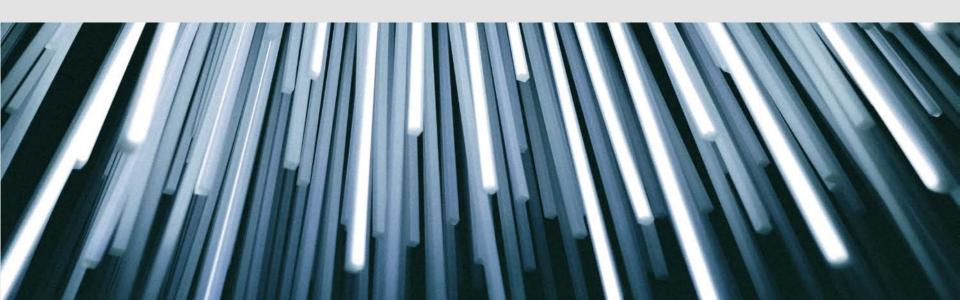


### First Quarter 2024 Earnings Results

**April 30, 2024** 

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## **Earnings Conference Call Agenda**

#### **2024 First Quarter Highlights**

Scott R. Behrens, President & Chief Executive Officer

#### **2024 First Quarter Financial Results**

Luis E. Rojo, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

#### **Strategic Outlook**

Scott R. Behrens, President & Chief Executive Officer

### >>> Analysts Q&A Session

#### **Closing Remarks**

Scott R. Behrens, President & Chief Executive Officer



## First Quarter 2024 Highlights

#### NET INCOME DOWN

Reported Net
Income was \$13.9
million and
Adjusted Net
Income<sup>(1)</sup> was
\$14.7 million,
down 11% yearover-year mainly
due to a higher
effective tax rate.

## EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup> GROWTH

EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup> of \$50.2 million and Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup> of \$51.2 million, up 5% year-over-year.

## **VOLUME GROWTH**

Volume grew 1%
year-over-year with
growth in several
end markets being
offset by continued
destocking in
Agricultural
Chemicals.
Excluding declines
in Agricultural
Chemicals and
Commodity Phthalic
Anhydride, Volume
was up +4%.

# POSITIVE CASH FLOW

Generated Cash from Operations of \$41.6 million and Positive Free Cash Flow (FCF<sup>(3)</sup>) of \$11.4 million, up \$175.6 million versus Q1 2023 as capital expenditures returned to historical levels.

## **COST OUT ON TRACK**

Company is on track to deliver the \$50 million cost reduction goal for 2024 through disciplined efforts in supply chain, and the benefit of the Q4 2023 workforce productivity actions.

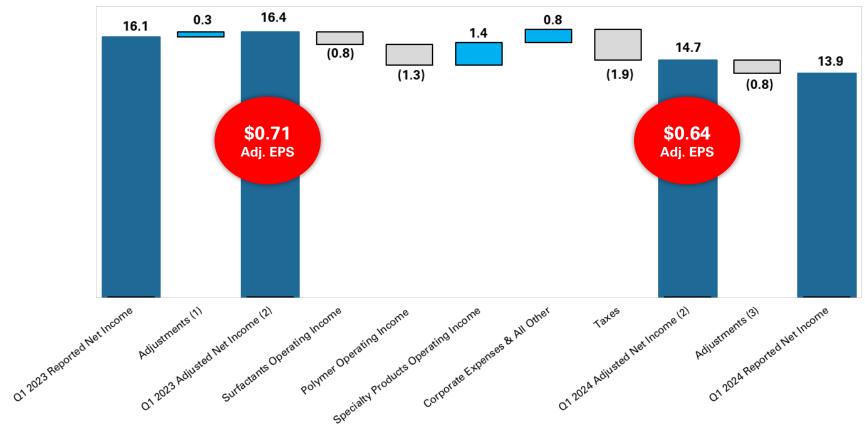


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<sup>(2)</sup> EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are Non-GAAP measures. See Appendix III for GAAP reconciliations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Free Cash Flow is a Non-GAAP measure. See Appendix V for a GAAP reconciliation.

