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The following are excerpts from The Dow Chemical Company's February 2, 2016 earnings call transcript.

ANDREW N. LIVERIS CHARIMAN AND CEO, DOW: Turning to slide 22 and looking ahead, 2016 is primed to be another big year for Dow, and our teams are squarely aligned around three clear priorities.

Priority one, deliver our 2016 plan despite these volatile macro conditions. Here you can expect us to continue controlling the things we can control, driving our productivity initiatives, realizing the benefits of our commercialized innovation, and executing ongoing price volume discipline. We will continue to reduce costs and expand margins.

Two, close the Dow Corning transaction by mid-year and deliver the related synergies.

And three, move swiftly through the key stage gates of the DowDuPont transaction, close merge co, realize synergies on an accelerated basis, and prep the intended spins. The makeup of the teams and the timeline for the transaction is available in more detail in the appendix. These are the same slides DuPont provided during their earnings call last week.

I reiterate Ed's comments that he made during the call: We are working on an accelerated timeframe to close the merger and deliver the synergies and the intended spins. The synergy estimates of \$3 billion cost and \$1 billion growth are indeed a floor, not a ceiling.

In sum, you should expect in 2016 the same resolute focus our Dow team has demonstrated over these past several years. And speaking of our Dow team, we also announced this morning that Jim Fitterling has been appointed to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of Dow. Since the announced merger with DuPont, Jim has been and will continue to work closely alongside me in running Dow's operations. He will play a key role in supporting me to drive the successful completion of the merger and unleashing the full value of the three intended subsequent independent companies. His appointment is extremely well-deserved and a reflection of his abilities, and a commitment to our company over his 30-plus year career.

Now, we anticipate that the entire process to close the merger and set the companies up to be spun will take about a year-and-a-half all told. I'll look forward to working with Jim and also with Howard Ungerleider in the office of the CEO over that time period to bring that entire process to a successful conclusion, and enable a successful leadership handover to coordinate with my own planned transition out of the company which will occur when we are set up to be spun off but no later than the end of Q2 2017.

We will continue to drive our strategic agenda and the transformational steps we are undertaking. We will deliver further productivity gains and cost reductions. We will innovate and add value for our customers, and we will drive enhanced returns for our shareholders. And we will deliver this exciting new phase of growth manifested in the creation of DowDuPont and its three destination companies. And with that, Neal, let's turn to Q&A.

NEAL SHEOREY: Thanks Levi. Andrew, before we close the call, would you like to make any final comments?

ANDREW LIVERIS: Yeah, I think I said it in my opening script, I can't be prouder of the Dow team. 2015 was the year that we pivoted to our future. We've demonstrated 13 quarters in a row - 9 quarters of earnings beat. We had a revenue beat in the quarter. It was an exclamation mark! That's the result. Howard and Jim and I working hand and glove with our team, our business leaders, have put in place the enterprise of the future, yet, if you look at the transformative deals that we've put in place, for that future, whether it be the Kuwait pivot, whether it be the chlorine close, whether it be the Agro Fresh sale, whether it be of course, the Dow Corning restructuring, and ultimately the DowDuPont merger to create these three great companies, you can't put a quarter like that together, or a year like that together, unless you have a gun team, aligned to shareholder value, focused on margins, focused on costs, focused on productivity, and growing that top line based on quality share. I'm very proud of Jim and Howard, working closely with me. Jim, congratulations on your next step here. Howard and Jim and I are very committed to keep delivering for you as shareholders. Just keep watching this space, our headlines will only be about performance, and we can't wait till we get to the merger, and then the three spins that we'll create. Thank you Neal.

The following are slides from an investor presentation in connection with The Dow Chemical Company's February 2, 2016 earnings call.

Important Information About the Transaction and Where to Find It

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