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### Ecolab Delivers Strong First Quarter (Revised)

**Reported diluted EPS \$0.62; adjusted EPS +23% to \$0.74**  
**2014 full-year adjusted EPS forecast remains \$4.10 to \$4.20, +16% to 19%**

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Ecolab Inc. (NYSE:ECL):

#### 2014 FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Reported sales +16%; acquisition adjusted fixed currency sales +5% led by the Specialty, Energy, Food & Beverage businesses and the Latin America and Asia Pacific regions**
- **Reported diluted EPS \$0.62, +17%**
- **Record adjusted EPS \$0.74, +23%, excluding special gains and charges and discrete tax items, driven by solid sales gains, cost efficiency programs and synergies**

(Millions, except per share)	First Quarter Ended March 31 (unaudited)							
	Reported First Quarter			% change	Adjusted* First Quarter			% change
	2014	2013			2014	2013		
Net Sales	\$ 3,336.6	\$ 2,872.1	16%	\$ 3,336.6	\$ 2,872.1	16%		
Operating Income	350.9	261.7	34%	386.5	313.4	23%		
Net Income Attributable to Ecolab	191.0	159.6	20%	228.2	180.5	26%		
Diluted Net Income Per Share	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.53	17%	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.60	23%		

\* Operating income is adjusted for special gains and charges. Net income and diluted net income per share are adjusted for special gains and charges and discrete tax items.

Ecolab Inc. delivered strong first quarter earnings as continued solid sales growth and operating margin gains led to a 23% adjusted earnings per share increase over last year.

#### CEO comment

Commenting on the quarter, Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab's chairman and chief executive officer said, "First quarter results were in line with our expectations, as our team delivered solid organic sales growth and strong earnings gains, more than offsetting unfavorable currencies.

"We continue to expect a strong year in 2014. Global economies remain choppy, so we continue to focus on driving sales growth through our strong value proposition – providing the leading products and on-site service that deliver the best results and lowest operating costs for customers – while also generating improved cost efficiencies and synergies to further accelerate earnings growth. We are in a terrific position, with major growth opportunities in all of our markets. We are committed to delivering superior results for our customers and shareholders in 2014, and continue to invest in the best opportunities for future growth."

#### Quarter overview

(Millions)	First Quarter Ended March 31 (unaudited)							
	Reported			% Change	Adjusted Fixed Currency*			% Change
	2014	2013			2014	2013		
Net Sales	\$ 3,336.3	\$ 2,872.1	16%	\$ 3,309.1	\$ 2,799.1	18%		
Operating Income	350.9	261.7	34%	383.6	302.7	27%		

\* Operating income is adjusted for special gains and charges.

Ecolab's reported sales rose 16% to a record \$3.3 billion in the first quarter of 2014. Fixed currency sales rose 18%. First quarter 2014 acquisition adjusted fixed currency sales rose 5%.

Acquisition adjusted growth rates generally exclude the results of any acquired business for the first twelve months post acquisition and exclude the results of any divested businesses for the twelve months prior to divestiture. Champion is an exception. Due to the rapid pace at which the business is being fully integrated within our Global Energy

segment, including all customer selling activity, discrete financial data specific to the legacy Champion business is not readily available post acquisition. As such, to allow for the most meaningful period-over-period comparison, specific to the Champion transaction, Champion's results for the comparable period of the prior year have been included for purposes of providing acquisition adjusted growth rates.

First quarter 2014 reported operating income increased 34% to \$351 million. Both reported first quarter 2014 and 2013 results include special gains and charges. Excluding special gains and charges, first quarter 2014 adjusted operating income of \$387 million increased 23% compared with first quarter 2013 adjusted operating income. Excluding special gains and charges and at fixed currency rates, first quarter 2014 adjusted fixed currency operating income of \$384 million increased 27% when compared with first quarter 2013 adjusted fixed currency operating income. First quarter 2014 adjusted fixed currency operating income, adjusted for acquisitions, increased 17%.

First quarter 2014 reported net income attributable to Ecolab increased 20% to \$191 million and reported diluted earnings per share increased 17% to \$0.62. Excluding special gains and charges and discrete tax items, first quarter 2014 adjusted net income rose 26% to \$228 million, and adjusted diluted earnings per share increased 23% to \$0.74, when compared with first quarter 2013 adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$0.60. Currency translation had a negative impact of \$0.02 per share on reported and adjusted diluted earnings per share in the first quarter of 2014.

