020 and year to date 2021 each showing a healthy increase in total EV sales over the prior year. While the pricing environment has strengthened throughout the year, we expect our average prices for the full year to be flat-to-slightly-up versus 2020.

On September 30, 2021, we signed a definitive agreement to acquire Tianyuan, which includes a lithium hydroxide conversion plant designed to produce up to 25,000 metric tons of LCE per year. We expect this transaction to close in early 2022, with commercial production from the lithium hydroxide conversion plant to begin in the first half of 2022. We also announced agreements for strategic investments in China with plans to build two lithium hydroxide conversion plants, each initially targeting 50,000 metric tons per year. In addition, our 60%-owned MARBL joint venture recently announced they intend to resume spodumene concentrate production at the Wodgina spodumene mine, with the production restart expected during the third quarter of 2022.

On a longer-term basis, we believe that demand for lithium will continue to grow as new lithium applications advance and the use of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and full battery electric vehicles increases. This demand for lithium is supported by a favorable backdrop of steadily declining lithium ion battery costs, increasing battery performance, continuing significant investments in the battery and EV supply chain by cathode and battery producers, and automotive OEM's, favorable global public policy toward e-mobility/renewable energy usage, and additional stimulus measures taken in Europe in light of the COVID-19 pandemic that we expect to strengthen EV demand. Our outlook is also bolstered by long-term supply agreements with key strategic customers, reflecting our standing as a preferred global lithium partner, highlighted by our scale, access to geographically diverse, low-cost resources and long-term track record of reliability of supply and operating execution.

**Bromine Specialties:** We expect both net sales and profitability to be modestly higher in 2021 as we recover from the lower demand due to shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing cost savings initiatives. While we have not experienced a material impact from the COVID-19 pandemic to date, sales in 2020 were adversely impacted. We have begun to see recovery of those sales in 2021, however, bromine volume has been, and is expected to continue to be, lower in the second half of 2021 compared to the first half due to a force majeure declaration for chlorine in the U.S.

On a longer-term basis, we continue to believe that improving global standards of living, widespread digitization, increasing demand for data management capacity and the potential for increasingly stringent fire safety regulations in developing markets are likely to drive continued demand for fire safety products. Our long-term drilling outlook is uncertain at this time and will follow a long-term trajectory in line with oil prices. We are focused on profitably growing our globally competitive bromine and derivatives production network to serve all major bromine consuming products and markets. The combination of our solid, long-term business fundamentals, strong cost position, product innovations and effective management of raw material costs will enable us to manage our business through end-market challenges and to capitalize on opportunities that are expected with favorable market trends in select end markets.

**Catalysts:** Total Catalysts results in 2021 are expected to be down year-over-year. In the first half of 2021, both the refining catalyst and performance catalyst solutions ("PCS") businesses were negatively impacted by the U.S. Gulf Coast winter storm. While we expect PCS volumes to improve slightly over lower 2020 levels, we expect 2021 results to be flat to slightly down year-over-year due to the impact of the storms. In addition, we expect 2021 refining catalyst volumes to be lower year-over-year resulting from a recent change in customer order patterns in North America and the impact of the U.S. Gulf Coast winter storm. The fluidized catalytic cracking ("FCC") market is expected to gradually recover from the COVID-19 pandemic in line with increased travel and depletion of global gasoline inventories, however, demand may not return to normal

levels until late 2022 or 2023 at the earliest. Hydroprocessing catalysts (“HPC”) demand tends to be lumpier than FCC demand and is also expected to continue to be negatively impacted as refiners defer spending into 2021 and 2022.

On a longer-term basis, we believe increased global demand for transportation fuels, new refinery start-ups and ongoing adoption of cleaner fuels will be the primary drivers of growth in our Catalysts business. We believe delivering superior end-use performance continues to be the most effective way to create sustainable value in the refinery catalysts industry. We also believe our technologies continue to provide significant performance and financial benefits to refiners challenged to meet tighter regulations around the world, including those managing new contaminants present in North America tight oil, and those in the Middle East and Asia seeking to use heavier feedstock while pushing for higher propylene yields. Longer-term, we believe that the global crude supply will get heavier and more sour, a trend that bodes well for our catalysts portfolio. With superior technology and production capacities, and expected growth in end market demand, we believe that Catalysts remains well-positioned for the future. In PCS, we expect growth on a longer-term basis in our organometallics business due to growing global demand for plastics driven by rising standards of living and infrastructure spending.

**Corporate:** In the first quarter of 2021, we increased our quarterly dividend rate to \$0.39 per share. We continue to focus on cash generation, working capital management and process efficiencies. In addition, we expect our global effective tax rate for 2021 to continue to vary based on the locations in which income is actually earned and remains subject to potential volatility from changing legislation in the U.S. and other tax jurisdictions.

We remain committed to evaluating the merits of any opportunities that may arise for acquisitions or other business development activities that will complement our business footprint. Additional information regarding our products, markets and financial performance is provided at our website, [www.albemarle.com](http://www.albemarle.com). Our website is not a part of this document nor is it incorporated herein by reference.

## Results of Operations

The following data and discussion provides an analysis of certain significant factors affecting our results of operations during the periods included in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

### Third Quarter 2021 Compared to Third Quarter 2020

#### Selected Financial Data (Unaudited)

##### Net Sales

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 830,566	\$ 746,868	\$ 83,698	11 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$46.1 million decrease in net sales following the sale of the FCS business on June 1, 2021</li> <li>▪ \$77.0 million of higher sales volume, primarily in Lithium</li> <li>▪ \$44.7 million of increased pricing, driven by Bromine Specialties and Lithium</li> <li>▪ \$8.1 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				

##### Gross Profit

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Gross profit	\$ 249,273	\$ 254,056	\$ (4,783)	(2)%
Gross profit margin	30.0 %	34.0 %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher sales volume in Lithium, as well as favorable pricing driven by Bromine Specialties and Lithium</li> <li>▪ 2021 included \$13.5 million of out-of-period adjustment expense in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior periods. See Note 1, “Basis of Presentation” for further details</li> <li>▪ Increased commission expenses in Chile resulting from the higher pricing in Lithium</li> <li>▪ Decrease in net sales resulting from the disposal of the FCS business on June 1, 2021</li> <li>▪ Increased freight costs in Bromine Specialties</li> <li>▪ Favorable currency exchange impacts resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				

### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 103,477	\$ 96,092	\$ 7,385	8 %
Percentage of Net sales	12.5 %	12.9 %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher compensation, including incentive-based, expenses across all businesses and Corporate</li> <li>Partially offset by productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>\$5.9 million decrease in restructuring and other expenses and acquisition and integration related costs for various significant projects</li> </ul>				

### Research and Development Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Research and development expenses	\$ 13,289	\$ 13,532	\$ (243)	(2)%
Percentage of Net sales	1.6 %	1.8 %		

### Gain on Sale of Business

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Gain on sale of business	\$ 984	\$ —	\$ 984	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjustment to gain resulting from sale of FCS business on June 1, 2021, primarily due to working capital adjustments</li> </ul>				

### Interest and Financing Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Interest and financing expenses	\$ (5,136)	\$ (19,227)	\$ 14,091	(73)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreased debt balance as certain debt instruments were repaid in the first quarter of 2021</li> <li>Higher capitalized interest from continued capital expenditures in 2021</li> </ul>				

### Other Expense, Net

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Other expense, net	\$ (643,196)	\$ (3,661)	\$ (639,535)	17,469 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$657.4 million of additional accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details</li> <li>\$7.1 million of favorable foreign exchange impacts</li> <li>\$4.2 million of income in 2021 from accretion of discount in preferred equity of W. R. Grace &amp; Co. ("Grace") subsidiary acquired as a portion of the proceeds of the FCS sale</li> <li>\$2.5 million increase in non-operating pension and OPEB benefits</li> </ul>				

### Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Income tax (benefit) expense	\$ (114,670)	\$ 30,653	\$ (145,323)	(474)%
Effective income tax rate	22.2 %	25.2 %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021 includes \$152.9 million tax benefit resulting from an accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details</li> <li>Change in geographic mix of earnings</li> </ul>				

### Equity in Net Income of Unconsolidated Investments

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	\$ 27,706	\$ 26,154	\$ 1,552	6 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased earnings from strong operating results and other income from our Catalysts segment joint ventures</li> <li>\$10.2 million of unfavorable foreign exchange impacts from the Windfield Holdings Pty Ltd ("Talison") joint venture</li> </ul>				

**Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests**

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ (18,348)	\$ (18,744)	\$ 396	(2)%
▪ Decrease in consolidated income related to our JBC joint venture				

**Net (Loss) Income Attributable to Albemarle Corporation**

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (392,781)	\$ 98,301	\$ (491,082)	(500)%
Percentage of Net sales	(47.3)%	13.2 %		
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.92	\$ (4.28)	(465)%
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.92	\$ (4.28)	(465)%
▪ \$504.5 million, net of income taxes, of additional accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details				
▪ Increased sales volume and favorable pricing from Lithium, as well as favorable pricing in Bromine Specialties				
▪ Decreased interest and financing expenses due to lower debt balances				
▪ Productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs				
▪ Loss of sales from FCS business following the disposition on June 1, 2021				
▪ 2021 included \$13.5 million of additional expense in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior periods				
▪ Increased SG&A expenses, primarily related to increased compensation expense				
▪ Earnings per share also impacted by the underwritten public offering of our common stock in February 2021, increasing share count by 9.8 million shares				

**Other Comprehensive Income (loss), Net of Tax**

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ (38,409)	\$ 32,731	\$ (71,140)	(217)%
▪ Foreign currency translation and other	\$ (39,274)	\$ 37,499	\$ (76,773)	(205)%
▪ 2021 included unfavorable movements in the Euro of approximately \$29 million, the Brazilian Real of approximately \$7 million and a net unfavorable variance in various other currencies of \$4 million				
▪ 2020 included favorable movements in the Euro of approximately \$26 million, the Chinese Renminbi of approximately \$11 million and a net favorable variance in various other currencies totaling approximately \$3 million, partially offset by unfavorable movements in the Brazilian Real of approximately \$2 million				
▪ Cash flow hedge	\$ 214	\$ 6,993	\$ (6,779)	
▪ Net investment hedge	\$ —	\$ (12,408)	\$ 12,408	(100)%

**Segment Information Overview.** We have identified three reportable segments according to the nature and economic characteristics of our products as well as the manner in which the information is used internally by the Company's chief operating decision maker to evaluate performance and make resource allocation decisions. Our reportable business segments consist of: (1) Lithium, (2) Bromine Specialties and (3) Catalysts.

Summarized financial information concerning our reportable segments is shown in the following tables. The "All Other" category includes only the FCS business, the sale of which was completed on June 1, 2021, that does not fit into any of our core businesses.

The Corporate category is not considered to be a segment and includes corporate-related items not allocated to the operating segments. Pension and OPEB service cost (which represents the benefits earned by active employees during the period) and amortization of prior service cost or benefit are allocated to the reportable segments, All Other, and Corporate, whereas the remaining components of pension and OPEB benefits cost or credit ("Non-operating pension and OPEB items") are included in Corporate. Segment data includes intersegment transfers of raw materials at cost and allocations for certain corporate costs.

