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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2011** 

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated February 19, 2010)

\$

# **The Dow Chemical Company**

- \$ % Notes due 2021
- **%** Notes due 2041

The notes due 2021 will bear interest at the rate of % per year and the notes due 2041 will bear interest at the rate of % per year. Interest on the notes will be payable on and of each year, beginning , 2012. The notes due 2021 will mature on , 2021, and the notes due 2041 will mature on , 2041. We may redeem the notes of either series at our option, at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, at the applicable redemption prices set forth under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption. If we experience a change of control repurchase event, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes of each series from holders as described under Description of the Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes of each series will be issued only in registered form in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Investing in the notes involves risks that are described under Risk Factors beginning on page S-11.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note			
	due		Per Note	
	2021	Total	due 2041	Total
Public offering price (1)	%	\$	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	%	\$	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest from November , 2011 to the date of delivery.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System, on or about November , 2011.

## Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch	Citigroup	Mizuho Securities	Morgan Stanley
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November , 2011

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

Neither we nor the underwriters are making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the dates on the front of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or the date of the report incorporated by reference or the information contained therein, as the case may be.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is comprised of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which contains the terms of this offering of notes and other information. The second part is the accompanying prospectus dated February 19, 2010, which is part of our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-164985) and contains more general information, some of which does not apply to this offering.

This prospectus supplement may add to, update or change the information in the accompanying prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with information in the accompanying prospectus, this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede that information in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus supplement.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation that is different from, or in addition to, those contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, nor any sale made hereunder, shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus supplement, or that the information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell, or an invitation on our behalf or the underwriters or any of them, to subscribe for or purchase any of the notes, and may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone, in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. See Underwriting.

In this prospectus supplement, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, references to Dow, we, us, our, and Company refer The Dow Chemical Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to TDCC refer to The Dow Chemical Company excluding its subsidiaries. If we use a capitalized term in this prospectus supplement and do not define the term in this document, it is defined in the accompanying prospectus.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS RELATING TO FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated by reference, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). Those statements relate to developments, results, conditions or other events we expect or anticipate will occur in the future. We intend words such as believes, anticipates, may, should, could, plans, expects and similar identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may affect our operations, markets, products, services, prices and other factors as more fully discussed elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and in the documents incorporated herein by reference. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, economic, competitive, legal, governmental and technological factors. Accordingly, there is no assurance that our expectations will be realized. We assume no obligation to provide revisions to any forward-looking statements should circumstances change, except as otherwise required by securities and other applicable laws.

#### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information about us and this offering discussed elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) that are incorporated herein by reference. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you in deciding whether to purchase the notes. We encourage you to read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we have filed with the SEC that are incorporated herein by reference, including the financial statements and notes thereto, prior to deciding whether to purchase the notes.

#### Dow s Business

Dow combines the power of science and technology with the Human Element to passionately innovate what is essential to human progress. The Company connects chemistry and innovation with the principles of sustainability to help address many of the world s most challenging problems such as the need for clean water, renewable energy generation and conservation, and increasing agricultural productivity. Dow s diversified industry-leading portfolio of specialty chemical, advanced materials, agrosciences and plastics businesses deliver a broad range of technology-based products and solutions to customers in approximately 160 countries and in high growth sectors such as electronics, water, energy, coatings and agriculture. Dow s net sales for the year ended December 31, 2010 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 were \$53.7 billion and \$45.9 billion, respectively. The Company s more than 5,000 products are manufactured at 188 sites in 35 countries across the globe. At September 30, 2011, the Company employed approximately 51,700 people worldwide. The following are descriptions of the Company s six operating segments.

## **Electronic and Functional Materials**

Dow Electronic Materials is a leading global supplier of materials for chemical mechanical planarization (CMP); materials used in the production of electronic displays, including brightness films, diffusers, metalorganic light emitting diode (LED) precursors and organic light emitting diode (OLED) materials; products and technologies that drive leading edge semiconductor design; materials used in the fabrication of printed circuit boards; and integrated metallization processes critical for interconnection, corrosion resistance, metal finishing and decorative applications. These enabling materials are found in applications such as consumer electronics, flat panel displays and telecommunications. Dow Electronic Materials includes Display Technologies, Growth Technologies, Interconnect Technologies and Semiconductor Technologies.

*Functional Materials* is a portfolio of businesses characterized by a vast global footprint, a broad array of unique chemistries, multi-functional ingredients and technology capabilities, combined with key positions in the pharmaceuticals; food, home and personal care; and industrial specialty industries. These technology capabilities and market platforms enable the businesses to develop innovative solutions that address modern societal needs for clean water and air; material preservation; and improved health care, disease prevention, nutrition and wellness. Functional Materials includes Dow Home and Personal Care, Dow Microbial Control, Dow Wolff Cellulosics and Performance Additives.