### **Segment review**

Effective in the first quarter of 2014, Ecolab made immaterial changes to its reportable segments, including the movement of certain customers between reportable segments and updates to the internal allocations of certain supply chain and SG&A expenses related to our centralized functions. These changes had no impact on Ecolab's consolidated sales or operating income. Results for 2013 have been revised to conform to the current year presentation and are reflected in the following commentary for both 2013 and 2014 results.

First quarter 2014 sales for the Global Industrial segment, when measured at fixed currency rates, rose 3% to \$1,138 million, led by Food & Beverage and Water. Fixed currency operating income increased 7% to \$120 million compared with the year ago period. Regionally, Asia Pacific and Latin America enjoyed good sales growth, with modest gains in North America and a modest decline in EMEA. When measured at public currency rates, Global Industrial segment sales were \$1,148 million and operating income was \$121 million.

First quarter 2014 sales for the Global Institutional segment, when measured at fixed currency rates, rose 3% to \$993 million, led by strong Specialty sales growth. Fixed currency operating income increased to \$156 million, up 7% compared with last year. Sales for the segment showed strong growth in Latin America, with good gains in North America and Asia Pacific, and a modest increase in EMEA. When measured at public currency rates, Global Institutional segment sales were \$999 million and operating income was \$156 million.

First quarter 2014 sales for the Global Energy segment, when measured at fixed currency rates, grew 78% to \$1,005 million in the first quarter 2014, due in large part to the Champion acquisition. Fixed currency operating income increased 83% to \$132 million. Acquisition adjusted fixed currency sales grew 8% reflecting good growth in the upstream and downstream markets; acquisition adjusted fixed currency operating income increased 36%. When measured at public currency rates, Global Energy segment sales were \$1,016 million and operating income was \$133 million.

Other segment sales, when measured at fixed currency rates, increased 4% to \$173 million in the first quarter. Fixed currency operating income increased 2% to \$22 million. When measured at public currency rates, Other segment reported sales were \$173 million and reported operating income was \$22 million.

The Corporate segment includes amortization from the Nalco merger intangible assets, and certain integration costs for both the Nalco and Champion transactions in 2013. The Corporate segment also includes special gains and charges. Special gains and charges for the first quarter of 2014 were a net charge of \$36 million (\$27 million after-tax) and primarily consisted of restructuring charges and Champion integration costs. Special gains and charges for the first quarter 2013 were a net charge of \$53 million (\$36 million after-tax).

The reported tax rate in the first quarter 2014 was 31.9% and compared with 19.6% in the first quarter 2013. Excluding the tax rate impact of special gains and charges and discrete tax items, the adjusted tax rate was 27.9% in the first quarter 2014 and compared with 28.2% in the same period last year. The improved adjusted tax rate was the result of favorable geographic income mix which more than offset the expired U.S. Research & Development tax credit.

Ecolab reacquired 2 million shares of its common stock during the first quarter.

### **Business Outlook**

#### **2014**

Ecolab continues to expect 2014 full-year adjusted earnings per share forecast in the \$4.10 to \$4.20 range, representing a 16% to 19% increase over the prior year. When compared with the 2013 performance, we expect further solid fixed currency sales growth, improved adjusted gross margin and selling, general and administrative (SG&A) ratios to sales, lower interest expense and a lower adjusted tax rate. We look for unfavorable currency exchange to offset favorable pension expense. We expect these factors, combined with improved efficiency, cost savings and merger synergies, to yield a very strong adjusted earnings per share performance. Please note our tax rate forecast for the full year assumes passage of the R&D tax credit in the fourth quarter.

Our detailed outlook for the full year 2014 is as follows:

Adjusted Gross Margin, excluding special gains and charges	approx. 47%
SG&A % of Sales	approx. 32%
Interest expense, net	\$250 million to \$260 million
Adjusted tax rate	27% - 28%
Adjusted EPS, excluding special gains and charges	\$4.10 - \$4.20
Diluted shares	approx. 307 million

Effective in the first quarter of 2014, certain employee-related costs from our recently acquired businesses that were historically presented within cost of sales were revised and reclassified to SG&A. These immaterial revisions were made to conform to how management views the respective costs within the global organizational model. Results for 2013 have been revised to conform to the current year presentation. The reclassification had no impact on net earnings, financial position or cash flows.

