

## **SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT**

### **FOR STERLING CHEMICALS, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

This is a summary of the annual report for the STERLING CHEMICALS, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN, EIN 76-0502785, Plan No. 003, for period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### **Basic Financial Statement**

Benefits under the plan are provided through insurance and through a trust fund. Plan expenses were \$10,406,783. These expenses included \$22,182 in administrative expenses, \$10,262,272 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries, and \$122,329 in other expenses. A total of 327 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan year, although not all of these persons had yet earned the right to receive benefits.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$55,127,099 as of December 31, 2008, compared to \$74,344,571 as of January 1, 2008. During the plan year the plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of \$19,217,472. This decrease includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan had total income of \$(8,810,689) including employer contributions of \$992,812, employee contributions of \$2,031,386, earnings from investments of \$(12,193,309), and other income of \$358,422.

#### **Your Rights To Additional Information**

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. an accountant's report;
2. financial information and information on payments to service providers;
3. assets held for investment;
4. insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers; and
5. information regarding any common or collective trusts, pooled separate accounts, master trusts or 103-12 investment entities in which the plan participates.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call STERLING CHEMICALS, INC., 333 CLAY STREET, SUITE 3600, HOUSTON, TX 77002-4109, (713) 650-3700.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan (STERLING CHEMICALS, INC., 333 CLAY STREET, SUITE 3600, HOUSTON, TX 77002-4109) and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.