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## First Quarter 2017 Earnings

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This presentation makes reference to certain "non-GAAP" financial measures as defined in Regulation G of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The non-GAAP measures we have presented include income from continuing operations excluding LCM, diluted earnings per share excluding LCM, EBITDA and EBITDA excluding LCM. LCM stands for "lower of cost or market," which is an accounting rule consistent with GAAP related to the valuation of inventory. Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") inventory valuation methodology, which means that the most recently incurred costs are charged to cost of sales and inventories are valued at the earliest acquisition costs. Market is determined based on an assessment of the current estimated replacement cost and selling price of the inventory. In periods where the market price of our inventory declines substantially, cost values of inventory may be higher than the market value, which results in us writing down the value of inventory to market value in accordance with the LCM rule, consistent with GAAP. This adjustment is related to our use of LIFO accounting and the decline in pricing for many of our raw material and finished goods inventories. We report our financial results in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, but believe that certain non-GAAP financial measures, such as EBITDA and earnings and EBITDA excluding LCM, provide useful supplemental information to investors regarding the underlying business trends and performance of the company's ongoing operations and are useful for period-over-period comparisons of such operations. Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, the financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

EBITDA, as presented herein, may not be comparable to a similarly titled measure reported by other companies due to differences in the way the measure is calculated. We calculate EBITDA as income from continuing operations plus interest expense (net), provision for (benefit from) income taxes, and depreciation & amortization. EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to profit or operating profit for any period as an indicator of our performance, or as an alternative to operating cash flows as a measure of our liquidity. We have also presented financial information herein exclusive of adjustments for LCM.

While we also believe that free cash flow (FCF) is a measure commonly used by investors, free cash flow, as presented herein, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies due to differences in the way the measures are calculated. For purposes of this presentation, free cash flow means net cash provided by operating activities minus capital expenditures.

Additionally, the ratio of total debt to LTM EBITDA excluding LCM is a measure that provides an indicator of value to investors. For purposes of this presentation, the ratio of total debt to LTM EBITDA excluding LCM means total debt at period end divided by EBITDA excluding LCM for the last twelve months.

Reconciliations for our non-GAAP measures can be found on our website at www.lyb.com/investorrelations

## 1Q 2017 Highlights

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	As	As Reported			Excluding LCM <sup>(1)</sup>		
(\$ in millions, except per share data)	1Q16	4Q16	1Q17	1Q16	4Q16	1Q17	
EBITDA	\$1,807	\$1,406	\$1,617	\$1,875	\$1,435	\$1,617	
Income from Continuing Operations	\$1,030	\$770	\$805	\$1,077	\$788	\$805	
Diluted Earnings (\$ / share) from Continuing Operations	\$2.37	\$1.89	\$2.00	\$2.48	\$1.94	\$2.00	



### Highlights

- Improved results in Olefins and Polyolefins as well as Intermediates and Derivatives
- Completed Refining planned maintenance and Tier 3 gasoline upgrade
- Allocated \$500 million in 1Q17 share repurchases and dividends
- Issued \$1 billion of 10-year bonds with a coupon rate of 3.5% due in 2027; redeemed \$1 billion of outstanding 5.0% bonds due in 2019

(1) LCM stands for "lower of cost or market." An explanation of LCM and why we have excluded it from our financial information in this presentation can be found on the third page of this presentation under "Information Related to Financial Measures."

Note: 1Q16 results include \$78 million after-tax gain on sale of Petroken: \$57 million gain for O&P Americas for the polypropylene business and \$21 million gain for O&P EAI for the compounding business.

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Safety - Injuries per 200,000 Hours Worked (1)





### Dedicated to Continue our Strong Safety Performance

(1) Includes employees and contractors.

## First Quarter 2017 and LTM Segment EBITDA





Cash Flow





### ~ \$4.9 billion in cash from operations generated over the last 12 months

- (1) Beginning and ending cash balances include cash and liquid investments.
- (2) Includes accounts receivable, inventories and accounts payable.
- (3) Includes capital and maintenance turnaround spending.

## Strong Cash Generation, Share Repurchases & Dividends





### Key Statistics

#### Snapshot at March 31, 2017

LTM Free Cash Flow<sup>(1)</sup>: \$2.8 billion LTM Capex: \$2.1 billion Cash<sup>(2)</sup>: \$2.2 billion Total Debt/LTM EBITDA ex. LCM: 1.4x

(1) Free Cash Flow = (Cash from Operations – Capital Expenditures).