The Electronic and Functional Materials segment also includes a portion of the Company s share of the results of Dow Corning Corporation, a joint venture of the Company.

## **Coatings and Infrastructure Solutions**

**Dow Building and Construction** is comprised of three global businesses. Dow Building Solutions, Dow Construction Chemicals and Dow Solar Solutions that offer extensive lines of industry-leading insulation, housewrap, sealant and adhesive products and systems, as well as construction chemical solutions and building-integrated photovoltaics. Through its strong sales support, customer service and technical expertise, Dow

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Building Solutions provides meaningful solutions for improving the energy efficiency in homes and buildings today, while also addressing the industry s emerging needs and demands. Dow Construction Chemicals provides solutions for increased durability, greater water resistance and lower systems costs. As a leader in insulation solutions, the business products help curb escalating utility bills, reduce a building s carbon footprint and provide a more comfortable indoor environment. Dow Solar Solutions is focused on developing the next generation of solar energy products to help solve global energy challenges.

**Dow Coating Materials** is the largest coatings supplier in the world and a premier supplier of raw materials for architectural paints and industrial coatings. The business manufactures and delivers solutions that leverage high quality, technologically advanced product offerings for paint and coatings. The business also offers technologies used in industrial coatings applications, including packaging, pipelines, wood, automotive, marine, maintenance and protective industries. The business is also the leader in the conversion of solvent to water-based technologies, which enable customers to offer more environmentally friendly products, including low volatile organic compound (VOC) paints and other sustainable coatings.

**Dow Water and Process Solutions** is a leading water purification and separation technology supplier, developing cost-effective technologies for water purification, desalination and separation solutions for specialty applications that make water safer, cleaner and more available; food better tasting; and pharmaceuticals more effective.

The *Performance Monomers* business produces specialty monomer products that are sold externally as well as consumed internally as building blocks used in downstream polymer businesses. The business products are used in several applications, including cleaning materials, personal care products, paints, coatings and inks.

The Coatings and Infrastructure Solutions segment also includes a portion of the Company s share of the results of Dow Corning Corporation, a joint venture of the Company.

## **Agricultural Sciences**

**Dow AgroSciences** is a global leader in providing agricultural and plant biotechnology products, pest management solutions and healthy oils. The business invents, develops, manufactures and markets products for use in agriculture, industrial and commercial pest management, and food service.

The Agricultural Sciences segment also includes the results of the AgroFresh business, providing a portfolio of products used for maintaining the freshness of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

## **Performance Materials**

The *Amines* business is the world s largest producer of ethanolamines and a leading global provider of ethyleneamines, isopropanolamines and chelants. These products are used in a wide variety of applications, including lube oil additives, wet-strength resins, metalworking fluids, liquid detergents, personal care products, and herbicide and fungicide formulations for the agricultural industry.

The *Chlorinated Organics* business is the world s largest supplier of chlorinated organic products and services for intermediates, which are used in the production of fluoropolymers, refrigerants, methyl cellulose, quaternary ammonium compounds and silicones; and solvents, which are used as process agents in chemicals manufacturing, surface preparation, dry cleaning and pharmaceuticals.

**Dow Automotive Systems** is a leading global provider of technology-driven solutions that meet consumer demands for vehicles that are safer, stronger, quieter, lighter, and more comfortable and stylish. The business provides adhesives, glass bonding systems, emissions control technology, performance plastics, polyurethane products and systems, films, fluids and acoustical management solutions to original equipment manufacturers

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and tier, aftermarket and commercial transportation customers. With offices and application development centers around the world, Dow Automotive Systems provides materials science expertise and comprehensive technical capabilities to its customers worldwide.

**Dow Formulated Systems** manufactures and markets custom formulated, rigid and semi-rigid, flexible, integral skin and microcellular polyurethane foams and systems and tailor-made epoxy solutions and systems. These products are used in a broad range of applications, including appliances, athletic equipment, automotive, bedding, construction, decorative molding, furniture, shoe soles and wind turbines.

**Dow Plastic Additives** is a worldwide supplier of additives and solutions used in a large variety of applications ranging from construction materials and packaging containers to consumer appliances and electronics, business machines and automotive parts. These additives and solutions improve impact strength, clarity, chemical and heat resistance, weather resistance and color retention properties of base polymers. They also aid in the processing of plastics by increasing melt strength, heat stability and lubricity, thereby enabling plastics processors to achieve greater output rates and increased efficiency without loss of quality.