Our chief operating decision maker uses adjusted EBITDA (as defined below) to assess the ongoing performance of the Company's business segments and to allocate resources. We define adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest and financing

expenses, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted on a consistent basis for certain non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items in a balanced manner and on a segment basis. These non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items may include acquisition and integration related costs, gains or losses on sales of businesses, restructuring charges, facility divestiture charges, certain litigation and arbitration costs and charges, non-operating pension and OPEB items and other significant non-recurring items. In addition, management uses adjusted EBITDA for business planning purposes and as a significant component in the calculation of performance-based compensation for management and other employees. We reported adjusted EBITDA because management believes it provides transparency to investors and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance. Adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”). Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP, or any other financial measure reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Percentage Change
	2021	%	2020	%	2021 vs 2020
(In thousands, except percentages)					
<b>Net sales:</b>					
Lithium	\$ 359,229	43.3 %	\$ 265,646	35.6 %	35 %
Bromine Specialties	277,783	33.4 %	237,193	31.8 %	17 %
Catalysts	193,554	23.3 %	197,919	26.4 %	(2)%
All Other	—	— %	46,110	6.2 %	(100)%
Total net sales	<u>\$ 830,566</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 746,868</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>11 %</u>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA:</b>					
Lithium	\$ 125,416	57.7 %	\$ 97,789	45.3 %	28 %
Bromine Specialties	86,012	39.5 %	79,448	36.8 %	8 %
Catalysts	33,103	15.2 %	37,834	17.5 %	(13)%
All Other	—	— %	24,985	11.5 %	(100)%
Corporate	(26,962)	(12.4)%	(24,001)	(11.1)%	(12)%
Total adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 217,569</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 216,055</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>1 %</u>



See below for a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA, the non-GAAP financial measure, from Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP, (in thousands):

	Lithium	Bromine Specialties	Catalysts	Reportable Segments Total	All Other	Corporate	Consolidated Total
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2021</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 92,449	\$ 73,409	\$ 20,039	\$ 185,897	\$ —	\$ (578,678)	\$ (392,781)
Depreciation and amortization	34,256	12,603	13,064	59,923	—	2,159	62,082
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	754	754
Gain on sale of business <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	984	984
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	1,553	1,553
Interest and financing expenses	—	—	—	—	—	5,136	5,136
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	(114,670)	(114,670)
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(5,471)	(5,471)
Legal accrual <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	657,412	657,412
Other <sup>(e)</sup>	(1,289)	—	—	(1,289)	—	3,859	2,570
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 125,416	\$ 86,012	\$ 33,103	\$ 244,531	\$ —	\$ (26,962)	\$ 217,569
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2020</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 69,102	\$ 66,548	\$ 25,176	\$ 160,826	\$ 22,798	\$ (85,323)	\$ 98,301
Depreciation and amortization	28,687	12,900	12,658	54,245	2,187	2,247	58,679
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	2,251	2,251
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	5,928	5,928
Interest and financing expenses	—	—	—	—	—	19,227	19,227
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	30,653	30,653
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(2,901)	(2,901)
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	3,917	3,917
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 97,789	\$ 79,448	\$ 37,834	\$ 215,071	\$ 24,985	\$ (24,001)	\$ 216,055

- (a) In 2021, we recorded facility closure costs related to offices in Germany, and severance expenses in Germany and Belgium, in Selling, general and administrative expenses (“SG&A”) related to offices in Germany. In 2020, we recorded severance expenses as part of business reorganization plans, impacting each of our businesses and Corporate, primarily in the U.S., Germany and with our Jordanian joint venture partner. During the three months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded expenses of \$2.3 million in SG&A. The balance of unpaid severance is recorded in Accrued expenses and is expected to primarily be paid through 2021.
- (b) Adjustments to the gain resulting from the sale of the FCS business completed on June 1, 2021.
- (c) Costs related to the acquisition, integration and potential divestitures for various significant projects, recorded in SG&A.
- (d) Loss recorded in Other expense, net in the three months ended September 30, 2021 following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle’s acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, “Commitments and Contingencies,” for further details.
- (e) Included amounts for the three months ended September 30, 2021 recorded in:
- SG&A - \$2.5 million of expenses primarily related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements.
  - Other expense, net - \$0.1 million of a gain resulting from the adjustment of indemnifications related to previously disposed businesses.
- (f) Included amounts for the three months ended September 30, 2020 recorded in:
- SG&A - \$3.8 million of a net expense primarily related to the increase of environmental reserves at non-operating businesses we had previously divested.
  - Other expense, net - \$0.2 million loss resulting from the settlement of a historical legal matter of an acquired company.

### Lithium

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 359,229	\$ 265,646	\$ 93,583	35 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$79.0 million of higher sales volume, driven by strength in both carbonate and hydroxide</li> <li>▪ \$9.1 million of favorable pricing impacts, primarily in battery- and tech-grade carbonate and hydroxide due to higher prices under certain contracts and mix</li> <li>▪ \$5.4 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 125,416	\$ 97,789	\$ 27,627	28 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher sales volume and favorable pricing impacts</li> <li>▪ Increased SG&amp;A expenses from higher compensation, professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>▪ \$7.8 million out-of-period adjustment expense recorded in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior periods</li> <li>▪ Increased costs related to tolled volume</li> <li>▪ \$2.6 million of favorable currency translation resulting from a weaker Chilean Peso</li> </ul>				

### Bromine Specialties

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 277,783	\$ 237,193	\$ 40,590	17 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$38.7 million of favorable pricing impacts, primarily in the flame retardants division</li> <li>• Sales volume was flat resulting from decreased production in 2021 due to force majeure declaration for chlorine in the U.S.</li> <li>• \$2.0 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 86,012	\$ 79,448	\$ 6,564	8 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Favorable pricing impacts as demand continues to be strong</li> <li>▪ Increased raw material prices, primarily due to the higher cost of BPA and the shortage of available chlorine</li> <li>▪ Increased freight costs</li> <li>▪ \$1.8 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				

### Catalysts

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 193,554	\$ 197,919	\$ (4,365)	(2)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$3.2 million of unfavorable pricing impacts, primarily in FCC, partially offset by PCS</li> <li>▪ \$1.8 million of lower sales volume, primarily from clean fuel technologies and PCS due to timing of shipments, partially offset by higher FCC sales volume as oil refineries improve utilization rates</li> <li>▪ \$0.7 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 33,103	\$ 37,834	\$ (4,731)	(13)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unfavorable pricing impacts and lower sales volume, primarily driven by clean fuel technologies</li> <li>▪ Increased raw material and freight costs</li> <li>▪ \$4.2 million out-of-period adjustment expense recorded in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior periods</li> <li>▪ Partially offset by productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>▪ \$10 million of increased earnings from strong operating results and other income from our Catalysts segment joint ventures</li> </ul>				

### All Other

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ —	\$ 46,110	\$ (46,110)	(100)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Decreased volume resulting from the sale of the FCS business in the second quarter of 2021</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ —	\$ 24,985	\$ (24,985)	(100)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Decreased volume resulting from the sale of the FCS business in the second quarter of 2021</li> </ul>				

## Corporate

<i>In thousands</i>	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (26,962)	\$ (24,001)	\$ (2,961)	(12)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$3.1 million of unfavorable currency exchange impacts, including a \$10.2 million decrease in foreign exchange impacts from our Talison joint venture</li> <li>Increase in incentive compensation costs</li> </ul>				

### First Nine Months 2021 Compared to First Nine Months 2020

## Selected Financial Data (Unaudited)

### Net Sales

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 2,433,753	\$ 2,249,762	\$ 183,991	8 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$84.7 million decrease in net sales from the FCS business, which was sold on June 1, 2021</li> <li>\$212.9 million of higher sales volume from reportable segments, primarily in Lithium and Bromine Specialties, partially offset by Catalysts</li> <li>\$17.6 million of favorable pricing from reportable segments, driven by Bromine Specialties, partially offset by Lithium and Catalysts</li> <li>\$38.1 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				

### Gross Profit

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Gross profit	\$ 761,377	\$ 729,433	\$ 31,944	4 %
Gross profit margin	31.3 %	32.4 %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher sales volume in Lithium and Bromine Specialties, partially offset by unfavorable pricing in Lithium</li> <li>Lower commission expenses in Chile resulting from the lower pricing in Lithium</li> <li>Decrease in net sales resulting from the disposal of the FCS business on June 1, 2021</li> <li>Increased production and utility costs of approximately \$23 million in Bromine Specialties and Catalysts resulting from the U.S. Gulf Coast winter storm</li> <li>2021 included \$8.7 million of out-of-period adjustment expense in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior periods. See Note 1, "Basis of Presentation," for further details</li> <li>Increased freight costs in Bromine Specialties and Catalysts</li> <li>Favorable currency exchange impacts resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				

### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 318,180	\$ 304,918	\$ 13,262	4 %
Percentage of Net sales	13.1 %	13.6 %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20.0 million charitable contribution, using a portion of the proceeds received from the FCS divestiture, to the Albemarle Foundation, in addition to the normal annual contributions in 2021</li> <li>Higher compensation, including incentive-based, expenses across all businesses and Corporate</li> <li>\$8.6 million of expenses in 2021 primarily related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements</li> <li>\$4.0 million loss resulting from the sale of property, plant and equipment in 2021</li> <li>Partially offset by productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>\$16.8 million decrease in restructuring and other expenses, and acquisition and integration related costs for various significant projects</li> </ul>				

### Research and Development Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Research and development expenses	\$ 41,901	\$ 43,839	\$ (1,938)	(4)%
Percentage of Net sales	1.7 %	1.9 %		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreased research and development spend in each of the reportable segments</li> </ul>				

### Gain on Sale of Business

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Gain on sale of business	\$ (428,424)	\$ —	\$ (428,424)	

- Gain resulting from sale of FCS business on June 1, 2021

### Interest and Financing Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Interest and financing expenses	\$ (56,170)	\$ (53,964)	\$ (2,206)	4 %

- \$29.0 million loss on early extinguishment of debt, representing the tender premiums, fees, unamortized discounts and unamortized deferred financing costs from the redemption of debt during the first quarter of 2021
- Partially offset by decreased debt balance as certain debt instruments were repaid in the first quarter of 2021
- Higher capitalized interest from continued capital expenditures in 2021

### Other Expense, Net

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Other expense, net	\$ (631,870)	\$ (1,620)	\$ (630,250)	38,904 %

- \$657.4 million of additional accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details
- \$16.9 million decrease in foreign exchange losses
- \$7.6 million increase in non-operating pension and OPEB benefits
- \$4.2 million of income in 2021 from accretion of discount in preferred equity of Grace subsidiary acquired as a portion of the proceeds of the FCS sale
- \$3.8 million expense related to asset retirement obligation charges in 2021
- \$2.7 million gain resulting from the settlement of legal matters in 2020

### Income Tax Expense

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Income tax expense	\$ 14,422	\$ 64,526	\$ (50,104)	(78)%
Effective income tax rate	10.2 %	19.8 %		

- 2021 includes \$152.9 million tax benefit resulting from an accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details
- \$97.5 million one-time tax expense recorded for the gain on the sale of the FCS business in 2021
- Change in geographic mix of earnings
- 2021 includes a discrete tax expense due to an out-of-period adjustment for an overstated deferred tax liability recorded during the three-month period ended December 31, 2017

### Equity in Net Income of Unconsolidated Investments

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	\$ 62,215	\$ 83,872	\$ (21,657)	(26)%

- Primarily lower earnings from our Lithium segment joint venture, Talison, primarily driven by lower pricing and unfavorable foreign exchange impacts, partially offset by higher volumes
- Increased earnings from strong operating results and other income from our Catalysts segment joint ventures

### Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ (61,977)	\$ (53,309)	\$ (8,668)	16 %

- Increase in consolidated income related to our JBC joint venture from higher sales volume

**Net Income Attributable to Albemarle Corporation**

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 127,496	\$ 291,129	\$ (163,633)	(56)%
Percentage of Net sales	5.2 %	12.9 %		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.74	\$ (1.64)	(60)%
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.73	\$ (1.63)	(60)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$504.5 million, net of income taxes, of additional accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details</li> <li>▪ Gain on sale of FCS business of \$330.9 million, net of tax</li> <li>▪ Increased sales volume from Lithium and Bromine Specialties, as well as favorable pricing in Bromine Specialties</li> <li>▪ Lower commission expenses in Chile resulting from the lower pricing in Lithium</li> <li>▪ Decreased interest and financing expenses due to lower debt balances</li> <li>▪ Productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>▪ Loss of four months of sales from FCS business following the disposition on June 1, 2021</li> <li>▪ Increased production and utility costs in Bromine Specialties and Catalysts resulting from the winter storms in the southern U.S.</li> <li>▪ 2021 included \$8.7 million of additional expense in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior year periods</li> <li>▪ Increased SG&amp;A expenses, primarily related to additional charitable contribution using proceeds from the sale of the FCS business</li> <li>▪ Lower equity in net income of unconsolidated investments from the Talison joint venture</li> <li>▪ Earnings per share also impacted by the underwritten public offering of our common stock in February 2021, increasing share count by 9.8 million shares</li> </ul>				