We continue to expect special gains and charges for the full-year 2014 to be approximately a \$0.25 per share net charge, primarily driven by restructuring charges and integration costs. Amounts do not reflect the impact of a potential Venezuela currency devaluation or discrete tax items for 2014 that are not currently quantifiable.

#### **2014 - Second Quarter**

Ecolab expects second quarter adjusted earnings per share in the \$1.00 to \$1.04 range, representing a 16% to 21% increase versus a very strong year-ago period, when

adjusted earnings per share rose 19% to \$0.86.

Our detailed outlook for the second quarter 2014 is as follows:

Adjusted Gross Margin, excluding special gains and charges	approx. 46%
SG&A % of Sales	approx. 33%
Interest expense, net	\$60 million to \$65 million
Adjusted tax rate	approx. 28%
Adjusted EPS, excluding special gains and charges	\$1.00 - \$1.04
Diluted shares	approx. 307 million

We expect second quarter 2014 special gains and charges, including restructuring charges and integration costs, to be less than \$0.05 per share. Amounts do not reflect the impact of a potential Venezuela currency devaluation or discrete tax items for 2014 that are not currently quantifiable.

Reported second quarter 2013 diluted earnings per share of \$0.69 included special gains and charges and discrete tax items. Excluding these items, second quarter 2013 adjusted diluted earnings per share were \$0.86.

#### **About Ecolab**

A trusted partner at more than one million customer locations, Ecolab (ECL) is the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services that protect people and vital resources. With 2013 sales of \$13 billion and 45,000 associates, Ecolab delivers comprehensive solutions and on-site service to promote safe food, maintain clean environments, optimize water and energy use and improve operational efficiencies for customers in the food, healthcare, energy, hospitality and industrial markets in more than 170 countries around the world. For more Ecolab news and information, visit [www.ecolab.com](http://www.ecolab.com).

Ecolab will host a live webcast to review the first quarter earnings announcement and earnings guidance today at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The webcast, along with related presentation slides, will be available to the public on Ecolab's website at [www.ecolab.com/investor](http://www.ecolab.com/investor). A replay of the webcast and related materials will be available at that site. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access, the Windows Media Player or other compatible streaming media player.

#### **Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This communication contains certain statements relating to future events and our intentions, beliefs, expectations and predictions for the future which are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words or phrases such as "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "we believe," "we expect," "estimate," "project," "may," "will," "intend," "plan," "believe," "target," "forecast" (including the negative or variations thereof) or similar terminology used in connection with any discussion of future plans, actions or events generally identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our financial and business performance and prospects, including forecasted 2014 second quarter and full-year business results, including sales growth, adjusted gross margin, SG&A ratios to sales, interest expense, adjusted effective tax rate, adjusted earnings per share and diluted shares outstanding; special gains and charges, including restructuring charges and integration costs; market conditions; cost savings; merger synergies; currency exchange; and pension expense. These statements are based on the current expectations of management of the company. There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements included in this communication. In particular, the ultimate results of any restructuring, integration and business improvement actions, including cost synergies, depend on a number of factors, including the development of final plans, the impact of local regulatory requirements regarding employee terminations, the time necessary to develop and implement the restructuring and other business improvement initiatives and the level of success achieved through such actions in improving competitiveness, efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, as it relates to the Nalco and Champion transactions, these risks and uncertainties include problems that may arise in successfully integrating the businesses of the company and Nalco Champion, which may result in the combined business not operating as effectively and efficiently as expected.