## Net Income Bridge – Q1 2023 to Q1 2024



Note: All amounts are in millions of U.S. dollars and are reported after-tax.

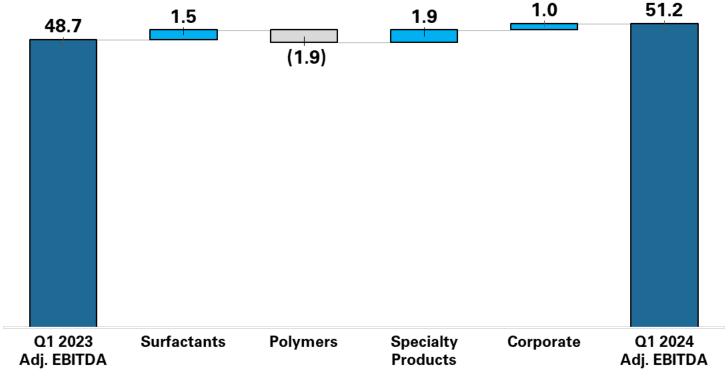
<sup>(3)</sup> The adjustments to Reported Net Income in Q1 2024 consisted of environmental remediation expense of \$1.2 million and deferred compensation income of \$0.4 million



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## Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> Bridge – Q1 2023 to Q1 2024



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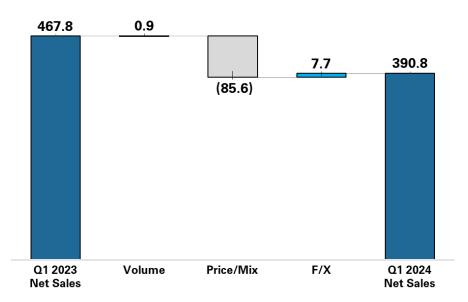
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- **Surfactants** Adjusted EBITDA growth was driven by margin improvement, partially offset by higher expenses associated with our Pasadena facility and expenses associated with operational interruptions at the Millsdale plant site
- Polymers results decreased mainly as a result of expenses associated with operational interruptions at our Millsdale site
- **Specialty Products** results increased due to margin recovery and higher MCT product line end market demand
- Corporate expenses were down primarily due to cost reduction activities, partially offset by higher incentive-based compensation accruals



#### **Global Surfactants**

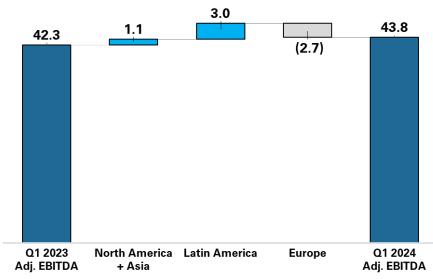
#### Q1 2023 to Q1 2024 Net Sales Bridge



- Volume was driven by share recovery in Mexico and double-digit growth in Personal Care, Oilfield, and to our Distribution partners, offset by continued Agricultural Chemicals destocking.
- Price/Mix was impacted by the pass-through of lower raw material cost, less favorable product and mix, and competitive pressure in Latin America and Europe.
- **F/X** positively impacted net sales by 2%.

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#### Q1 2023 to Q1 2024 Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> Bridge

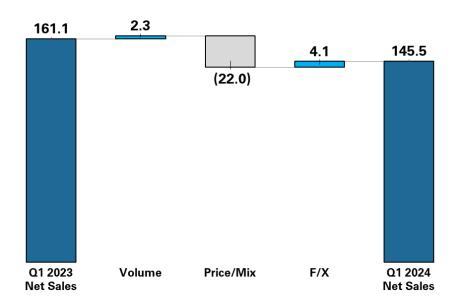


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- North America and Asia benefitted from improved margins and higher Personal Care (including Low 1,4 Dioxane products) and Oilfield end market demand. This was offset by continued destocking in Agricultural Chemicals and overall lower demand in commodity Laundry end markets. Higher expenses related to our Pasadena facility and expenses and the impact of operational interruptions at the Millsdale site adversely impacted results.
- Latin America results were driven by business recovery in Mexico and new contracted business for amphoterics, partially offset by continued destocking in Agricultural Chemicals and competitive pressure in Brazil.
- Europe results decreased primarily due to destocking in Agricultural Chemicals. Lower commodity Laundry end market demand and competitive pressure also contributed to the lower results.