**Other Comprehensive Income (loss), Net of Tax**

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ (40,354)	\$ (2,585)	\$ (37,769)	1,461 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foreign currency translation and other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2021 included unfavorable movements in the Euro of approximately \$40 million, the Japanese Yen of approximately \$5 million, the South Korean Won of approximately \$4 million and the net unfavorable variance in other currencies totaling approximately \$2 million, partially offset by favorable movements in the Chinese Renminbi of approximately \$4 million</li> <li>▪ 2020 included favorable movements in the Euro of approximately \$30 million, the Chinese Renminbi of approximately \$8 million and the Japanese Yen and Taiwanese Dollar of approximately \$3 million each, partially offset by unfavorable movements in the Brazilian Real of approximately \$23 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Cash flow hedge</li> <li>▪ Net investment hedge</li> </ul>	\$ (46,852)	\$ 18,377	\$ (65,229)	(355)%
	\$ (563)	\$ (6,822)	\$ 6,259	
	\$ 5,110	\$ (16,083)	\$ 21,193	(132)%

**Segment Information Overview.** Summarized financial information concerning our reportable segments is shown in the following tables. The “All Other” category includes only the FCS business that does not fit into any of our core businesses.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,				Percentage Change
	2021	%	2020	%	2021 vs 2020
(In thousands, except percentages)					
<b>Net sales:</b>					
Lithium	\$ 958,539	39.4 %	\$ 786,186	34.9 %	22 %
Bromine Specialties	837,978	34.4 %	701,564	31.2 %	19 %
Catalysts	562,141	23.1 %	602,179	26.8 %	(7)%
All Other	75,095	3.1 %	159,833	7.1 %	(53)%
Total net sales	<u>\$ 2,433,753</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 2,249,762</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>8 %</u>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA:</b>					
Lithium	\$ 341,293	53.1 %	\$ 270,962	45.3 %	26 %
Bromine Specialties	273,298	42.6 %	235,751	39.5 %	16 %
Catalysts	79,694	12.4 %	108,081	18.1 %	(26)%
All Other	29,858	4.6 %	66,407	11.1 %	(55)%
Corporate	(81,892)	(12.7)%	(83,588)	(14.0)%	2 %
Total adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 642,251</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 597,613</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>7 %</u>

See below for a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA, the non-GAAP financial measure, from Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP, (in thousands):

	Lithium	Bromine Specialties	Catalysts	Reportable Segments Total	All Other	Corporate	Consolidated Total
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2021</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 237,293	\$ 235,670	\$ 41,401	\$ 514,364	\$ 27,988	\$ (414,856)	\$ 127,496
Depreciation and amortization	99,559	37,628	38,293	175,480	1,870	8,415	185,765
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	2,294	2,294
Gain on sale of business <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	(428,424)	(428,424)
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	5,629	5,629
Interest and financing expenses <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	56,170	56,170
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	14,422	14,422
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(16,407)	(16,407)
Legal accrual <sup>(e)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	657,412	657,412
Albemarle Foundation contribution <sup>(f)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	20,000	20,000
Other <sup>(g)</sup>	4,441	—	—	4,441	—	13,453	17,894
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 341,293</u>	<u>\$ 273,298</u>	<u>\$ 79,694</u>	<u>\$ 694,285</u>	<u>\$ 29,858</u>	<u>\$ (81,892)</u>	<u>\$ 642,251</u>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2020</b>							
Net income (loss) attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ 188,380	\$ 198,905	\$ 70,770	\$ 458,055	\$ 60,069	\$ (226,995)	\$ 291,129
Depreciation and amortization	82,582	36,846	37,311	156,739	6,338	7,137	170,214
Restructuring and other <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	10,831	10,831
Acquisition and integration related costs <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	14,349	14,349
Interest and financing expenses	—	—	—	—	—	53,964	53,964
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	—	64,526	64,526
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	—	—	—	—	—	(8,704)	(8,704)
Other <sup>(h)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	1,304	1,304
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 270,962</u>	<u>\$ 235,751</u>	<u>\$ 108,081</u>	<u>\$ 614,794</u>	<u>\$ 66,407</u>	<u>\$ (83,588)</u>	<u>\$ 597,613</u>

(a) In 2021, we recorded facility closure costs related to offices in Germany, and severance expenses in Germany and Belgium, in SG&A. In 2020, we recorded severance expenses as part of business reorganization plans, impacting each of our businesses and Corporate, primarily in the U.S., Germany and with our Jordanian joint venture partner. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we

recorded expenses of \$0.7 million in Cost of goods sold, \$10.4 million in SG&A and a \$0.3 million gain in Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests for the portion of severance expense allocated to our Jordanian joint venture partner. The balance of unpaid severance is recorded in Accrued expenses and is expected to primarily be paid through 2021.

- (b) Gain resulting from the sale of the FCS business completed on June 1, 2021.
- (c) Costs related to the acquisition, integration and potential divestitures for various significant projects, recorded in SG&A.
- (d) Included in Interest and financing expenses is a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$29.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021. See Note 9, "Long-Term Debt," for additional information.
- (e) Loss recorded in Other expense, net in the three months ended September 30, 2021 following an arbitration ruling related to a legal matter from a legacy Rockwood business sold to Huntsman prior to Albemarle's acquisition of Rockwood. See Note 10, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details.
- (f) Included in SG&A is a charitable contribution, using a portion of the proceeds received from the FCS divestiture, to the Albemarle Foundation, a non-profit organization that sponsors grants, health and social projects, educational initiatives, disaster relief, matching gift programs, scholarships and other charitable initiatives in locations where our employees live and operate. This contribution is in addition to the normal annual contribution made to the Albemarle Foundation by the Company and is significant in size and nature in that it is intended to provide more long-term benefits in these communities.
- (g) Included amounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 recorded in:
  - SG&A - \$8.6 million of expenses primarily related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements, a \$4.0 million loss resulting from the sale of property, plant and equipment and \$1.6 million of charges for an environmental reserve at a site not part of our operations.
  - Other expense, net - \$3.7 million of expenses primarily related to asset retirement obligation charges to update of an estimate at a site formerly owned by Albemarle.
- (h) Included amounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 recorded in:
  - SG&A - \$3.8 million of a net expense primarily related to the increase of environmental reserves at non-operating businesses we had previously divested.
  - Other expense, net - \$2.5 million net gain resulting from the settlement of legal matters related to a business sold and \$0.8 million net gain primarily related to the sale of idle properties in Germany, partially offset by a \$0.8 million loss resulting from the adjustment of indemnifications related to previously disposed businesses.

### Lithium

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 958,539	\$ 786,186	\$ 172,353	22 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$193.2 million of higher sales volume, driven by both carbonate and hydroxide</li> <li>▪ \$41.4 million of unfavorable pricing impacts, primarily in battery-grade carbonate due to lower contract pricing in the first half of 2021</li> <li>▪ \$20.6 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 341,293	\$ 270,962	\$ 70,331	26 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher sales volume, partially offset by unfavorable pricing impacts</li> <li>▪ Lower commission expenses in Chile resulting from the lower pricing in Lithium</li> <li>▪ Productivity improvements, offsetting the impact of inflation</li> <li>▪ Lower equity in net income of unconsolidated investments from the Talison joint venture</li> <li>▪ \$4.4 million out-of-period adjustment expense recorded in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior year periods</li> <li>▪ \$4.3 million of unfavorable currency translation resulting from a stronger Chilean Peso</li> </ul>				

### Bromine Specialties

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 837,978	\$ 701,564	\$ 136,414	19 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$66.9 million of favorable pricing impacts, primarily in the flame retardants division and as a result of a favorable 2021 customer mix</li> <li>▪ \$59.9 million of higher sales volume related to increased demand across all products</li> <li>▪ \$9.6 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 273,298	\$ 235,751	\$ 37,547	16 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher sales volume and favorable pricing impacts as a result of a favorable 2021 customer mix</li> <li>▪ Productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>▪ Increased raw material prices, primarily due to shortage of available chlorine</li> <li>▪ Increased production and utility costs of approximately \$6 million resulting from the U.S. Gulf Coast winter storm</li> <li>▪ Increased freight costs</li> <li>▪ \$8.7 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				

## Catalysts

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 562,141	\$ 602,179	\$ (40,038)	(7)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$40.0 million of lower sales volume, primarily from lower demand in clean fuel technologies</li> <li>▪ \$8.0 million of unfavorable pricing impacts, primarily in FCC, partially offset by PCS</li> <li>▪ \$7.9 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 79,694	\$ 108,081	\$ (28,387)	(26)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lower sales volume, primarily from lower demand in clean fuel technologies, as well as unfavorable pricing impacts, primarily in FCC</li> <li>▪ Increased production and utility costs of approximately \$17 million resulting from the U.S. Gulf Coast winter storm</li> <li>▪ \$3.1 million out-of-period adjustment expense recorded in Cost of goods sold to correct misstated inventory foreign exchange values relating to prior year periods</li> <li>▪ Increased raw material and freight costs</li> <li>▪ Partially offset by productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> </ul>				

## All Other

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 75,095	\$ 159,833	\$ (84,738)	(53)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Primarily decreased volume resulting from the sale of the FCS business in the second quarter of 2021</li> </ul>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 29,858	\$ 66,407	\$ (36,549)	(55)%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Primarily decreased volume resulting from the sale of the FCS business in the second quarter of 2021</li> </ul>				

## Corporate

<i>In thousands</i>	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	\$ Change	% Change
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (81,892)	\$ (83,588)	\$ 1,696	2 %
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$4.1 million of favorable currency exchange impacts, including a \$12.8 million decrease in foreign currency impacts from our Talison joint venture</li> <li>▪ Productivity improvements and a reduction in professional fees and other administrative costs</li> <li>▪ Increase in incentive compensation costs</li> </ul>				

## Financial Condition and Liquidity

### Overview

The principal uses of cash in our business generally have been capital investments and resource development costs, funding working capital, and service of debt. We also make contributions to our defined benefit pension plans, pay dividends to our shareholders and repurchase shares of our common stock. Historically, cash to fund the needs of our business has been principally provided by cash from operations, debt financing and equity issuances.

We are continually focused on working capital efficiency particularly in the areas of accounts receivable, payables and inventory. We anticipate that cash on hand, cash provided by operating activities, proceeds from divestitures and borrowings will be sufficient to pay our operating expenses, satisfy debt service obligations, fund capital expenditures and other investing activities, fund pension contributions and pay dividends for the foreseeable future.

### Cash Flow

During the first nine months of 2021, cash on hand, cash provided by operations, net cash proceeds of \$289.8 million from the sale of the FCS business and the \$1.5 billion net proceeds from our underwritten public offering of common stock funded \$652.7 million of capital expenditures for plant, machinery and equipment, debt principal payments of approximately \$1.5 billion, early extinguishment of debt fees of \$24.9 million and dividends to shareholders of \$132.2 million. Our operations provided \$490.6 million of cash flows during the first nine months of 2021, as compared to \$461.7 million for the first nine months of 2020. The change compared to prior year was primarily due to lower working capital outflows of \$39.3 million, excluding the non-cash impact to Accrued expenses from the legal accrual of the legacy Rockwood business matter arbitration ruling, and increased sales in each of our Lithium and Bromine Specialties segments, partially offset by lower earnings from the FCS business sold on June 1, 2021 and lower dividends received from unconsolidated investments. The inflow from working capital in 2021 was primarily driven by the legal accrual noted above, partially offset by higher tax payments, including on the proceeds from the sale of the FCS business, and increased inventory balances. Overall, our cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$151.7 million to \$595.0 million at September 30, 2021 from \$746.7 million at December 31, 2020.



On June 1, 2021, we completed the sale of our FCS business to Grace for proceeds of approximately \$570 million, consisting of \$300 million in cash and the issuance to Albemarle of preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary having an aggregate stated value of \$270 million. The preferred equity, guaranteed by Grace, can be redeemed by Grace at any time and will accrue payment-in-kind dividends at an annual rate of 12% beginning on June 1, 2023, two years after issuance.

On February 8, 2021, we completed an underwritten public offering of 8,496,773 shares of our common stock at a price to the public of \$153.00 per share. We also granted to the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 1,274,509 shares, which was exercised. The total gross proceeds from this offering were approximately \$1.5 billion, before deducting expenses, underwriting discounts and commissions. In the first quarter of 2021, we made the following debt principal payments using the net proceeds from this underwritten public offering:

- €123.8 million of the 1.125% notes due in November 2025
- €393.0 million, the remaining balance, of the 1.875% Senior notes originally due in December 2021
- \$128.4 million of the 3.45% Senior notes due in November 2029
- \$200.0 million, the remaining balance, of the floating rate notes originally due in November 2022
- €183.3 million, the outstanding balance, of the unsecured credit facility originally entered into on August 14, 2019, as amended and restated on December 15, 2020 (the "2019 Credit Facility")
- \$325.0 million, the outstanding balance, of the commercial paper notes

Capital expenditures for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2021 of \$652.7 million were primarily associated with plant, machinery and equipment. We expect our capital expenditures to be between \$925 million and \$975 million in 2021, primarily for Lithium growth and capacity increases, primarily in Australia, Chile and Silver Peak, Nevada, as well as productivity and continuity of operations projects in all segments. Our La Negra, Chile plant is in the commissioning and qualification stage. We currently expect to complete construction of Train I of our Kermerton, Australia plant by the end of 2021. Due to the ongoing labor shortages and COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions in Western Australia, Train II construction is now expected to be completed in the second half of 2022. Commercial sales volume from Train I will begin in 2022 and Train II in 2023.