The *Epoxy* business is a supplier of epoxy resins and intermediates that serves a diverse array of end-markets and applications, including electrical laminates, civil engineering, composites, infrastructure and consumer goods. The business is one of the most vertically-integrated epoxy suppliers in the world. This position helps provide cost advantages and economies of scale across the value chain, as well as dependable product and service delivery around the globe.

The *Oxygenated Solvents* business is the world s largest producer of oxygenated solvents, with the leading position in butanol, E- and P-series glycol ethers, as well as several other products in its portfolio. The business offers the broadest range of solvents for servicing a diverse mix of end-use markets and applications, including paints and coatings, cleaning products, inks, electronics, pharmaceuticals, mining, personal care and other applications.

The *Polyglycols, Surfactants and Fluids* business is one of the world s leading suppliers of polyglycols and surfactants, with a broad range of products and technology and a proven record of performance and economy. The business also produces a broad line of lubricants, hydraulic fluids, aircraft deicing fluids and thermal fluids, with some of the most recognized brand names in the industry. Product applications include chemical processing, cleaning, heating, cooling, food and beverage processing, fuel additives, paints and coatings, pharmaceuticals and silicone surfactants.

The *Polyurethanes* business is a leading global producer of polyurethane raw materials. Dow s polyurethane products offer a broad range of solutions for flexible foam, rigid foam, coating, adhesive, sealant, and elastomer applications and are used in a variety of end-markets, including appliances, automotive, bedding, construction, electronics, flooring, footwear, furniture and packaging. The business is the leading global producer of propylene oxide (PO) and propylene glycol (PG) offering PO via both a traditional process and a sustainable hydrogen peroxide to propylene oxide (HPPO) manufacturing technology, and a portfolio of PG products for a wide variety of applications.

The Performance Materials segment also includes the results of Dow Fiber Solutions, providing differentiated fibers and process improvements to the textile industry; Dow Haltermann, a provider of world-class contract manufacturing services to companies in the fine and specialty chemicals and polymers industries; Dow Oil and Gas, providing products for use in exploration and production, refining and gas processing, transportation, and fuel and lubricant performance; and SAFECHEM, a wholly owned subsidiary that manufactures closed-loop systems to manage the risks associated with chlorinated solvents. The segment also includes a portion of the results of the SCG-Dow Group, joint ventures of the Company.

#### **Performance Plastics**

**Dow Elastomers** offers a unique set of elastomer products for customers worldwide. The business is focused on delivering innovative solutions that allow for differentiated participation in multiple industries and applications. The business offers a broad range of performance elastomers and plastomers, specialty copolymers and synthetic rubber. Key applications include adhesives, automotive, building and construction, hygiene and medical, and consumer solutions.

**Dow Electrical and Telecommunications** is a leading global provider of products, technology, solutions and expertise that set standards for reliability, longevity, efficiency, ease of installation and protection used by the power and telecommunications industries in the transmission, distribution and consumption of power, voice and data. Dow Electrical and Telecommunications collaborates with cable makers, other industry suppliers, utilities, municipalities, testing institutes and other organizations around the world to develop solutions and create mutual value that will sustain these industries for years to come.

**Dow Packaging and Converting** is a portfolio of businesses that primarily manufacture sticking and bonding solutions and specialty films for a wide range of applications, including adhesive tapes and paper labels, flexible packaging, film substrates, industrial and consumer films and foams, leather, rigid packaging, and textile and imaging. These products are supported with market recognized best-in-class technical support and end-use application knowledge. Many of the businesses water-borne technologies are well-positioned to support environmentally preferred applications.

The *Polyethylene* business is the world s leading supplier of polyethylene-based solutions through sustainable product differentiation. With multiple catalyst and process technologies, the business offers customers one of the industry s broadest ranges of polyethylene resins. With its industry-leading portfolio of product and technology solutions, the business primarily serves performance packaging and hygiene and medical end-markets.

The Performance Plastics segment also includes the results of the Plastics Licensing and Catalyst business. The segment also includes the results of Equipolymers and Univation Technologies, LLC (which licenses the UNIPOL polyethylene process and sells related catalysts, including metallocene catalysts), as well as a portion of the results of EQUATE Petrochemical Company K.S.C., The Kuwait Olefins Company K.S.C. and the SCG-Dow Group, all joint ventures of the Company.

## Feedstocks and Energy

The *Chlor-Alkali/Chlor-Vinyl* business focuses on the production of chlorine for consumption by Dow s downstream derivative businesses, as well as production, marketing and supply of ethylene dichloride, vinyl chloride monomer and caustic soda. These products are used for applications such as alumina production, pulp and paper manufacturing, soaps and detergents, and building and construction. Dow is the world s largest producer of both chlorine and caustic soda.