Additional risks and uncertainties that may affect operating results and business performance are set forth under Item 1A of our most recent Form 10-K and include the vitality of the markets we serve; the impact of economic factors such as the worldwide economy, capital flows, interest rates and foreign currency risk, including a potential currency devaluation in Venezuela; our ability to integrate the Nalco and Champion transactions and to realize the anticipated benefits of these transactions; our ability to attract and retain high caliber management talent to lead our business; our ability to execute key business initiatives; potential information technology infrastructure failures; exposure to global economic, political and legal risks related to our international operations, including with respect to our operations in Russia; the costs and effects of complying with laws and regulations, including those relating to the environment and to the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and use of our products; the occurrence of litigation or claims, including related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; our ability to compete with respect to value, innovation and customer support; difficulty in procuring raw materials or fluctuations in raw material costs; our substantial indebtedness; our ability to acquire complementary businesses and to effectively integrate such businesses; restraints on pricing flexibility due to contractual obligations; pressure on operations from consolidation of customers, vendors or competitors; public health epidemics; potential losses arising from the impairment of goodwill or other assets; potential loss of deferred tax assets; potential chemical spill or release; potential class action lawsuits; uncertainty of customer performance, including with respect to our joint venture operations in Kazakhstan; the loss or insolvency of a major customer or distributor; acts of war or terrorism; natural or man-made disasters; water shortages; severe weather conditions; and other uncertainties or risks reported from time to time in our reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission. In light of these risks, uncertainties, assumptions and factors, the forward-looking events discussed in this communication may not occur. We caution that undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Ecolab does not undertake, and expressly disclaims, any duty to update any forward-looking statement whether as a result of new information, future events or changes in expectations, except as required by law.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Information**

This news release and certain of the accompanying tables include financial measures that have not been calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP). These non-GAAP financial measures include fixed currency sales, acquisition adjusted fixed currency sales, adjusted gross margins, fixed currency operating income, adjusted operating income, adjusted fixed currency operating income, adjusted fixed currency operating income adjusted for acquisitions, adjusted tax rate, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share.

We provide these measures as additional information regarding our operating results. We use these non-GAAP measures internally to evaluate our performance and in making financial and operational decisions, including with respect to incentive compensation. We believe that our presentation of these measures provides investors with greater transparency with respect to our results of operations and that these measures are useful for period-to-period comparison of results.

We include in special gains and charges items that are unusual in nature, and significant in amount. In order to better allow investors to compare underlying business performance period-to-period, we provide adjusted gross margin, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to Ecolab and adjusted diluted earnings per share, which excludes special gains and charges and discrete tax items.

The adjusted effective tax rate measure promotes period-to-period comparability of the underlying effective tax rate because the amounts excluded do not necessarily reflect costs associated with historical trends or expected future results.

We evaluate the performance of our international operations based on fixed currency rates of foreign exchange. Fixed currency sales, acquisition adjusted fixed currency sales, fixed currency operating income, adjusted fixed currency operating income and adjusted fixed currency operating income adjusted for acquisitions measures eliminate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on our international sales, acquisition adjusted sales, operating income, adjusted operating income and acquisition adjusted operating income, respectively, and promote a better understanding of our sales and operating income trends from underlying business performance. Fixed currency amounts included in this release are based on translation into U.S. dollars at the fixed foreign currency exchange rates established by management at the beginning of 2014.

Acquisition adjusted growth rates generally exclude the results of any acquired business for the first twelve months post acquisition and exclude the results of any divested businesses for the previous twelve months prior to divestiture. Champion is an exception. Due to the rapid pace at which the business is being fully integrated within our Global Energy segment, including all customer selling activity, discrete financial data specific to the legacy Champion business is not readily available post acquisition. As such, to allow for the most meaningful period-over-period comparison, specific to the Champion transaction, Champion's results for the comparable period of the prior year have been included for purposes of providing acquisition adjusted growth rates.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative to, GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. Investors should not rely on any single financial measure when evaluating our business. We recommend that investors view these measures in conjunction with the GAAP measures included in this news release. A reconciliation of reported diluted earnings per share to adjusted diluted earnings per share is provided in the table "Supplemental Diluted Earnings per Share Information" included in this news release.

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**ECOLAB INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
**FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31**  
(unaudited)

(millions, except per share)	First Quarter Ended March 31		%
	2014	2013	
Net sales	\$ 3,336.6	\$ 2,872.1	16%
Cost of sales (1)	1,819.2	1,539.7	18%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,136.9	1,021.0	11%
Special (gains) and charges (1)	29.6	49.7	
Operating income	350.9	261.7	34%
Interest expense, net (1)	65.1	61.5	6%
Income before income taxes	285.8	200.2	43%
Provision for income taxes	91.3	39.2	133%
Net income including noncontrolling interest	194.5	161.0	21%
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest (1)	3.5	1.4	
Net income attributable to Ecolab	\$ 191.0	\$ 159.6	20%
Earnings attributable to Ecolab per common share			
Basic	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.54	19%
Diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.53	17%
Weighted-average common shares outstanding			
Basic	300.6	295.4	2%
Diluted	306.5	300.9	2%