On September 30, 2021, the Company signed a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding equity of Tianyuan for approximately \$200 million in cash. Tianyuan's operations include a recently constructed lithium processing plant strategically positioned near the Port of Qinzhou in Guangxi. The plant has designed annual conversion capacity of up to 25,000 metric tons of LCE and is capable of producing battery-grade lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide. It currently is in the commissioning stage and is expected to begin commercial production in the first half of 2022. The Company expects the transaction, which is subject to customary closing conditions, to close in early 2022.

Net current assets were \$487.1 million and \$404.3 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. The increase is primarily due to the repayment of the current portion of long-term debt using proceeds from our underwritten public offering of our common stock, partially offset by the accrual recorded following an arbitration ruling resulting from a legacy legal matter of the Rockwood business acquired in 2015, and the use of cash for capital expenditures. Additional changes in the components of net current assets are primarily due to the timing of the sale of goods and other ordinary transactions leading up to the balance sheet dates. The additional changes are not the result of any policy changes by the Company, and do not reflect any change in either the quality of our net current assets or our expectation of success in converting net working capital to cash in the ordinary course of business.

On February 25, 2021, we increased our quarterly dividend rate to \$0.39 per share, an increase from the quarterly rate of \$0.385 per share paid in 2020. On July 20, 2021, we declared a cash dividend of \$0.39, which was paid on October 1, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business as of September 17, 2021.

At September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, our cash and cash equivalents included \$376.8 million and \$492.8 million, respectively, held by our foreign subsidiaries. The majority of these foreign cash balances are associated with earnings that we have asserted are indefinitely reinvested and which we plan to use to support our continued growth plans outside the U.S. through funding of capital expenditures, acquisitions, research, operating expenses or other similar cash needs of our foreign operations. From time to time, we repatriate cash associated with earnings from our foreign subsidiaries to the U.S. for normal operating needs through intercompany dividends, but only from subsidiaries whose earnings we have not asserted to be indefinitely reinvested or whose earnings qualify as "previously taxed income" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. During the first nine months of 2021 and 2020, we repatriated \$0.9 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, of cash as part of these foreign earnings cash repatriation activities.

While we continue to closely monitor our cash generation, working capital management and capital spending in light of continuing uncertainties in the global economy, we believe that we will continue to have the financial flexibility and capability to opportunistically fund future growth initiatives. Additionally, we anticipate that future capital spending, including business acquisitions, share repurchases and other cash outlays, should be financed primarily with cash flow provided by operations and cash on hand, with additional cash needed, if any, provided by borrowings. The amount and timing of any additional borrowings will depend on our specific cash requirements.

#### Long-Term Debt

We currently have the following notes outstanding:

Issue Month/Year	Principal (in millions)	Interest Rate	Interest Payment Dates	Maturity Date
November 2019	€371.7	1.125%	November 25	November 25, 2025
November 2019	€500.0	1.625%	November 25	November 25, 2028
November 2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$171.6	3.45%	May 15 and November 15	November 15, 2029
November 2014 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$425.0	4.15%	June 1 and December 1	December 1, 2024
November 2014 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$350.0	5.45%	June 1 and December 1	December 1, 2044

(a) Denotes senior notes.

Our senior notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with all our other senior unsecured indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes are effectively subordinated to all of our existing or future secured indebtedness and to the existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries. As is customary for such long-term debt instruments, each series of notes outstanding has terms that allow us to redeem the notes before maturity, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of these notes to be redeemed, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis using the comparable government rate (as defined in the indentures governing these notes) plus between 25 and 40 basis points, depending on the series of notes, plus, in each case, accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption. Holders may require us to purchase such notes at 101% upon a change of control triggering event, as defined in the indentures. These notes are subject to typical events of default, including bankruptcy and insolvency events, nonpayment and the acceleration of certain subsidiary indebtedness of \$40 million or more caused by a nonpayment default.

Our Euro notes issued in 2019 are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank equally in right of payment to all our other unsecured senior obligations. The Euro notes are effectively subordinated to all of our existing or future secured indebtedness and to the existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries. As is customary for such long-term debt instruments, each series of notes outstanding has terms that allow us to redeem the notes before their maturity, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal thereof and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to, but excluding, the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date on an annual basis using the bond rate (as defined in the indentures governing these notes) plus between 25 and 35 basis points, depending on the series of notes, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, the date of redemption. Holders may require us to purchase such notes at 101% upon a change of control triggering event, as defined in the indentures. These notes are subject to typical events of default, including bankruptcy and insolvency events, nonpayment and the acceleration of certain subsidiary indebtedness exceeding \$100 million caused by a nonpayment default.

Our revolving, unsecured credit agreement dated as of June 21, 2018, as amended on August 14, 2019 and further amended on May 11, 2020 (the "2018 Credit Agreement") currently provides for borrowings of up to \$1.0 billion and matures on August 9, 2024. Borrowings under the 2018 Credit Agreement bear interest at variable rates based on an average LIBOR for deposits in the relevant currency plus an applicable margin which ranges from 0.910% to 1.500%, depending on the Company's credit rating from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services LLC ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") and Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch"). The applicable margin on the facility was 1.125% as of September 30, 2021. As of September 30, 2021 there were no borrowings outstanding under the 2018 Credit Agreement.

On August 14, 2019, the Company entered into the \$1.2 billion 2019 Credit Facility with several banks and other financial institutions, which was amended and restated on December 15, 2020. The lenders' commitment to provide new loans under the amended 2019 Credit Facility terminates on December 10, 2021, with each such loan maturing one year after the funding of such loan. The Company can request that the maturity date of loans be extended for a period of up to four additional years, but any such extension is subject to the approval of the lenders. Borrowings under the amended 2019 Credit Facility bear

interest at variable rates based on an average LIBOR for deposits in the relevant currency plus an applicable margin which ranges from 1.125% to 1.750%, depending on the Company's credit rating from S&P, Moody's and Fitch. The applicable margin on the 2019 Credit Facility was 1.375% as of September 30, 2021. In March 2021, the Company repaid the outstanding balance of €183.3 million under the 2019 Credit Facility. Following the completion of the sale of the FCS business, the Company is permitted to make up to two additional borrowings in an aggregate amount equal to \$270 million for general corporate purposes under the 2019 Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the under the 2019 Credit Facility and 2018 Credit Agreement (together the "Credit Agreements") are conditioned upon satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, including the absence of defaults. The Company is subject to one financial covenant, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The financial covenant requires that the Company's consolidated net funded debt to consolidated EBITDA ratio (as such terms are defined in the Credit Agreements) be less than or equal to 4.50:1 for the fiscal quarters through September 30, 2021, 4.00:1 for the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2021, and 3:50:1 for fiscal quarters thereafter, subject to adjustments in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreements relating to a consummation of an acquisition where the consideration includes cash proceeds from issuance of funded debt in excess of \$500 million. The Credit Agreements also contain customary default provisions, including defaults for non-payment, breach of representations and warranties, insolvency, non-performance of covenants and cross-defaults to other material indebtedness. The occurrence of an event of default under the Credit Agreements could result in all loans and other obligations becoming immediately due and payable and each such Credit Agreement being terminated. Certain representations, warranties and covenants under the 2018 Credit Agreement were conformed to those under the 2019 Credit Facility following the amendments to those agreements.

On May 29, 2013, we entered into agreements to initiate a commercial paper program on a private placement basis under which we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes (the "Commercial Paper Notes") from time-to-time up to a maximum aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of \$750.0 million. The proceeds from the issuance of the Commercial Paper Notes are expected to be used for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of other debt of the Company. The Credit Agreements are available to repay the Commercial Paper Notes, if necessary. Aggregate borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreements and the Commercial Paper Notes will not exceed the \$1.0 billion current maximum amount available under the Credit Agreements. The Commercial Paper Notes will be sold at a discount from par, or alternatively, will be sold at par and bear interest at rates that will vary based upon market conditions at the time of issuance. The maturities of the Commercial Paper Notes will vary but may not exceed 397 days from the date of issue. The definitive documents relating to the commercial paper program contain customary representations, warranties, default and indemnification provisions. In March 2021 we repaid all outstanding Commercial Paper Notes and had none outstanding at September 30, 2021.

The non-current portion of our long-term debt amounted to \$2.02 billion at September 30, 2021, compared to \$2.77 billion at December 31, 2020. In addition, at September 30, 2021, we had availability to borrow \$1.27 billion under our commercial paper program and the Credit Agreements, and \$131.5 million under other existing lines of credit, subject to various financial covenants under our Credit Agreements. We have the ability and intent to refinance our borrowings under our other existing lines of credit with borrowings under the Credit Agreements, as applicable. Therefore, the amounts outstanding under those line of credit, if any, are classified as long-term debt. We believe that at September 30, 2021, we were, and currently are, in compliance with all of our long-term debt covenants.

#### *Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements*

In the ordinary course of business with customers, vendors and others, we have entered into off-balance sheet arrangements, including bank guarantees and letters of credit, which totaled approximately \$81.8 million at September 30, 2021. None of these off-balance sheet arrangements has, or is likely to have, a material effect on our current or future financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or capital resources.

#### *Other Obligations*

Our contractual obligations have not significantly changed based on our ordinary business activities and projected capital expenditures noted above from the information we provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, with the exception of the debt repayments made in the first quarter of 2021, as noted above. Following the debt repayments, our annual maturities of long-term debt at September 30, 2021 and our expected interest payments on those long-term debt obligations are as follows (in millions):

	Maturities of Long-term Debt	Expected Interest Payments
Remainder of 2021	\$ 0.6	\$ 36.8
2022	—	57.4
2023	—	57.4
2024	425.0	55.9
2025	441.1	39.3
Thereafter	1,169.8	413.7

For variable-rate debt obligations, projected interest payments are calculated using the September 30, 2021 weighted average interest rate of approximately 0.36%.

Total expected 2021 contributions to our domestic and foreign qualified and nonqualified pension plans, including the Albemarle Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, should approximate \$25 million, including contributions expected to be made in 2020 that were deferred to 2021. We may choose to make additional pension contributions in excess of this amount. We have made contributions of \$22.1 million to our domestic and foreign pension plans (both qualified and nonqualified) during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2021.

The liability related to uncertain tax positions, including interest and penalties, recorded in Other noncurrent liabilities totaled \$16.7 million at September 30, 2021 and \$14.7 million at December 31, 2020. Related assets for corresponding offsetting benefits recorded in Other assets totaled \$22.4 million at September 30, 2021 and \$24.1 million at December 31, 2020. We cannot estimate the amounts of any cash payments associated with these liabilities for the remainder of 2021 or the next twelve months, and we are unable to estimate the timing of any such cash payments in the future at this time.

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign requirements regulating the handling, manufacture and use of materials (some of which may be classified as hazardous or toxic by one or more regulatory agencies), the discharge of materials into the environment and the protection of the environment. To our knowledge, we are currently complying, and expect to continue to comply, in all material respects with applicable environmental laws, regulations, statutes and ordinances. Compliance with existing federal, state, local and foreign environmental protection laws is not expected to have a material effect on capital expenditures, earnings or our competitive position, but the costs associated with increased legal or regulatory requirements could have an adverse effect on our operating results.

Among other environmental requirements, we are subject to the federal Superfund law, and similar state laws, under which we may be designated as a potentially responsible party (“PRP”), and may be liable for a share of the costs associated with cleaning up various hazardous waste sites. Management believes that in cases in which we may have liability as a PRP, our liability for our share of cleanup is de minimis. Further, almost all such sites represent environmental issues that are quite mature and have been investigated, studied and in many cases settled. In de minimis situations, our policy generally is to negotiate a consent decree and to pay any apportioned settlement, enabling us to be effectively relieved of any further liability as a PRP, except for remote contingencies. In other than de minimis PRP matters, our records indicate that unresolved PRP exposures should be immaterial. We accrue and expense our proportionate share of PRP costs. Because management has been actively involved in evaluating environmental matters, we are able to conclude that the outstanding environmental liabilities for unresolved PRP sites should not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations or financial condition.

