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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT 0

OF 1934

(Commission File Number) 001-32410

CELANESE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 98-0420726 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

222 West Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 900N

75039-5421 Irving, TX (Zip Code) (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(972) 443-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes b No o

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

Large accelerated filer b

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

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

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, as of April 17, 2012 was 156,400,883.

CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2012

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Three Months Ended

Item 1. Financial Statements CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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	March 31,	2011	
	2012 2011		
		ons, except sha	are
	and per sha		
Net sales	1,633	1,589	
Cost of sales	(1,363) (1,238)
Gross profit	270	351	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(134) (128)
Amortization of intangible assets	(13) (16)
Research and development expenses	(26) (23)
Other (charges) gains, net	_	3	
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	1	1	
Gain (loss) on disposition of businesses and assets, net	_	_	
Operating profit (loss)	98	188	
Equity in net earnings (loss) of affiliates	51	43	
Interest expense	(45) (55)
Refinancing expense	_	_	
Interest income	1	1	
Dividend income - cost investments	_		
Other income (expense), net	2	3	
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	107	180	
Income tax (provision) benefit	76	(42)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	183	138	
Earnings (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	_	6	
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	_		
Income tax (provision) benefit from discontinued operations	_	(2)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	_	4	
Net earnings (loss)	183	142	
Net (earnings) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	183	142	
Cumulative preferred stock dividends	_		
Net earnings (loss) available to common stockholders	183	142	
Amounts attributable to Celanese Corporation			
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	183	138	
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	_	4	
Net earnings (loss)	183	142	
Earnings (loss) per common share - basic			
Continuing operations	1.17	0.88	
Discontinued operations	—	0.03	
Net earnings (loss) - basic	1.17	0.91	
Earnings (loss) = basic Earnings (loss) per common share - diluted	1.1/	0.71	
Continuing operations	1.15	0.87	
Discontinued operations		0.03	
Net earnings (loss) - diluted	1.15	0.03	
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 Weighted average shares - basic
 156,542,424
 155,966,259

 Weighted average shares - diluted
 159,080,760
 158,666,687

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In \$ millions)	
Net earnings (loss)	183	142
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities		
Foreign currency translation	26	58
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	1	9
Pension and postretirement benefits	6	3
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	33	70
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	216	212
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests		_
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation		212

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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	As of	As of
	March 31,	December 31,
	2012	2011
	(In \$ millions, except share	
	data)	
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	727	682
Trade receivables - third party and affiliates (net of allowance for doubtful accounts -	928	871
2012: \$9; 2011: \$9)	920	0/1
Non-trade receivables, net	207	235
Inventories		