(1) Special (gains) and charges in the Consolidated Statement of Income above include the following:

(millions)	2014	2013
Cost of sales		
Restructuring	\$ 6.0	\$ 2.0
Special (gains) and charges		
Restructuring charges	22.6	18.5
Champion acquisition and integration costs	6.5	7.8
Nalco merger and integration costs	1.3	3.8
Venezuela currency devaluation	-	23.4
Litigation related charges and other	(0.8)	(3.8)
Subtotal	29.6	49.7
Operating income subtotal	35.6	51.7
Interest expense, net		
Acquisition debt costs	-	2.2
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		
Venezuela currency devaluation	-	(0.5)
Total	\$ 35.6	\$ 53.4

**ECOLAB INC.**  
**REPORTABLE SEGMENT INFORMATION**  
**FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31**  
(unaudited)

(millions)	First Quarter Ended March 31		
	2014	2013	% Change
<b>Net Sales</b>			
Global Industrial	\$ 1,138.0	\$ 1,104.3	3%
Global Institutional	993.3	963.2	3%
Global Energy	1,005.1	565.7	78%
Other	172.7	165.9	4%
Subtotal at fixed currency rates	3,309.1	2,799.1	18%
Currency impact	27.5	73.0	
Consolidated	<u>\$ 3,336.6</u>	<u>\$ 2,872.1</u>	16%
<b>Operating Income</b>			
Global Industrial	\$ 119.5	\$ 111.7	7%
Global Institutional	155.5	145.8	7%
Global Energy	131.7	72.1	83%
Other	22.1	21.7	2%
Corporate	(80.8)	(100.3)	
Subtotal at fixed currency rates	348.0	251.0	39%
Currency impact	2.9	10.7	
Consolidated	<u>\$ 350.9</u>	<u>\$ 261.7</u>	34%

**Note:**

Effective in the first quarter of 2014, Ecolab made immaterial changes to its reportable segments, including the movement of certain customers between reportable segments and updates to the internal allocations of certain supply chain and SG&A expenses related to our centralized functions. Results for 2013 have been revised to conform to the current year presentation and are reflected in the above table for both 2013 and 2014 results.

The Corporate segment includes amortization from the Nalco merger intangible assets and in 2013 certain integration costs for both the Nalco and Champion transactions. The Corporate segment also includes special (gains) and charges reported on the Consolidated Statement of Income.

**ECOLAB INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
(unaudited)

(millions)	March 31 2014	December 31 2013	March 31 2013
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 300.3	\$ 339.2	\$ 824.3
Accounts receivable, net	2,519.6	2,568.0	2,182.1
Inventories	1,367.1	1,321.9	1,145.3
Deferred income taxes	170.8	163.0	201.3
Other current assets	345.2	306.3	250.4
Total current assets	<u>4,703.0</u>	<u>4,698.4</u>	<u>4,603.4</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,889.0	2,882.0	2,415.5
Goodwill	6,856.6	6,862.9	5,908.5
Other intangible assets, net	4,701.3	4,785.3	4,022.5
Other assets	413.5	407.9	346.3
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,563.4</u>	<u>\$ 19,636.5</u>	<u>\$ 17,296.2</u>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Short-term debt	\$ 1,257.6	\$ 861.0	\$ 497.1
Accounts payable	951.2	1,021.9	845.0
Compensation and benefits	474.7	571.1	405.4
Income taxes	89.3	80.9	108.1
Other current liabilities	881.8	953.8	828.6
Total current liabilities	<u>3,654.6</u>	<u>3,488.7</u>	<u>2,684.2</u>
Long-term debt	5,946.4	6,043.5	5,737.1
Postretirement health care and pension benefits	795.9	795.6	1,219.2
Other liabilities	1,893.4	1,899.3	1,423.2
Total liabilities	<u>12,290.3</u>	<u>12,227.1</u>	<u>11,063.7</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Common stock	346.4	345.1	343.6
Additional paid-in capital	4,757.0	4,692.0	4,309.7
Retained earnings	4,807.2	4,699.0	4,112.3
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(373.3)	(305.2)	(509.2)

Treasury stock	(2,326.8)	(2,086.6)	(2,094.7)
Total Ecolab shareholders' equity	7,210.5	7,344.3	6,161.7
Noncontrolling interest	62.6	65.1	70.8
Total equity	7,273.1	7,409.4	6,232.5
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 19,563.4	\$ 19,636.5	\$ 17,296.2

**ECOLAB INC.**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE INFORMATION**  
(unaudited)

The table below provides a reconciliation of diluted earnings per share, as reported, to the non-GAAP measure of adjusted diluted earnings per share.