#### *Liquidity Outlook*

We anticipate that cash on hand and cash provided by operating activities, divestitures and borrowings will be sufficient to pay our operating expenses, satisfy debt service obligations, fund any capital expenditures and share repurchases, make acquisitions, make pension contributions and pay dividends for the foreseeable future. Our main focus during the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic is to continue to maintain financial flexibility by continuing our cost savings initiative, while still protecting our employees and customers, committing to shareholder returns and maintaining an investment grade rating. Over the next three years, in terms of uses of cash, we will continue to invest in growth of the businesses and return value to shareholders. Additionally, we will continue to evaluate the merits of any opportunities that may arise for acquisitions of businesses or assets, which may require additional liquidity.

Our growth investments include the recently announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding equity of Tianyuan for approximately \$200 million in cash. Tianyuan’s operations include a recently constructed lithium processing plant that has designed annual conversion capacity of up to 25,000 metric tons of LCE and is capable of producing battery-grade lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide. We expect the transaction, which is subject to customary closing conditions, to close in early 2022. In addition, we announced agreements for strategic investments in China with plans

to build two lithium hydroxide conversion plants, each initially targeting 50,000 metric tons per year. We expect construction of these conversion plants to begin in 2022 and be completed by the end of 2024.

Our cash flows from operations may be negatively affected by adverse consequences to our customers and the markets in which we compete as a result of moderating global economic conditions and reduced capital availability. The COVID-19 pandemic has not had a material impact on our liquidity to date; however, we cannot predict the overall impact in terms of cash flow generation as that will depend on the length and severity of the outbreak. As a result, we are planning for various economic scenarios and actively monitoring our balance sheet to maintain the financial flexibility needed.

Although we maintain business relationships with a diverse group of financial institutions as sources of financing, an adverse change in their credit standing could lead them to not honor their contractual credit commitments to us, decline funding under our existing but uncommitted lines of credit with them, not renew their extensions of credit or not provide new financing to us. While the global corporate bond and bank loan markets remain strong, periods of elevated uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic or global economic and/or geopolitical concerns may limit efficient access to such markets for extended periods of time. If such concerns heighten, we may incur increased borrowing costs and reduced credit capacity as our various credit facilities mature. If the U.S. Federal Reserve or similar national reserve banks in other countries decide to tighten the monetary supply in response, for example, to improving economic conditions, we may incur increased borrowing costs (as interest rates increase on our variable rate credit facilities, as our various credit facilities mature or as we refinance any maturing fixed rate debt obligations), although these cost increases would be partially offset by increased income rates on portions of our cash deposits.

On February 6, 2017, Huntsman International LLC (“Huntsman”), a subsidiary of Huntsman Corporation, filed a lawsuit in New York state court against Rockwood Holdings, Inc. (“Rockwood”), Rockwood Specialties, Inc., certain former executives of Rockwood and its subsidiaries—Seifollah Ghasemi, Thomas Riordan, Andrew Ross, and Michael Valente, and Albemarle. The lawsuit arises out of Huntsman’s acquisition of certain Rockwood subsidiaries in connection with a stock purchase agreement (the “SPA”), dated September 17, 2013. Before that transaction closed on October 1, 2014, Albemarle began discussions with Rockwood to purchase all outstanding equity of Rockwood and did so in a transaction that closed on January 12, 2015. Huntsman’s complaint asserted that certain technology that Rockwood had developed for a production facility in Augusta, Georgia, and which was among the assets that Huntsman acquired pursuant to the SPA, did not work, and that Rockwood and the defendant executives had intentionally misled Huntsman about that technology in connection with the Huntsman-Rockwood transaction. The complaint asserted claims for, among other things, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of the SPA, and sought certain costs for completing construction of the production facility.

On March 10, 2017, Albemarle moved in New York state court to compel arbitration, which was granted on January 8, 2018 (although Huntsman unsuccessfully appealed that decision). Huntsman’s arbitration demand asserted claims substantially similar to those asserted in its state court complaint, and sought various forms of legal remedies, including cost overruns, compensatory damages, expectation damages, punitive damages, and restitution. After a trial, the arbitration panel issued an award on October 28, 2021, awarding approximately \$600 million (including interest) to be paid by Albemarle to Huntsman, in addition to the possibility of attorney’s fees, costs and expenses. Albemarle continues to assess its legal rights and options. Albemarle and Huntsman have initiated discussions regarding a resolution of the matter.

Based on our review of the decision by the AAA arbitration panel, Albemarle has decided to view the decision as representing the best estimate available of the outcome of this arbitration. As a result, the consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, includes a loss of \$657.4 million (\$504.5 million net of income tax), inclusive of estimated possible legal fees incurred by Huntsman and other related obligations, to reflect the increase in liabilities for this legal matter.

In addition, as first reported in 2018, following receipt of information regarding potential improper payments being made by third-party sales representatives of our Refining Solutions business, within our Catalysts segment, we promptly retained outside counsel and forensic accountants to investigate potential violations of the Company’s Code of Conduct, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and other potentially applicable laws. Based on this internal investigation, we have voluntarily self-reported potential issues relating to the use of third-party sales representatives in our Refining Solutions business, within our Catalysts segment, to the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), the SEC, and the Dutch Public Prosecutor (“DPP”), and are cooperating with the DOJ, the SEC, and the DPP in their review of these matters. In connection with our internal investigation, we have implemented, and are continuing to implement, appropriate remedial measures. We have commenced discussions with the SEC about a potential resolution.

At this time, we are unable to predict the duration, scope, result, or related costs associated with the investigations. We also are unable to predict what action may be taken by the DOJ, the SEC, or the DPP, or what penalties or remedial actions they may ultimately seek. Any determination that our operations or activities are not, or were not, in compliance with existing laws

or regulations could result in the imposition of fines, penalties, disgorgement, equitable relief, or other losses. We do not believe, however, that any such fines, penalties, disgorgement, equitable relief, or other losses would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity. However, an adverse resolution could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in a particular period.

Overall, with generally strong cash-generative businesses and no significant long-term debt maturities before 2024, we believe we have, and will be able to maintain, a solid liquidity position.

We had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$595.0 million at September 30, 2021, of which \$376.8 million is held by our foreign subsidiaries. This cash represents an important source of our liquidity and is invested in bank accounts or money market investments with no limitations on access. The cash held by our foreign subsidiaries is intended for use outside of the U.S. We anticipate that any needs for liquidity within the U.S. in excess of our cash held in the U.S. can be readily satisfied with borrowings under our existing U.S. credit facilities or our commercial paper program.

#### *Guarantor Financial Information*

##### **Albemarle Wodgina Pty Ltd Issued Notes**

Albemarle Wodgina Pty Ltd (the “Issuer”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Albemarle Corporation, issued \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.45% Senior Notes due 2029 (the “3.45% Senior Notes”) in November 2019. The 3.45% Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed (the “Guarantee”) on a senior unsecured basis by Albemarle Corporation (the “Parent Guarantor”). No direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Parent Guarantor guarantee the 3.45% Senior Notes (such subsidiaries are referred to as the “Non-Guarantors”).

In 2019, we completed the acquisition of a 60% interest in Mineral Resources Limited’s (“MRL”) Wodgina hard rock lithium mine project (“Wodgina Project”) in Western Australia and formed an unincorporated joint venture with MRL, named MARBL Lithium Joint Venture, for the exploration, development, mining, processing and production of lithium and other minerals (other than iron ore and tantalum) from the Wodgina spodumene mine (“MARBL”) and for the operation of the Kemerton assets in Western Australia. We participate in the Wodgina Project through our ownership interest in the Issuer.

The Parent Guarantor conducts its U.S. Bromine Specialties and Catalysts operations directly, and conducts its other operations (other than operations conducted through the Issuer) through the Non-Guarantors.

The 3.45% Senior Notes are the Issuer’s senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of payment to the senior indebtedness of the Issuer, effectively subordinated to all of the secured indebtedness of the Issuer, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of its subsidiaries. The Guarantee is the senior unsecured obligation of the Parent Guarantor and ranks equally in right of payment to the senior indebtedness of the Parent Guarantor, effectively subordinated to the secured debt of the Parent Guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing the indebtedness and structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of its subsidiaries.

For cash management purposes, the Parent Guarantor transfers cash among itself, the Issuer and the Non-Guarantors through intercompany financing arrangements, contributions or declaration of dividends between the respective parent and its subsidiaries. The transfer of cash under these activities facilitates the ability of the recipient to make specified third-party payments for principal and interest on the Issuer and/or the Parent Guarantor’s outstanding debt, common stock dividends and common stock repurchases. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Issuer or the Parent Guarantor to obtain funds from subsidiaries by dividend or loan.

The following tables present summarized financial information for the Parent Guarantor and the Issuer on a combined basis after elimination of (i) intercompany transactions and balances among the Issuer and the Parent Guarantor and (ii) equity in earnings from and investments in any subsidiary that is a Non-Guarantor. Each entity in the combined financial information follows the same accounting policies as described herein and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

## Summarized Statement of Operations

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2020</b>
Net sales <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,085,274	\$ 1,621,651
Gross profit	204,861	357,431
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	233,685	(205,486)
Net income (loss) attributable to the Parent Guarantor and the Issuer	171,322	(222,097)

- (a) Includes net sales to Non-Guarantors of \$563.6 million and \$893.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively.
- (b) Includes intergroup expenses to Non-Guarantors of \$101.3 million and \$132.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively.
- (c) The nine months ended September 30, 2021 includes the Parent Guarantor's portion of gain on sale of the FCS business on June 1, 2021.

## Summarized Balance Sheet

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	<b>September 30, 2021</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>
Current assets <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,003,579	\$ 1,194,278
Net property, plant and equipment	2,824,881	2,621,012
Other noncurrent assets	534,090	305,544
Current liabilities <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 1,297,043	\$ 2,236,233
Long-term debt	995,690	1,321,413
Other noncurrent liabilities <sup>(c)</sup>	7,284,019	7,317,103

- (a) Includes receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$398.4 million and \$548.9 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.
- (b) Includes current payables to Non-Guarantors of \$965.0 million and \$975.0 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.
- (c) Includes noncurrent payables to Non-Guarantors of \$6.6 billion at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

The 3.45% Senior Notes are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Non-Guarantors. The Non-Guarantors are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due pursuant to the 3.45% Senior Notes or the Indenture under which the 3.45% Senior Notes were issued, or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans, distributions or other payments. Any right that the Parent Guarantor has to receive any assets of any of the Non-Guarantors upon the liquidation or reorganization of any Non-Guarantor, and the consequent rights of holders of the 3.45% Senior Notes to realize proceeds from the sale of any of a Non-Guarantor's assets, would be effectively subordinated to the claims of such Non-Guarantor's creditors, including trade creditors and holders of preferred equity interests, if any, of such Non-Guarantor. Accordingly, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of the Non-Guarantors, the Non-Guarantors will pay the holders of their debts, holders of preferred equity interests, if any, and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to the Parent Guarantor.

The 3.45% Senior Notes are obligations of the Issuer. The Issuer's cash flow and ability to make payments on the 3.45% Senior Notes could be dependent upon the earnings it derives from the production from MARBL for the Wodgina Project. Absent income received from sales of its share of production from MARBL, the Issuer's ability to service the 3.45% Senior Notes could be dependent upon the earnings of the Parent Guarantor's subsidiaries and other joint ventures and the payment of those earnings to the Issuer in the form of equity, loans or advances and through repayment of loans or advances from the Issuer.

The Issuer's obligations in respect of MARBL are guaranteed by the Parent Guarantor. Further, under MARBL pursuant to a deed of cross security between the Issuer, the joint venture partner and the manager of the project (the "Manager"), each of the Issuer, and the joint venture partner have granted security to each other and the Manager for the obligations each of the Issuer and the joint venture partner have to each other and to the Manager. The claims of the joint venture partner, the Manager and other secured creditors of the Issuer will have priority as to the assets of the Issuer over the claims of holders of the 3.45% Senior Notes.