## **Global Polymers**

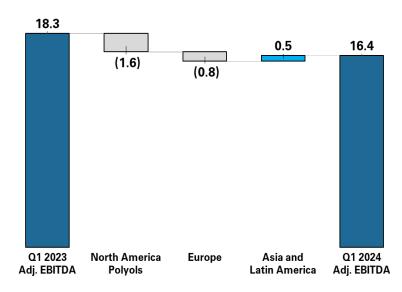
#### Q1 2023 to Q1 2024 Net Sales Bridge



## **Volume** growth was driven by Rigid and Specialty Polyols, up 4% and 7% respectively. Growth was geographically broad (US, Europe and Asia).

- Price/Mix was impacted by the contracted pass-through of lower raw material costs and the impact of lower commodity PA volume.
- F/X positively impacted net sales by 3%.

#### Q1 2023 to Q1 2024 Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> Bridge

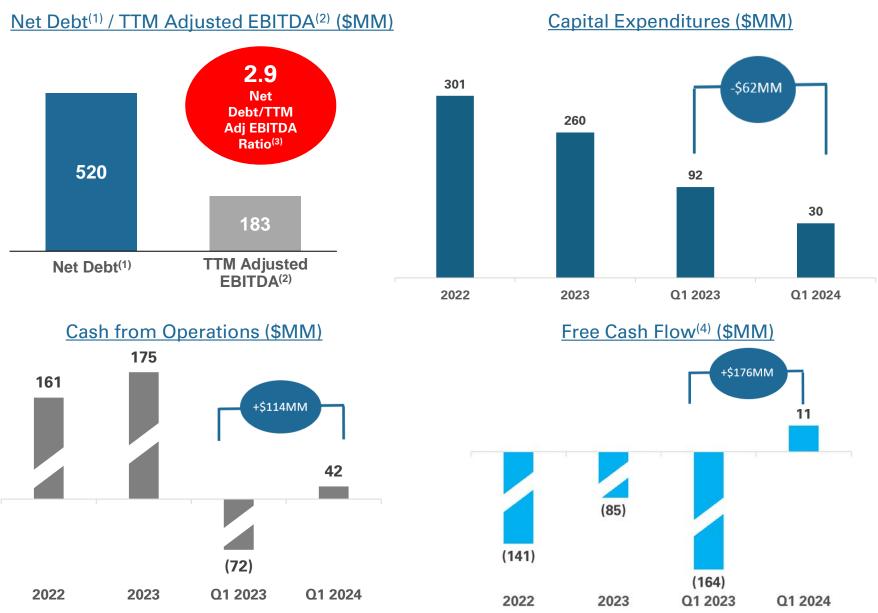


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- North America results were driven by higher volume in the Rigid Polyol and Specialty Polyol businesses and improved margins, which was mostly offset by lower Phthalic Anhydride volume and higher expenses related to the impact from operational interruptions at the Millsdale site.
- **Europe** results decreased due to slightly lower margins, partially offset by higher sales volume in the Rigid Polyol and Specialty Polyol businesses.
- **Asia** results benefitted from double-digit volume growth and margin expansion.



#### **Balance Sheet & Cash Flow**







(1) Net Debt is a Non-GAAP measure. See Appendix VI for a GAAP reconciliation.
(2) TTM Adjusted EBITDA is a Non-GAAP measure. See Appendix IV for a GAAP reconciliation.

