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In connection with the proposed transaction, Splitco has filed a registration statement on Form S-4/S-1 containing a prospectus and Olin has filed a proxy statement on Schedule 14A and a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a prospectus with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENTS/PROSPECTUSES AND PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY FURTHER AMENDMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTIES AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the prospectuses and proxy statement (when available) and other documents filed by TDCC, Splitco and Olin with the SEC at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Free copies of these documents and any further amendments, once available, and each of the companies' other filings with the SEC may also be obtained from the respective companies by directing a written request to Olin at 190 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105. Attention: Investor Relations or TDCC or Splitco at The Dow Chemical Company, 2030 Dow Center, Midland, Michigan 48674, Attention: Investor Relations.

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"EBITDA" is defined as earnings (i.e., "Net Income") before interest, income

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taxes, depreciation and amortization.

"Operating EBITDA" is defined as EBITDA excluding the impact of "Certain Items."

"Operating EPS" is defined as earnings per share excluding the impact of "Certain Items."

"Operating Return on Capital" is on a trailing twelve month basis and defined as "Adjusted Net Operating Profit After Tax divided by Average Total Capital."

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Dow and Olin - A Long-Term Strategic Win/Win

Dow best long-term  
ethylene owner

Chlorine Ethylene

Olin best long-term  
chlorine owner

High-return uses of ethylene  
Dow retains site integration while improving ROC

Low-cost ECU producer  
Olin is fully integrated and diverse global leader in chlorine

Retains Dow's chlorine integration advantage  
ROC accretive - expected to improve balance sheet by ~\$5B through liability  
reduction, cash and share buybacks Reduces exposure to vinyl chain Enables  
capital prioritization to highest return opportunities

Rapid step up to premier global position in chlorine chain Realizes ethylene  
integration at scale and USGC producer costs Positioned to compete

Integrated base load customer  
Diversifies product offering and markets

Accelerates ROC Improvement; ~\$8B in Pretax Proceeds  
(1) Based on 3-23-15 timeframe

Olin Synthetic Ethylene Ownership

Dow Benefits

Receives reinvestment economics on ~1980 ethylene capacity connected to chlorine derivatives Receives ~\$0.7B capacity rights payment with potential for an additional ~\$0.5B due upon option trigger Olin Benefits

Immediate back integration to USGC ethylene economics Access of up to 345 KTA of ethylene Future option for 300 KTA increment in 2021 Deal Mechanics (20-year deal with upfront and per-lb payments)

Rights to 345 KTA ethylene/year starting at deal close with option for additional 300 KTA in 2021 related to Dow legacy contract sale/purchase at full industry integrated producer basis unit costs. Realizes Reinvestment Economics on ~35 Year Old Ethylene Capacity

Strength of "New Olin" The Global Leader in Chlorine Derivatives with Unmatched Scale, Integration and Diversification

(as of 2016)	Brine	Power	Ethylene
	Integration	Integration	Integration

In-House Cell Technology and Services

Diverse

Chlorine Outlets

(1) Via capacity reservation off-take agreements  
with Dow at economic cost-based pricing

Source: IHS; Publically available information