### **Albemarle Corporation Issued Notes**

In March 2021, Albemarle New Holding GmbH (the “Subsidiary Guarantor”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Albemarle Corporation, added a full and unconditional guarantee (the “Upstream Guarantee”) to all securities issued and outstanding by Albemarle Corporation (the “Parent Issuer”) and issuable by the Parent Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of January 20, 2005, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Indenture”). No other direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Parent Issuer guarantee these securities (such subsidiaries are referred to as the “Upstream Non-Guarantors”). See *Long-term debt* section above for a description of the securities issued by the Parent Issuer.

The current securities outstanding under the Indenture are the Parent Issuer’s unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. With respect to any series of securities issued under the Indenture, the Upstream Guarantee is, and will be, an unsecured and unsubordinated obligation of the Subsidiary Guarantor, ranking pari passu with all other existing and future unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness of the Subsidiary Guarantor.

For cash management purposes, the Parent Issuer transfers cash among itself, the Subsidiary Guarantor and the Upstream Non-Guarantors through intercompany financing arrangements, contributions or declaration of dividends between the respective parent and its subsidiaries. The transfer of cash under these activities facilitates the ability of the recipient to make specified third-party payments for principal and interest on the Parent Issuer and/or the Subsidiary Guarantor’s outstanding debt, common stock dividends and common stock repurchases. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Parent Issuer or the Subsidiary Guarantor to obtain funds from subsidiaries by dividend or loan.

The following tables present summarized financial information for the Subsidiary Guarantor and the Parent Issuer on a combined basis after elimination of (i) intercompany transactions and balances among the Parent Issuer and the Subsidiary Guarantor and (ii) equity in earnings from and investments in any subsidiary that is an Upstream Non-Guarantor. Each entity in the combined financial information follows the same accounting policies as described herein and in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

### **Summarized Statement of Operations**

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2020</b>
Net sales <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,085,274	\$ 1,621,651
Gross profit	218,231	375,138
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments <sup>(b)</sup>	267,804	(124,464)
Net income (loss) attributable to the Subsidiary Guarantor and the Parent Issuer	195,729	(152,509)

(a) Includes net sales to Non-Guarantors of \$563.6 million and \$893.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively.

(b) Includes intergroup expenses to Non-Guarantors of \$74.2 million and \$57.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively.

(c) The nine months ended September 30, 2021 includes the Parent Issuer’s portion of gain on sale of the FCS business on June 1, 2021.

### **Summarized Balance Sheet**

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	<b>September 30, 2021</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>
Current assets <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 998,631	\$ 1,315,110
Net property, plant and equipment	728,384	770,230
Other non-current assets <sup>(b)</sup>	1,550,779	970,268
Current liabilities <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 1,300,100	\$ 2,133,548
Long-term debt	1,788,107	2,404,193
Other noncurrent liabilities <sup>(c)</sup>	6,548,645	6,468,644

(a) Includes receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$426.9 million and \$705.1 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.



- (b) Includes noncurrent receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$1.0 billion and \$673.0 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.
- (c) Includes current payables to Non-Guarantors of \$950.3 million and \$983.3 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.
- (d) Includes noncurrent payables to Non-Guarantors of \$5.8 billion and \$5.7 billion at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

These securities are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Upstream Non-Guarantors. The Upstream Non-Guarantors are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due pursuant to these securities or the Indenture under which these securities were issued, or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans, distributions or other payments. Any right that the Subsidiary Guarantor has to receive any assets of any of the Upstream Non-Guarantors upon the liquidation or reorganization of any Upstream Non-Guarantors, and the consequent rights of holders of these securities to realize proceeds from the sale of any of an Upstream Non-Guarantor's assets, would be effectively subordinated to the claims of such Upstream Non-Guarantor's creditors, including trade creditors and holders of preferred equity interests, if any, of such Upstream Non-Guarantor. Accordingly, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of the Upstream Non-Guarantors, the Upstream Non-Guarantors will pay the holders of their debts, holders of preferred equity interests, if any, and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to the Subsidiary Guarantor.

#### *Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*

There have been no significant changes in our critical accounting policies and estimates from the information we provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### *Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

For a description of recent accounting pronouncements, see Item 1 Financial Statements – Note 19, “Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements.”

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

There have been no significant changes in our interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange rate exposure, marketable securities price risk or raw material price risk from the information we provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, except as noted below.

During the first quarter of 2021, we repaid the remaining principal balance of our 1.875% Euro-denominated senior notes. Prior to this repayment, the carrying value these notes was designated as an effective hedge of our net investment in certain foreign subsidiaries where the Euro serves as the functional currency, and gains or losses on the revaluation of these senior notes to our reporting currency were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Upon repayment of these notes, this net investment hedge was discontinued. The balance of foreign exchange revaluation gains and losses associated with this discontinued net investment hedge will remain within accumulated other comprehensive loss until the hedged net investment is sold or liquidated.

We had variable interest rate borrowings of \$5.4 million outstanding at September 30, 2021, bearing a weighted average interest rate of 0.36% and representing less than 1% of our total outstanding debt. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in the interest rate applicable to these borrowings would change our annualized interest expense by approximately \$0.1 million as of September 30, 2021. We may enter into interest rate swaps, collars or similar instruments with the objective of reducing interest rate volatility relating to our borrowing costs.

Our financial instruments, which are subject to foreign currency exchange risk, consist of foreign currency forward contracts with an aggregate notional value of \$720.2 million and with a fair value representing a net asset position of \$0.4 million at September 30, 2021. Fluctuations in the value of these contracts are generally offset by the value of the underlying exposures being hedged. We conducted a sensitivity analysis on the fair value of our foreign currency hedge portfolio assuming an instantaneous 10% change in select foreign currency exchange rates from their levels as of September 30, 2021, with all other variables held constant. A 10% appreciation of the U.S. Dollar against foreign currencies that we hedge would result in a decrease of approximately \$26.7 million in the fair value of our foreign currency forward contracts. A 10% depreciation of the U.S. Dollar against these foreign currencies would result in an increase of approximately \$27.0 million in the fair value of our foreign currency forward contracts. The sensitivity of the fair value of our foreign currency hedge portfolio represents changes in fair values estimated based on market conditions as of September 30, 2021, without reflecting the effects of underlying anticipated transactions. When those anticipated transactions are realized, actual effects of changing foreign currency exchange rates could have a material impact on our earnings and cash flows in future periods.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) occurred during the third quarter ended September 30, 2021 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

We are involved from time to time in legal proceedings of types regarded as common in our business, including administrative or judicial proceedings seeking remediation under environmental laws, such as Superfund, products liability, breach of contract liability and premises liability litigation. Where appropriate, we may establish financial reserves for such proceedings. We also maintain insurance to mitigate certain of such risks.

On February 6, 2017, Huntsman International LLC ("Huntsman"), a subsidiary of Huntsman Corporation, filed a lawsuit in New York state court against Rockwood Holdings, Inc. ("Rockwood"), Rockwood Specialties, Inc., certain former executives of Rockwood and its subsidiaries—Seifollah Ghasemi, Thomas Riordan, Andrew Ross, and Michael Valente, and Albemarle. The lawsuit arises out of Huntsman's acquisition of certain Rockwood subsidiaries in connection with a stock purchase agreement (the "SPA"), dated September 17, 2013. Before that transaction closed on October 1, 2014, Albemarle began discussions with Rockwood to purchase all outstanding equity of Rockwood and did so in a transaction that closed on January 12, 2015. Huntsman's complaint asserted that certain technology that Rockwood had developed for a production facility in Augusta, Georgia, and which was among the assets that Huntsman acquired pursuant to the SPA, did not work, and that Rockwood and the defendant executives had intentionally misled Huntsman about that technology in connection with the Huntsman-Rockwood transaction. The complaint asserted claims for, among other things, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of the SPA, and sought certain costs for completing construction of the production facility.

On March 10, 2017, Albemarle moved in New York state court to compel arbitration, which was granted on January 8, 2018 (although Huntsman unsuccessfully appealed that decision). Huntsman's arbitration demand asserted claims substantially similar to those asserted in its state court complaint, and sought various forms of legal remedies, including cost overruns, compensatory damages, expectation damages, punitive damages, and restitution. After a trial, the arbitration panel issued an award on October 28, 2021, awarding approximately \$600 million (including interest) to be paid by Albemarle to Huntsman, in addition to the possibility of attorney's fees, costs and expenses. Albemarle continues to assess its legal rights and options. Albemarle and Huntsman have initiated discussions regarding a resolution of the matter.

Based on our review of the decision by the AAA arbitration panel, Albemarle has decided to view the decision as representing the best estimate available of the outcome of this arbitration. As a result, the consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, includes a loss of \$657.4 million (\$504.5 million net of income tax), inclusive of estimated possible legal fees incurred by Huntsman and other related obligations, to reflect the increase in liabilities for this legal matter.

Additional information with respect to this Item 1 is contained in Note 10 to the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

While we attempt to identify, manage and mitigate risks and uncertainties associated with our business to the extent practical under the circumstances, some level of risk and uncertainty will always be present. The risk factors set forth in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 describe some of the risks and uncertainties associated with our business. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to materially affect our results of

operations and our financial condition. We do not believe that there have been any material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

On November 3, 2021, we entered into a letter agreement with Raphael Crawford (the “Letter Agreement”) with respect to his compensation as President of our Catalysts Global Business Unit. The terms of the Letter Agreement were approved by the Executive Compensation Committee, based in part upon consultation with Pearl Meyer, which serves as independent compensation consultants to the Executive Compensation Committee.

The Letter Agreement provides Mr. Crawford with an enhanced compensation opportunity in exchange for his support of our strategic review of our Catalysts segment if such review results in our divestiture of the Catalysts segment.

Under the terms of the Letter Agreement, we will pay Mr. Crawford (a) an annual incentive bonus under our annual incentive plan for 2021 (“2021 AIP Bonus”) and, (b) if the closing date of our divestiture of the Catalysts segment (the “Closing Date”) occurs after January 1, 2022, an amount based on his target annual incentive bonus under our annual incentive plan for 2022 that will be established for the Catalysts segment (“2022 Catalysts Bonus”), subject to certain adjustments. The 2021 AIP Bonus shall be paid no later than March 15, 2022 (the “AIP Bonus Date”) and the 2022 Catalysts Bonus shall be paid no later than thirty days following the Closing Date. In addition, we will pay Mr. Crawford a one-time, cash payment equivalent to 5% of his annual salary as in effect as of the date of the Letter Agreement (the “Retention Payment”) if he is employed on the Closing Date and remains employed until the date three months following the Closing Date, or, if earlier, the date he is terminated without cause (the date three months following the Closing Date or of such termination without cause, as applicable, the “Retention Payment Date”). Mr. Crawford’s eligibility to receive the 2021 AIP Bonus, the 2022 Catalysts Bonus, and the Retention Payment are subject to his continued employment through the AIP Bonus Date, the Closing Date, and the Retention Payment Date, respectively.

The Letter Agreement also provides for the accelerated vesting of certain outstanding equity incentive awards (the “LTI Award(s)”) previously granted to Mr. Crawford under our 2017 Incentive Plan. Pursuant to the Letter Agreement: (a) a portion of Mr. Crawford’s outstanding restricted stock units will vest on the Closing Date, and Mr. Crawford will be entitled to receive one share of common stock for each remaining restricted stock unit on the date or dates on which such restricted stock units would have vested under the applicable LTI Award; (b) a portion of Mr. Crawford’s outstanding stock options will vest on the Closing Date, and the remaining options shall vest and become exercisable on the date or dates such options would have vested under the terms of the applicable LTI Award; (c) outstanding performance units payable under the February 2018 Performance Unit LTI Award will be fully vested and paid on the earlier of January 1, 2022 or the Closing Date; (d) with respect to outstanding performance units payable under the February 2019 Performance Unit LTI Award, 50% of such performance units will be fully vested and paid on the date on which our compensation committee determines the number of units earned under such award, and 50% of such units will be fully vested and paid on the earlier of the Closing Date and January 1, 2023; and (e) 50% of all other outstanding performance unit LTI Awards shall vest and be paid on the date or dates on which such performance units would have vested under the applicable LTI Award, and 50% of such units shall vest and be paid on the following January 1. The accelerated vesting and other terms of such awards under the Letter Agreement are subject to, where applicable, Mr. Crawford’s employment not having been terminated by us or the purchaser for Cause (as defined in the Letter Agreement) or by Mr. Crawford’s voluntarily resignation prior to 12 months following the Closing Date.