The *Energy* business supplies power, steam and other utilities, principally for use in Dow s global operations.

The *Ethylene Oxide/Ethylene Glycol* business is the world s largest producer of purified ethylene oxide, principally used in Dow s downstream performance derivatives. Dow is also a key supplier of ethylene glycol to MEGlobal, a 50:50 joint venture and a world leader in the manufacture and marketing of merchant monoethylene glycol and diethylene glycol. Ethylene glycol is used in polyester fiber, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) for food and beverage container applications, polyester film, and aircraft and runway deicers.

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The *Hydrocarbons* business encompasses the procurement of natural gas liquids and crude oil-based raw materials, as well as the supply of monomers, principally for use in Dow s global operations. The business regularly sells its by-products and buys and sells products in order to balance regional production capabilities and derivative requirements. The business also sells products to certain Dow joint ventures. Dow is the world leader in the production of olefins and aromatics.

The Feedstocks and Energy segment also includes the results of Compañía Mega S.A., MEGlobal and a portion of the results of EQUATE Petrochemical Company K.S.C., The Kuwait Olefins Company K.S.C. and the SCG-Dow Group, all joint ventures of the Company.

Corporate includes the results of Ventures (which includes new business incubation platforms focused on identifying and pursuing new commercial opportunities); Venture Capital; non-business aligned technology licensing and catalyst activities; the Company s insurance operations and environmental operations; enterprise level mega project activities; and certain corporate overhead costs and cost recovery variances not allocated to the operating segments. In 2009, Corporate also included the results of the Salt business, which the Company acquired with the April 1, 2009 acquisition of Rohm and Haas and sold to K+S Aktiengesellschaft on October 1, 2009.

#### **Recent Developments**

On July 25, 2011, the Company and Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) announced that the Board of Directors of both companies had approved the formation of a joint venture, Sadara Chemical Company (Sadara), to build and operate a world-scale, fully integrated chemicals complex in Jubail Industrial City, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On October 8, 2011, the Shareholders Agreement was signed. Comprised of 26 manufacturing units, building on Saudi Aramco s project management and execution expertise, and utilizing many of Dow s industry leading technologies, the complex will be one of the world s largest integrated chemical facilities, and the largest ever built in one single phase. The complex will possess flexible cracking capabilities and will produce over 3 million metric tons of high value-added chemical products and performance plastics, capitalizing on rapidly growing end-markets in energy, transportation, infrastructure and consumer products. Construction began immediately and the first production units are expected to come on line in the second half of 2015, with all units expected to be up and running in 2016. Total project investment, including third-party investments, is expected to be approximately \$20 billion. Sadara is expected to become an equal joint venture between Saudi Aramco (35%) and Dow (35%) after an initial public offering (30%). In addition to equity from the partners, Export Credit Agencies and financial institutions will provide project financing to Sadara.

On July 27, 2011, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell its global Polypropylene business to Braskem SA. The definitive agreement specified the assets and liabilities related to the business to be included in the sale, which included the Company s polypropylene manufacturing facilities at Schkopau and Wesseling, Germany, and Freeport and Seadrift, Texas; railcars; inventory; receivables; business know-how; certain product and process technology; and customer contracts and lists. On September 30, 2011, the sale was completed for \$459 million, net of working capital adjustments and costs to sell, with proceeds subject to customary post-closing adjustments, to be finalized in subsequent periods. The proceeds included a \$474 million receivable, paid to the Company on October 3, 2011. Dow s Polypropylene Licensing and Catalyst business and related catalyst facilities were excluded from this sale. The transaction also resulted in several long-term supply, service and purchase agreements between Dow and Braskem SA.

Our principal executive offices are located at 2030 Dow Center, Midland, Michigan 48674, and our telephone number is (989) 636-1000. Our Internet website address is *www.dow.com*. The information on or connected to our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider them to be a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

## The Offering

Issuer The Dow Chemical Company.

Securities Offered \$ % notes due 2021

\$ % notes due 2041

Maturity The notes due 2021 will mature on , 2021. The notes due 2041 will mature

on , 2041.

Interest Interest on the notes will accrue from November , 2011 at the rate of % per year, in

the case of the notes due 2021 and % per year, in the case of the notes due 2041. Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on and of

each year, beginning , 2012

Optional Redemption The notes due 2021 will be redeemable, at any time in whole or from time to time in part,

prior to , 2021 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes due 2021) and the notes due 2041 will be redeemable, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, prior to , 2041 (six months prior to the maturity date of the notes due

2041), in each case at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed; and

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the redemption date), discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption ), plus basis points in the case of the notes due 2021, and basis points in the case of the

notes due 2041.