<sup>(3)</sup>Net Debt / TTM Adjusted EBITDA Ratio is a Non-GAAP measure. See Appendix VI for a GAAP reconciliation.

(4) Free Cash Flow is a Non-GAAP measure. See Appendix V for a GAAP reconciliation

## **Stepan Strategic Priorities & Growth Strategy**

**Creating and Delivering Shareholder Value** 



- Focused Growth with Strategic Tier 1 Customers
- Grow Share of Wallet and expand Tier 2 & 3
   Customer Base

#### **Efficient Capital Allocation**

- Continue Investing for Long Term Growth
- Returning Cash to Shareholders
- Inorganic Growth (M&A)







#### Priority Market Diversification

- Agricultural Chemicals
- Oilfield Chemicals
- HI&I
- Specialty Alkoxylation
- Rigid Polyol including Spray Foam

#### **Cost & Operational Excellence**

- Safe and Efficient Manufacturing
- Asset Reliability
- Cost Reduction
- Productivity Gains





#### **Innovation & Sustainability**

- World Class R&D Capabilities
- Broad Portfolio of Sustainable Technologies & Products
- Strategic Development Programs with Customers



### **Strategic Capital Investments Update**

#### **New Alkoxylation Capacity: Pasadena, Texas**

#### \$265MM

Estimated CapEx

#### **75KTA**

Annual Alkoxylation Capacity

Startup now expected in **Q4 2024** 

#### **Summary & Benefits**

- Alkoxylates are a core surfactant technology consumed across Stepan's key agricultural, oilfield, construction and household end use markets
- Business continued volume growth in 2023 across multiple end use markets and applications
- This will become Stepan's third alkoxylation site, providing strategically located capacity for growth in ethoxylates and propoxylates



#### **COMPLETED: Low 1,4-Dioxane Capabilities: Multiple US Locations**

#### Q4 2023

All Sites Completed

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Facilities with 1,4 Dx Removal Capabilities

#### Leader

Installed Production Capacity to NA Market

#### **Summary & Benefits**

- Legislation banning the sale of consumer products containing certain 1,4 dioxane levels is in effect in the State of New York. Customers have made longterm commitments to Low 1,4 Dioxane Ether Sulfates.
- Investment in 1,4 Dioxane removal enables us to maintain and grow our North American Sulfonation business
- New contracted business started during the second half of 2023 and will continue to ramp up in 2024. First Quarter 2024 volume grew double-digits.









## **Thank You**

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## **APPENDIX**

Financials and GAAP Reconciliations



## **Appendix I**

### **Update on Certain Expectations**

(millions USD)	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Forecast
Capital Expenditures	195	301	260	120 - 140
Debt Repayments	38	38	38	54
Interest Net	6	10	12	18-20
Depreciation & Amortization	91	95	105	123-127
Effective Tax Rate (%)	20%	22%	17%	34 - 36% <sup>(*)</sup>

<sup>(\*)</sup> Higher Effective Tax Rate due to the anticipated disallowance of the GILTI deduction and Foreign Tax Credits resulting from the expected election of Bonus Depreciation for our Pasadena capital investment. Projected cash payment for Federal U.S. Taxes is zero.



## **Appendix II**

#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income and Earnings Per Diluted Share

	Three Months Ended March 31,										
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2024			EPS		2023		EPS			
Net Income Reported	\$	13,893	\$	0.61	\$	16,142	\$	0.70			
Deferred Compensation											
(Income) Expense	\$	(388)	\$	(0.02)	\$	(104)	\$	-			
Business Restructuring Expense	\$	-	\$	-	\$	115	\$	-			
Cash-Settled SARs Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(40)	\$	-			
Environmental Remediation											
Expense	\$	1,151	\$	0.05	\$	306	\$	0.01			
Adjusted Net Income	\$	14,656	\$	0.64	\$	16,419	\$	0.71			