The Letter Agreement contains a release of claims and customary covenants related to confidentiality, non-competition, and non-solicitation of customers, business partners, and employees.

The foregoing description of the Letter Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Letter Agreement, which is included as Exhibit 10.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

(a) Exhibits

- [#\\*10.1 Letter Agreement with Raphael Crawford, dated November 3, 2021.](#)
  - [\\*31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(a\).](#)
  - [\\*31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(a\).](#)
  - [\\*32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(b\) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.](#)
  - [\\*32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(b\) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.](#)
- 101 Interactive Data File (Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021, furnished in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language)).
- # Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.
  - \* Included with this filing.

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following documents formatted in XBRL: (i) the Consolidated Statements of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, (iii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, (v) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and (vi) the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.





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November 3, 2021

Raphael Crawford  
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Dear Raphael:

On behalf of Albemarle Corporation (together with its affiliates, "Albemarle" or the "Company"), I am pleased to offer you the enhanced compensation opportunity described in this letter agreement (this "Agreement") in consideration of your support of the Company's strategic review of its catalysts segment (the "Business") if such review results in a divestiture of the Business in a transaction with an acquirer of the Business (together with its affiliates, the "Purchaser").

By signing this Agreement, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**1. Continued Employment.** Prior to the date upon which any transaction in which the Company divests all or substantially all of the Business to the Purchaser (the "Transaction") is consummated (such date, the "Closing Date"), your employment with the Company will continue on an at-will basis, meaning that you or the Company may terminate your employment for any reason or no reason at any time, with or without Cause (as defined below). During such period of continuing employment by the Company, you will continue to be subject to the Company's policies and practices and will continue to perform all duties and comply with all obligations you owe to the Company. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" means your (i) willful failure to perform your job duties; (ii) violation of any material policy of the Company; (iii) engaging in dishonest or illegal conduct with respect to or in the performance of your job duties; (iv) embezzlement, misappropriation, or fraud, whether or not related to your job duties or the Company; (v) conviction of or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to a crime that constitutes a felony (or state law equivalent), or any crime, including a misdemeanor, involving moral turpitude; or (vi) breach of this Agreement (including the confidentiality obligations set forth in this Agreement) or any other agreement between you and the Company (including any Restrictive Covenant Agreement (as defined below)).

**2. Enhanced Compensation.** Subject to your execution and non-revocation of this Agreement (including the release of claims in Section 6), you will be eligible to receive the following (together, the "Enhanced Compensation"):

(a) *2021 AIP.* If you remain employed by the Company until the earlier of the Closing Date or the date that bonuses under the Company's 2021 Annual Incentive Plan (the "2021 AIP") are paid (the "2021 AIP Payment Date"), you will receive your annual incentive bonus for calendar year 2021 (or prorated portion thereof) (your "2021 AIP Bonus") under the 2021 AIP, calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2021 AIP, less applicable deductions and authorized withholdings. Your 2021 AIP Bonus shall be paid on the 2021 AIP Payment Date, but no later than March 15, 2022. Further, if your employment with the Company or the Purchaser is terminated without Cause before the 2021 AIP Payment Date, you will receive your 2021 AIP Bonus on the 2021 AIP Payment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, if you are terminated for Cause by the Company or the Purchaser or if you voluntarily resign at any time prior to the 2021 AIP Payment Date, you will not receive your 2021 AIP Bonus.

(b) *2022 Catalysts AIP.* If the Closing Date occurs on or after January 1, 2022 and you remain employed by the Company until the Closing Date, you will receive an amount equal to your target annual incentive under the annual bonus plan that will be established for the Business for calendar year 2022, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days you were employed by the Company in 2022 through and including the Closing Date and the denominator of which is 365 (such amount, your "2022 Catalysts AIP Bonus"), less applicable deductions and authorized withholdings. Your 2022 Catalysts AIP Bonus shall be paid within thirty (30) days following the Closing Date (the "2022 Catalysts AIP Payment Date"). Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2(b) to the contrary, if you are terminated for Cause by the Company or the Purchaser or if you voluntarily resign at any time prior to the 2022 Catalysts AIP Payment Date, you will not receive the 2022 Catalysts AIP Bonus.

(c) *Retention Payment.* If you are employed by the Company on the Closing Date and remain employed by the Company or the Purchaser until the date three (3) months following the Closing Date, or, if earlier, the date you are terminated without Cause by the Company or the Purchaser (the date three (3) months following the Closing Date or of such termination without Cause, as applicable, your "Retention Payment Date"), you will receive a one-time, cash payment equivalent to 5% of your annual salary as in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "Retention Payment"). The Retention Payment will be paid to you, less applicable deductions and authorized withholdings, within thirty (30) days following the Retention Payment Date so long as the release of claims in Section 6 has become effective; *provided*, that if the thirty-day period begins in one calendar year and ends in a second calendar year, the payment will be made in the second calendar year. For the avoidance of doubt, if you are terminated for Cause by the Company or the Purchaser or if you voluntarily resign your employment at any time prior to the Retention Payment Date, you will not receive the Retention Payment.

**3. Assistance.** To be eligible to receive the 2021 AIP Bonus and the 2022 Catalysts AIP Bonus, as applicable, you agree to devote your full time, effort and attention to your duties to the Company and to the Company's efforts to consummate the Transaction. Without limiting the foregoing, you agree that you will assist the Company in connection with the Transaction as requested by the Company, including without limitation by fully cooperating with the Company in winding up your work for the Company and transitioning your work to any person designated by the Company.

#### 4. Confidentiality.

(a) By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that you will receive and be exposed to the confidential business information of the Company in the ordinary course of business and as the Company prepares for the Transaction, including without limitation: financial data and information; data, information, plans and materials relating to the Transaction (including with respect to actual or potential acquirers of the Business); information relating to negotiations, transactions and potential transactions; business processes, practices, methods, policies, plans, publications, documents, research, operations, services, strategies, techniques and systems; agreements, contracts, and terms of agreements; material and sources of material; information relating to product purchasers, suppliers, vendors and other business partners of the Company; accounting, legal, marketing, advertising, pricing, staffing, personnel and credit information; and trade secrets, designs, developments, reports, internal controls, security procedures, graphics, drawings, sketches, market studies, sales information, revenue, costs, formulae, notes, communications and product plans (collectively, "Confidential Information"). You agree never to disclose Confidential Information to any third party at any time (including following the termination of your employment), and that unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement; *provided*, that if disclosure is required by applicable law, you may make such disclosure subject to providing the Company with prompt notice of such legal requirement prior to making any disclosure. You will keep the terms of this Agreement and all payments and benefits to which you may be entitled under this Agreement strictly confidential, and will make no statement related thereto, provided that you may discuss this Agreement with your attorney, tax advisors and immediate family members and if disclosure is required by applicable law, you may make such disclosure subject to providing the Company with prompt notice of such legal requirement prior to making any disclosure.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, this Section 4 does not in any way restrict or impede you from exercising protected rights to the extent that such rights cannot be waived by agreement or from complying with any applicable law or regulation or a valid order of a court of competent jurisdiction or an authorized government agency. You are hereby provided notice pursuant to the 2016 Defend Trade Secrets Act (the "DTSA") that the DTSA provides that (i) no individual will be held criminally or civilly liable under Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret (as defined in the Economic Espionage Act) that (a) is made in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney, and made solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law, or (b) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal so that it is not made public, and (ii) an individual who pursues a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and does not disclose the trade secret, except as permitted by court order.

(c) This Section 4 does not supersede or relieve you of any obligation you may have under any Non-Solicitation, Non-Compete and Confidentiality Agreement, Information Security Agreement or Intellectual Property Agreement (or any other confidentiality agreement, nondisclosure agreement, or other agreement containing any restrictive covenant) between you and the Company (any such agreement, a "Restrictive Covenant Agreement").



5. **LTI Awards.** Prior to the Closing Date, any and all outstanding incentive awards (the “LTI Awards”) previously granted to you under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) shall continue in effect, subject to the terms and conditions of the LTI Awards and the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the applicable award agreement for the LTI Award, subject to your execution and non-revocation of this Agreement (including the release of claims in Section 6), your continuing compliance with the terms of this Agreement through the Closing Date and the review and approval of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors in accordance with the requirements of Section 16, and if you are employed by the Company on the Closing Date and remain employed by the Company or the Purchaser until the date twelve (12) months following the Closing Date, or, if earlier, the date you are terminated without Cause by the Company or the Purchaser (the date twelve (12) months following the Closing Date or of such termination without Cause, as applicable, your “Retention Date”), your LTI Awards shall be treated as follows subject to and upon the closing of the Transaction:

- (a) With respect to your outstanding Restricted Stock Unit LTI Awards (“RSUs”),
  - (i) A pro rata number of the RSUs under each outstanding LTI Award, equal to 1/36 of the total number of RSUs granted under the LTI Award for each full month of service performed following the grant date of the LTI Award and prior to the Closing Date, shall vest and be settled on the Closing Date. All RSUs under each outstanding LTI Award in excess of the pro rata number of RSUs that vest pursuant to this Section 5(a)(i) (such excess RSUs, the “Remaining RSUs”) shall remain outstanding, subject to the terms set forth in Section 5(a)(ii).
  - (ii) Provided that your employment with the Purchaser is not terminated by the Purchaser for Cause or by you voluntarily before the Retention Date, you shall be entitled to one share of the Company’s common stock (“Share”) per Remaining RSU, which shall vest and be paid to you on the date or dates on which such Remaining RSUs would have vested and been paid to you under the terms of the applicable LTI Award but for the Transaction. If your employment is terminated due to your death or disability prior to the Retention Date, the Shares you would be entitled to as set forth in this Section 5(a)(ii) shall vest and be earned and paid to you pursuant to the terms of the LTI Award. All payments made pursuant to this Section 5(a)(ii) shall be subject to all applicable deductions and authorized withholdings.
- (b) With respect to your outstanding TSR and ROIC Performance Unit LTI Awards (“Performance Units”),
  - (i) Any unpaid portion of the Performance Units payable to you under the Performance Unit LTI Award granted to you on February 2018 (the “2018 Award”) will be fully vested and paid on the earlier of

January 1, 2022 or the Closing Date, provided you do not voluntarily terminate your employment and are not terminated for Cause before the applicable payment date. The Performance Units payable to you under the Performance Unit LTI Award granted to you on February 2019 (the “2019 Award”) for which the performance period will conclude on December 31, 2021, will be earned as determined by the Compensation Committee in the first quarter of 2022 (the date of the Compensation Committee’s determination of number of Performance Units earned under the 2019 Award, the “Award Date”), with 50% of the earned Performance Units under the 2019 Award vested and paid on the Award Date, and the remaining 50% of the earned Performance Units under the 2019 Award vested and paid on the earlier of (x) the Closing Date (or, if later, the Award Date) and (y) January 1, 2023; *provided, however*, if you voluntarily terminate your employment or are terminated for Cause before the earlier of the Closing Date or the Award Date, all Performance Units under the 2019 Award shall be forfeited.

- (ii) A pro rata number of the Performance Units under each outstanding LTI Award other than the 2018 Award and the 2019 Award, equal to 1/36 of the target number of Performance Units granted under the LTI Award for each full month of the applicable Measurement Period (as defined in the LTI Award) prior to the Closing Date, shall vest and be earned and paid to you pursuant to the terms of the LTI Award. The target number of Performance Units under each outstanding LTI Award other than the 2018 Award and the 2019 Award in excess of the pro rata number of target Performance Units that vest pursuant to this Section 5(b)(ii) (such excess Performance Units, the “Remaining Performance Units”) shall remain outstanding, subject to the terms set forth in Section 5(c)(iii).
- (iii) Provided that your employment with the Purchaser is not terminated by the Purchaser for Cause or by you voluntarily before the applicable Retention Date, you shall be entitled to one Share per Remaining Performance Unit, 50% of which shall vest and be paid to you on March 31 of the year in which such Remaining Performance Units would have vested and been paid to you under the applicable LTI Award but for the Transaction, and 50% of which shall vest and be paid to you on the following January 1. If your employment is terminated due to your death or disability prior to the Retention Date, the payment of Shares shall vest and be earned and paid to you pursuant to the terms of the LTI Award. All payments made pursuant to this Section 5(b)(iii) shall be subject to all applicable deductions and authorized withholdings.

