

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT
for
Sterling Chemicals, Inc. Comprehensive Welfare Benefit Plan

This is a summary of the annual report of the Sterling Chemicals, Inc. Comprehensive Welfare Benefit Plan, Employer ID #76-0502785, for the plan year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Sterling Chemicals, Inc. has committed itself to pay certain health, dental, health flexible spending account and employee assistance plan claims incurred under the terms of the plan.

Insurance Information

The plan has contracts with CIGNA HealthCare of TX - Austin, CIGNA HealthCare of TX – Golden Triangle, CIGNA HealthCare of TX- Houston, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Unum Life Insurance Company of America and Life Insurance Company of North America to pay health, life insurance, long term disability and accidental death & dismemberment (business travel accident) claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2008 were \$1,993,044.

Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. Included in that report:

- Insurance information including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Plan Administrator, Sterling Chemicals, Inc., 333 Clay Street, Suite 3600, Houston, TX 77002-4109, 713-650-3700. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$8.25 for the full annual report, or \$0.25 per page for any part thereof.

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 the 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 are included as part of that report. The charge for copying the full annual report does not include any charge for copying these two statements, as they are furnished free of charge.

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: U.S Department of Labor; Employee Benefits Security Administration; Public Disclosure Room; 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-1513; Washington, D.C. 20210.