#### Reconciliation of Pre-Tax to After-Tax Adjustments

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2024		2024 EPS 2023		2023	EPS	
Pre-Tax Adjustments							
Deferred Compensation							
(Income) Expense	\$	(517)		\$	(137)		
Business Restructuring Expense	\$	-		\$	157		
Cash-Settled SARs Income	\$	-		\$	(53)		
Environmental Remediation							
Expense	\$	1,534		\$	409		
Total Pre-Tax Adjustments	\$	1,017		\$	376		
Cumulative Tax Effect							
on Adjustments	\$	(254)		\$	(99)		
After-Tax Adjustments	\$	763 \$	0.03	\$	277 \$	0.01	



## **Appendix III**

#### Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA Reconciliations Q1 2024 and Q1 2023

### Three Months Ended March 31, 2024

(\$ in millions)	Surf	actants	Po	olymers	pecialty roducts	nallocated Corporate	C	onsolidated
Operating Income	\$	26.1	\$	8.4	\$ 4.3	\$ (18.6)	\$	20.2
Depreciation and Amortization	\$	17.7	\$	8.0	\$ 1.5	\$ 0.4	\$	27.6
Other, Net Income						\$ 2.4	\$	2.4
EBITDA	\$	43.8	\$	16.4	\$ 5.8	\$ (15.8)	\$	50.2
Deferred Compensation	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ (0.5)	\$	(0.5)
Environmental Remediation	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 1.5	\$	1.5
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	43.8	\$	16.4	\$ 5.8	\$ (14.8)	\$	51.2

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2023

(\$ in millions)	Surf	actants	P	olymers	pecialty Products	nallocated Corporate	С	onsolidated
Operating Income	\$	27.1	\$	10.0	\$ 2.5	\$ (18.5)	\$	21.1
Depreciation and Amortization	\$	15.3	\$	8.3	\$ 1.4	\$ 0.5	\$	25.5
Other, Net Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 1.7	\$	1.7
EBITDA	\$	42.4	\$	18.3	\$ 3.9	\$ (16.3)	\$	48.3
Deferred Compensation	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ (0.1)	\$	(0.1)
Cash Settled SARs	\$	(0.1)	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	(0.1)
Business Restructuring	\$	· -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 0.2	\$	0.2
Environmental Remediation	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 0.4	\$	0.4
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	42.3	\$	18.3	\$ 3.9	\$ (15.8)	\$	48.7



## **Appendix IV**

#### Trailing Twelve Months Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

	3/31/2024 TTM – Adjusted EBITDA
Reported Operating Income	57.7
Depreciation & Amortization	107.4
Other Net Income (Expense)	2.6
EBITDA	167.7
Deferred Compensation	(1.1)
Cash Settled SARS	(0.0)
Goodwill and Other Intangibles Impairment Expense	2.0
Business Restructuring & Asset Impairment Expense	12.0
Environmental Remediation Expense	2.1
Adjusted EBITDA	182.5



## **Appendix V**

#### Free Cash Flow (FCF) Reconciliation

(million USD)	Q1 2024	Q1 2023
Cash Flow from Operations	41.6	(72.1)
Capital Expenditures	(30.2)	(92.2)
Free Cash Flow	11.4	(164.2)



## **Appendix VI**

### **Net Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio**

(millions USD)	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Total Debt	646.0	654.1	711.0	537.1	248.4	222.1
Cash	125.8	129.8	127.0	236.0	150.7	254.3
Net Debt	520.2	524.3	584.0	301.1	97.7	(32.2)
Equity	1,214.5	1,216.5	1,189.9	1,116.7	1,002.3	866.8
Net Debt + Equity	1,734.7	1,740.8	1,773.9	1,417.8	1,100.0	834.6
Net Debt / (Net Debt + Equity)	30%	30%	33%	21%	9%	(4%)

Net Debt/TTM Adjusted EBITDA Ratio = 520/183 = 2.9