- (c) With respect to your outstanding stock options (“Options”),
- (i) A pro rata number of the Options under each outstanding LTI Award, equal to 1/36 of the total number of Options granted under the LTI Award for each full month of service performed following the grant date of the LTI Award and prior to the Closing Date, shall vest and become exercisable (subject to the exercisability period and other terms of the LTI Award) on the Closing Date. All Options under each outstanding LTI Award in excess of the pro rata number of Options that vest pursuant to this Section 5(c)(i) (such excess Options, the “Remaining Options”) shall remain outstanding, subject to the terms set forth in Section 5(c)(ii).
  - (ii) Provided that your employment with the Purchaser is not terminated by the Purchaser for Cause or by you voluntarily before the applicable Retention Date, the Remaining Options shall vest and become exercisable (subject to the exercisability period and other terms of the LTI Award) on the date on which such Remaining Options would have vested under the terms of the applicable LTI Award but for the Transaction. If your employment is terminated due to your death or disability prior to the Retention Date, the Remaining Options that would have vested pursuant to this Section 5(c)(ii) shall vest and become exercisable (subject to the exercisability period and other terms of the LTI Award) upon such termination of employment. All payments made pursuant to this Section 5(c)(ii) shall be subject to all applicable deductions and authorized withholdings.

**6. Release.**

(a) In consideration of (i) Albemarle entering into this Agreement, (ii) the opportunity for you to receive Enhanced Compensation, and (iii) the Enhanced Compensation, if received, each of which you would not otherwise be entitled, you hereby knowingly and voluntarily release Albemarle, its parents and subsidiaries, and its and their respective officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, shareholders, successors, assigns, affiliates and representatives, (collectively, the “Releasees”) from liability for any and all claims or damages that you had, have or may have against the Releasees as of the date of your execution of this Agreement, whether known or unknown. Specifically, you hereby release, without limitation, all:

- i. Claims arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Civil Rights Act of 1991; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (“ADEA”); the Older Workers Benefits Protection Act (OWBPA); Section 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code; the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN); the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA); the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); the Rehabilitation Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with the amendments thereto (ADAAA); the Family and Medical

Leave Act (FMLA); the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA); the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA); the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX); the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA); the Labor Management Relations Act (LMRA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); the Texas Payday Act; the Texas Anti-Retaliation Act; Chapter 21 of the Texas Labor Code; the Texas Whistleblower Act; and any other federal, state or local constitution, statute, ordinance, or executive order relating to discrimination, retaliation, or fair employment practices;

- ii. Claims arising under any federal, state or local law or ordinance governing the relationship between employer and employee or otherwise relating to your employment or termination of employment with the Company;
- iii. Claims arising under the common law, including, but not limited to, claims for wrongful discharge, termination in violation of public policy, breach of contract (express or implied), breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, negligent or intentional misrepresentation, negligent or intentional interference with contract or prospective economic advantage, unfair business practices, defamation, retaliation, whistleblower claims, libel, slander, negligence, personal injury, assault, battery, or invasion of privacy; and
- iv. Claims for attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs.

(b) It is understood that the release of claims in this Section 6 does not serve to waive any rights or claims that may arise after the date this Agreement is executed or that, pursuant to law, cannot be waived, such as claims for unemployment or workers' compensation benefits. It is also understood and agreed that nothing in this Agreement prevents or prohibits you from filing a charge or complaint with government entities, including, but not limited to, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. However, you expressly acknowledge your understanding that, because you are waiving and releasing all claims for monetary damages and any other claims for personal relief, you may not receive a monetary award or any other form of personal relief in connection with any such charge or complaint.

(c) You understand and agree that the release of claims in this Section 6 applies to any and all rights that you had, have or may have under ADEA and all other laws dealing with age discrimination. This means that you are waiving your rights, if any, to file any type of claims for age discrimination against the Releasees, individually and collectively, with any federal, state or local agency or court that deals with age discrimination. You acknowledge and agree that you are signing this Agreement and the release of claims in this Section 6 (including the release of claims under ADEA and all other laws dealing with age discrimination) voluntarily, and with full knowledge of the consequences. You are advised to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Agreement and the release of claims in this Section 6 (including the

release of claims under ADEA and all other laws dealing with age discrimination), and you acknowledge that you have had ample opportunity to do so.

(d) You understand and agree that the Company has advised you that you have at least 21 days from the date you received this Agreement and the release of claims in this Section 6 to consider it. If you sign this Agreement before the end of the 21-day period, it will be your personal voluntary decision to do so, and will be done based on a complete consultation with an attorney of your choice. Further, you may nullify and revoke (cancel) this Agreement and the release of claims in this Section 6 at any time within seven days after you sign this Agreement. If you wish to revoke (cancel) this Agreement, you agree and understand that you have to do so in writing to Gregory Drakulic, Vice President of Human Resources, at Greg.Drakulic@albemarle.com. You also understand, however, that if you revoke (cancel) this Agreement and the release of claims in this Section 6, you will no longer be eligible to receive the Enhanced Compensation under this Agreement.

7. **Restrictive Covenants.** In consideration of (i) Albemarle entering into this Agreement, (ii) the opportunity for you to receive Enhanced Compensation, and (iii) the Enhanced Compensation, if received, each of which you would not otherwise be entitled, you agree to the following restrictive covenants:

(a) **No Solicitation of Employees.** You agree that, both during your employment with Albemarle and for a period of one (1) year following the Closing Date, except to the extent related to Albemarle catalyst employees transferring employment to the Purchaser, you will not, directly or indirectly, on your own behalf or on behalf of any other person or entity (regardless of who first initiates the communication), hire or solicit to hire for employment or consulting or other provision of services, any person who is actively employed or engaged (or in the preceding six (6) months was actively employed or engaged) by Albemarle. This includes, but is not limited to, inducing or attempting to induce, or influencing or attempting to influence, any person employed or engaged by Albemarle to terminate his or her relationship with Albemarle; helping to identify or evaluate Albemarle employees for recruitment away from Albemarle; and helping any person or entity hire an employee away from Albemarle.

(b) **No Solicitation of Customers.** You agree that, both during your employment and for a period of one (1) year following the Closing Date, except to the extent related to Albemarle catalyst customers being transferred to the Purchaser, you will not directly or indirectly, on your own behalf or on behalf of any other person or entity, solicit the business of or provide services or goods similar to the services or goods provided by Albemarle to any customer or any other entity with which Albemarle has an agreement to perform services or provide goods during the six (6) month period prior to your separation from Albemarle. You further agree not to directly or indirectly contact any customers for the purpose of soliciting such customer to purchase or license a product or service that is the same as, similar to, or in competition with those products and/or services offered, made, or rendered by Albemarle.

(c) **Non-Competition.** You acknowledge that the business of Albemarle, including the catalyst business, the lithium and lithium derivatives business and the bromine business, each of which you have participated in and was exposed to during your employment with Albemarle ("Company Business"), is worldwide in scope, and that Albemarle has a legitimate interest in protecting Company Business in any location where Albemarle operates or

does Company Business. Accordingly, excluding your continued employment with Purchaser, for a period of one (1) year following the Closing Date, you shall not, on your own behalf or on behalf of others, directly or indirectly, (whether as an employee, consultant, investor, partner, sole proprietor or otherwise) be employed by, perform any services for, or hold any ownership interest in any Competing Business within the United States or any other country where you have worked and/or conducted business on behalf of Albemarle within the one year period prior to the Closing Date. "Competing Business" means (i) any individual, corporation, partnership, business or other entity which operates or attempts to operate a business which provides, designs, develops, markets, engages, invests in, produces or sells any products, services or businesses that are the same or substantially similar to those produced, marketed, invested in or sold by Albemarle and to which you were exposed during your employment with Albemarle, including without limitation the Company Business, and (ii) any customer to whom you directly provided services while employed by Albemarle, if you intend to become, or become employed by a customer and the purpose of such employment by the customer is to provide to customer the same or similar services you provided to customer while you were employed by Albemarle. The above notwithstanding, the ownership, for investment purposes, of up to one percent (1%) of the total outstanding equity securities of a publicly traded company, shall not be considered a violation of this subsection.

(d) Enforcement

- i. You acknowledge that the restrictions contained in this Section 7 are necessary to protect Albemarle's confidential and proprietary information, trade secrets, intellectual property and other legally protectable business information; and you further acknowledge and agree that each and every restriction in this Section 7 is reasonable in all respects, including as to the duration of any restriction, the territory in which any restriction applies, and the scope of activity restricted.
- ii. You agree that the restrictions contained in this Section 7 shall be construed as separate agreements independent of any other provision of this Agreement or any other agreement between you and Albemarle. To the extent that any restriction of this Section 7 is determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the parties expressly agree and intend that such restriction be reduced in scope to the extent permitted by law, and that such remaining restriction be enforced, and that the other restrictions of this Section 7 remain in full force and effect.
- iii. You agree that the existence of any claim or cause of action by you against Albemarle shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Albemarle of the covenants and restrictions in this Section 7.
- iv. You agree that the injury Albemarle will suffer in the event of the breach by you of any clause of this Section 7 will cause Albemarle irreparable injury that cannot be adequately compensated by monetary damages alone. Therefore, you agree that Albemarle,

without limiting any other legal or equitable remedies available to it, shall be entitled to obtain equitable relief by injunction or otherwise, without the posting of any bond, from any court of competent jurisdiction, including, without limitation, injunctive relief to prevent your failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 7. The periods of time referenced in each of subsections (a), (b) and (c) above shall be tolled on a day-for-day basis for each day during which you violate the provisions of subsections (a), (b) or (c) in any respect, so that you are restricted from engaging in the activities prohibited by subsections (a), (b) and (c) for the full stated time period.

## **8. General.**

(a) Albemarle continues to reserve the unilateral right to make changes to any compensation and employee benefit programs and policies that may be applicable to you at any time without your approval.

(b) This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together will be deemed to constitute one and the same original.

(c) The Enhanced Compensation to which you may be entitled under this Agreement are intended to qualify for an exception to, or be in compliance with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and this Agreement will be so administered and interpreted.

(d) The Enhanced Compensation to which you may be entitled under this Agreement will not be taken into account for the purposes of any benefit plan or agreement, including any plans intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(e) This Agreement may not be modified except by a mutually-executed agreement in writing between you and an authorized representative of the Company.

(f) This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state of North Carolina, regardless of your work location or place of residence at any time during your employment by the Company and without regard to any conflicts of law principle that could lead to the application of the law of any other jurisdiction. You and the Company hereby agree that any action to enforce or interpret this Agreement must be brought in a federal or state court of competent jurisdiction in North Carolina, and you hereby irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of such court.

(g) This Agreement represents the complete understanding between you and the Company concerning the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior retention agreement entered into between you and the Company, and no other promises or agreements concerning the subject matter of this Agreement shall be binding unless reduced to writing and signed by you

and the Company; *provided, however*, that any and all Restrictive Covenant Agreements shall remain in full force and effect.

(h) This Agreement is binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Company and its successors and assigns. The Company may assign this Agreement (including without limitation to the Purchaser) and any of its rights and obligations hereunder at any time without your consent.

On behalf of Albemarle, I thank you for your continued service.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. Kent Masters

J. Kent Masters, Jr.

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

By signing below, I accept the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement. I understand and acknowledge that my acceptance does not create a contract of employment and does not constitute a continuing promise by the Company to employ me for any particular period of time or on any particular terms except as provided herein. I further understand and agree that my employment is and will remain at all times "at will," meaning that the Company may end my employment at any time, for any reason or no reason, with or without notice.

**I HAVE COMPLETELY READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ITS TERMS.**

/s/ Raphael Crawford    November 3, 2021  
NAME                  DATE



**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I, J. Kent Masters, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Albemarle Corporation for the period ended September 30, 2021;
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 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 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.

Date: November 4, 2021

/s/ J. KENT MASTERS

J. Kent Masters

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

I, Scott A. Tozier, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Albemarle Corporation for the period ended September 30, 2021;
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 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 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.

Date: November 4, 2021

/s/ SCOTT A. TOZIER

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Scott A. Tozier

Executive 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 Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2021 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, J. Kent Masters, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

/s/ J. KENT MASTERS

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J. Kent Masters  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
November 4, 2021

**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 Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2021 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Scott A. Tozier, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

/s/ SCOTT A. TOZIER

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Scott A. Tozier

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

November 4, 2021