	First Quarter Ended Mar. 31 2013	Second Quarter Ended June 30 2013	Six Months Ended June 30 2013	Third Quarter Ended Sept. 30 2013	Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 2013	Fourth Quarter Ended Dec. 31 2013	Year Ended Dec. 31 2013
Diluted earnings per share, as reported (U.S. GAAP)	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.23	\$ 0.93	\$ 3.16
Adjustments:							
Special (gains) and charges (1)	0.12	0.21	0.33	0.07	0.40	0.11	0.51
Tax expense (benefits) (2)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.04)	(0.13)	(0.01)	(0.14)
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.04	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.04	\$ 3.54

	First Quarter Ended Mar. 31 2014	Second Quarter Ended June 30 2014	Six Months Ended June 30 2014	Third Quarter Ended Sept. 30 2014	Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 2014	Fourth Quarter Ended Dec. 31 2014	Year Ended Dec. 31 2014
Diluted earnings per share, as reported (U.S. GAAP)	\$ 0.62						
Adjustments:							
Special (gains) and charges (3)	0.09						
Tax expense (benefits) (4)	0.03						
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)	\$ 0.74						

**Per share amounts do not necessarily sum due to changes in shares outstanding and rounding.**

(1) Special (gains) and charges for 2013 include restructuring charges of \$14.1 million, \$33.7 million, \$8.9 million and \$10.2 million net of tax in the first, second, third and fourth quarters, respectively. Special (gains) and charges for 2013 also include \$7.1 million, \$17.1 million, \$6.7 million and \$4.6 million of costs in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2013, respectively, related to Champion acquisition and integration costs. Special (gains) and charges for 2013 also include \$10.5 million, \$3.5 million and \$11.9 million, net of tax in the second, third and fourth quarters, respectively, for the recognition of Champion inventory fair value step-up. Special (gains) and charges for 2013 also include \$2.7 million, \$3.0 million, \$3.5 million and \$5.0 million of costs in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2013, respectively, related to Nalco integration costs. Special (gains) and charges for the first and fourth quarters of 2013 also include \$15.0 million and \$1.2 million, net of tax for the devaluation of Venezuelan currency. Special (gains) and charges for the first quarter of 2013 also includes a net gain of \$2.5 million, net of tax related to other items.

(2) The first quarter 2013 discrete tax net benefit of \$15.5 million is driven primarily by net benefits related to the remeasurement of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities and the retroactive extension during first quarter 2013 of the U.S. R&D 2012 credit. The second quarter 2013 discrete tax net benefit of \$12.1 million are driven primarily by the release of a valuation allowance related to the realizability of foreign deferred tax assets, law changes within a foreign jurisdiction and recognition of settlements related to our 2009 through 2010 U.S. income tax returns, offset partially by foreign audit adjustments. The third quarter 2013 discrete tax net benefit of \$12.5 million primarily includes net benefits from filing our 2012 U.S. federal tax return and the recognition of settlements related to prior year income tax audits, partially offset by the remeasurement of certain deferred tax assets. The fourth quarter 2013 discrete tax net benefits of \$1.6 million relate primarily to U.S. and foreign audit settlements and adjustments and net benefits from filing our 2012 U.S. state tax returns, partially offset by net adjustments to deferred tax assets and liabilities.

(3) Special (gains) and charges for the first quarter of 2014 include restructuring charges of \$22.8 million, net of tax. Special (gains) and charges for the first quarter of 2014 also include \$4.1 million, net of tax, related to Champion integration costs and \$0.9 million, net of tax, related to Nalco integration costs. Special (gains) and charges for the first quarter of 2014 also include a gain of \$0.5 million, net of tax, related to other items.

(4) The first quarter 2014 discrete tax net expense of \$9.9 million is driven primarily by the rate differential on certain prior year shared costs, the remeasurement of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities resulting from a change in the state tax rate for certain entities following the merger of Champion operations and the change of a valuation allowance related to the realizability of foreign deferred tax assets, which collectively more than offset benefits from a foreign country audit settlement.

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