We will also pay the accrued and unpaid interest on the notes to, but excluding, the redemption date.

At any time on and after , 2021 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes due 2021), in the case of the notes due 2021, or , 2041 (six months prior to the maturity date of the notes due 2041), in the case of the notes due 2041, the notes will be redeemable, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at our option at 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date.

of Control Repurchase Event

Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change If we experience a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in this prospectus supplement), we will be required, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, to offer to purchase the notes of each series at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

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Ranking

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to our other senior unsecured debt from time to time outstanding. At September 30, 2011, we had approximately \$18.7 billion of long-term indebtedness outstanding on a consolidated basis, of which \$4.4 billion of subsidiary indebtedness would be structurally senior to the notes.

Use of Proceeds

We intend to use the proceeds from this offering primarily for repaying or refinancing indebtedness or other obligations as well as for general corporate purposes, which may include funding pension contributions, funding capital expenditures, financing working capital, and pursuing growth initiatives, whether through acquisitions, joint ventures or otherwise. See Use of Proceeds.

Further Issues

We may from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the holders of the notes of a series, create and issue additional debt securities having the same terms (except for the issue date and, in some cases, the public offering price and the first interest payment date) and ranking equally and ratably with the notes of a series offered hereby in all respects, as described under Description of the Notes General. Any additional debt securities having such similar terms, together with the applicable series of notes offered hereby, will constitute a single series of securities under the indenture.

Denomination and Form

We will issue the notes of each series in the form of one or more fully registered global notes registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Beneficial interests in the notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and Euroclear Bank, S.A./ N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, will hold interests on behalf of their participants through their respective U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in accounts as participants of DTC. Except in the limited circumstances described in this prospectus supplement, owners of beneficial interests in the notes will not be entitled to have notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive notes in definitive form and will not be considered holders of notes under the indenture. The notes of each series will be issued only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Material United States Federal Tax Consequences

For a summary of certain United States federal tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes, see Material United States Federal Tax Consequences.

Risk Factors

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors for a description of certain risks you should particularly consider before investing in the notes.

Trustee

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

Governing Law

New York.

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## **Summary Financial and Other Data of Dow**

The following summary financial and other data of Dow should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, and the notes relating thereto, incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Results of the Company s Polypropylene business sold on September 30, 2011, and the results of the Styron business unit sold on June 17, 2010, are included in our consolidated results through the date of the divestitures. Results of Rohm and Haas are included in our consolidated results from the April 1, 2009 acquisition date forward. The results of operations related to the calcium chloride business prior to the June 30, 2009 divestiture, have been reclassified and reported as discontinued operations.

	Nine Mont	hs Ended			
	September 30,		Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2010	2009	2008
	(unaud				
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Statements of Operations Data:	<b>4.5.000</b>	ф <b>2</b> 0.00 <b>2</b>	A 52 654	A 44 055	Φ.55.0.c1
Net sales	\$ 45,888	\$ 39,903	\$ 53,674	\$ 44,875	\$ 57,361
Cost of sales	38,596	33,962	45,780	39,148	51,913
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	3,247	2,156	2,802	469	1,277
Net income available for The Dow Chemical Company common					
stockholders	2,422	1,544	1,970	336	579
Balance Sheets Data (end of period):					
Total assets	\$ 66,951	\$ 66,001	\$ 69,588	\$ 66,018	\$ 45,474
Total current assets	21,754	20,669	24,130	19,542	16,060
Total current liabilities	12,887	13,159	13,896	13,105	13,108
Working capital (1)	8,867	7,510	10,234	6,437	2,952
Property	52,839	51,025	51,648	53,567	48,391
Net property	17,793	17,416	17,668	18,141	14,294
Notes payable	887	1,329	1,467	2,139	2,360
Long-term debt due within one year	1,674	1,772	1,755	1,082	1,454
Long-term debt	17,042	18,030	20,605	19,152	8,042
Total debt (2)	19,603	21,131	23,827	22,373	11,856
Total equity	25,141	22,604	22,642	21,124	13,580
Preferred securities of subsidiaries					500
Financial Ratios:					
Income from continuing operations before income taxes as a					
percent of net sales	7.1%	5.4%	5.2%	1.0%	2.2%
Return on stockholders equity (3)	16.0	11.5	11.0	2.0	4.3
Debt as a percent of total capitalization (4)	43.8	48.3	51.3	51.4	45.7
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (5)					