(2) Cash balances include cash and liquid investments.



- 1.5 million shares purchased during Q1 2017
- \$500 million in share repurchases and dividends during Q1 2017
- Proposal of up to 10% share repurchase for approval at May 24 annual general meeting

### Olefins & Polyolefins – Americas Highlights and Business Drivers – 1Q'17

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Volume



### U.S. Industry Ethylene Chain Margins<sup>(2)</sup>



(1) Arrow direction reflects our underlying business metrics. (2) Source: Quarterly and April 21, 2017 month-to-date average IHS industry data.

## U.S. Olefins

- Ethylene price up 2 ¢/lb
- Production up post Corpus turnaround and expansion

#### Polyethylene

 Spread down 2 ¢/lb on improved olefin pricing

#### Polypropylene (includes *Catalloy*)

 Spread down 4 ¢/lb on improved olefin pricing



### U.S. Industry Polypropylene Margins<sup>(2)</sup>

## Trends Support Further Increases in USGC Ethane Supply

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### Ethane gal/Mscf Gas Increasing



### Rig Count Additions Jun '16 – Mar'17



- Growing demand focused on U.S. Gulf Coast markets
- Ethane content in natural gas steadily increasing
- Drilling concentrated in oil fields with rich associated gas
- Increased drilling concentrated in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico
- ~60% in Permian and Eagle Ford

These trends could lead to an upside of several hundred thousand barrels per day of ethane

Source: Tudor Pickering Holt, Baker Hughes, Enterprise, Bentek, EIA, and LYB.

## Olefins & Polyolefins – Europe, Asia, International Highlights and Business Drivers – 1Q'17

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#### Performance vs. $4Q'16^{(1)}$ Volume EBITDA Margin EU Olefins Ethylene price up 3 ¢/lb Volume up post turnaround Polyethylene Sales volume up 7% Polypropylene (includes *Catalloy*) Sales volume up 8%

PP Compounds + PB-1

JV equity income





### European Industry Polypropylene Margins<sup>(2)</sup>



(1) Arrow direction reflects our underlying business metrics. (2) Source: Quarterly and April 21, 2017 month-to-date average IHS industry data.

## Global Ethylene Operating Rates Remain Strong Despite New Capacity





2017 – 2021 global ethylene operating rates average above 2010-2016 rates

Source: IHS, LYB estimates, effective operating rate assuming 6% industry downtime. Based on 2017 updated balances.

### Intermediates & Derivatives Highlights and Business Drivers – 1Q'17

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Margin

EBITDA

Volume



### Propylene Glycol Raw Material Margins<sup>(2)</sup>



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#### (1) Arrow direction reflects our underlying business metrics. (2) Source: ChemData April 2017 Report (3) Source: Platts quarterly and April 21, 2017 month-to-date averages.



### EU MTBE Raw Material Margins<sup>(3)</sup>



## Refining Highlights and Business Drivers – 1Q'17

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(2) Light Louisiana Sweet (LLS) is the referenced light crude. Data represents quarterly and April 21 2017 month-to-date average per Platts.

## First Quarter Summary and Outlook



### First Quarter Summary

- Olefins and Polyolefins -Continued strong global demand
- Intermediates and Derivatives Improved styrene and methanol results
- Refining -Completed planned maintenance and investment in Tier 3 low-sulfur gasoline
- \$500 million in share repurchases and dividends
- Issued \$1 billion of 10-year bonds with a coupon rate of 3.5% due in 2027; redeemed \$1 billion of outstanding 5.0% bonds due in 2019

### Near-Term Outlook

- Global olefin and polyolefin markets remain favorable
- Oxyfuels and refining spreads following typical seasonal conditions
- Poised to capture benefits of refining capacity and olefins expansion

## Guided by a Clear and Value-Oriented Strategy

## Achieve Top Quartile Operations Practice Relentless Cost Discipline Prudent Financial Stewardship

Pursue Profitable Organic Growth

Capture Opportunities In Cycles





## We Can Generate Value by Leveraging Skills and Strategy





Building for the Future

### We Are Well-Positioned for Value-Driven Growth

### Strong Foundation

- Global reach
- Leading technology
- World-class operator
- Balance sheet capacity

### Strong Earnings Upside at a Low Valuation

- Portfolio breadth with differentiated products
- Feedstock advantage and flexibility
- Strong and secure dividend

### Talented People and Robust Processes

- Ownership culture
- Incentives aligned with shareholders
- Disciplined capital deployment processes

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