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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Maximum
Aggregate
Title of each class of securities to be registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Maximum
Aggregate
Offering Price
Registration Fee (1)
\$ 377,049,718
\$ 43,775.47

⁽¹⁾ Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated March 7, 2011)

9,988,072 Shares

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.

Common Stock

The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus supplement are offering all of the shares offered hereby and will receive all of the proceeds from this offering. We will not receive any proceeds from this offering. See Selling Stockholders.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol KRA. On March 31, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$38.25 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks referenced under <u>Risk Factors</u> on page S-13 of this prospectus supplement, as well as the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus before making a decision to invest in our common stock.

		Disc	lerwriting counts and	Proceeds, Before Expenses, to the Selling		
	Price t	o Public	Cor	nmissions	St	ockholders
Per Share	\$	37.75	\$	1.69875	\$	36.05125
Total	\$ 377.0	49.718.00	\$ 16.	967,237,31	\$ 360	0.082.480.69

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

Delivery of the shares of common stock will be made on or about April 6, 2011.

Credit Suisse BofA Merrill Lynch Morgan Stanley
Oppenheimer & Co. Goldman, Sachs & Co.

KeyBanc Capital Markets Macquarie Capital UBS Investment Bank

The date of this prospectus supplement is March 31, 2011.

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We are responsible for the information contained and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in any related free-writing prospectus we prepare or authorize. Neither we, nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to give you any other information, and we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. The information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any related free-writing prospectus we prepare or authorize may only be accurate as of the date of the applicable document.

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Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or on behalf of the selling stockholders to subscribe for and purchase any securities 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.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which describes more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the documents incorporated by reference and the additional information described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Any statement made in this prospectus supplement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement. The information we have included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference.

The Kraton name, logo and other trademarks mentioned in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free-writing prospectus or any document incorporated by reference are the property of their respective owners.

We obtained the industry and market data used throughout this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free-writing prospectus or any document incorporated by reference from our own internal estimates and research as well as from industry and general publications and from research, surveys and studies conducted by third parties.

In this prospectus supplement, unless we indicate otherwise or the context requires:

Kraton, our company, we, our, ours and us refer to Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries; and

the SBC industry refers to the elastomeric styrenic block copolymers industry and does not include the high styrene or rigid SBC business.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

We are allowed to incorporate by reference the information contained in documents that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We hereby incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus supplement (other than in each case, unless otherwise indicated, documents or information that is, or is deemed to be, furnished and not filed in accordance with applicable SEC rules):

our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 as filed on March 7, 2011;

our current reports on Form 8-K as filed on January 28, 2011, February 1, 2011, February 2, 2011 (two reports), February 11, 2011, February 14, 2011 and February 15, 2011;

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the information specifically incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 13, 2010; and

the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form S-1/A, filed with the SEC on September 20, 2010.

Any information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that the information contained in this prospectus supplement modifies or supersedes that information.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus supplement is delivered, upon written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the information that has been or may be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, excluding all exhibits unless an exhibit has been specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Requests for such copies should be directed to:

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We make these filings available through our web site at www.kraton.com. Our web site and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

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SUMMARY

Our Company

General

We believe we are the world s leading producer of styrenic block copolymers (SBCs) as measured by 2010 sales revenue. We market our products under the widely recognized KRATON® brand. SBCs are highly engineered synthetic elastomers that we invented and commercialized almost 50 years ago, which enhance the performance of numerous end use products, imparting greater flexibility, resilience, strength, durability and processability. We focus on the end use markets we believe offer the highest growth potential and greatest opportunity to differentiate our products from competing products. Within these end use markets, we believe that we provide our customers with a broad portfolio of highly-engineered and value-enhancing polymers that are critical to the performance of our customers products. We seek to maximize the value of our product portfolio by introducing innovations that command premium pricing and by consistently upgrading from lower margin products. As the industry leader, we believe we maintain significant competitive advantages, including an almost 50-year proven track record of innovation; world-class technical expertise; customer, geographical and end use market diversity; and industry-leading customer service capabilities. These advantages are supported by a global infrastructure and a long history of successful capital investments and operational excellence.

Our SBC products are found in many everyday applications, including disposable baby diapers, the rubberized grips of toothbrushes, razor blades, power tools and in asphalt formulations used to pave roads. We believe that there are many untapped uses for our products, and we will continue to develop new applications for SBCs. We also develop, manufacture and market niche, non-SBC products that we believe have high growth potential, such as isoprene rubber latex (IRL). IRL is a highly-engineered, reliable synthetic substitute for natural rubber latex. We believe the versatility of IRL offers significant opportunities for new, high-margin applications. Our IRL products, which are used in applications such as surgical gloves and condoms, have not been found to contain the proteins present in natural latex and are, therefore, not known to cause allergies. We believe we produce the highest purity IRL globally and that we are the only significant third-party supplier of the product. Our IRL business has grown at a compound annual growth rate of 36%, based on revenues, from 2008 to the end of 2010.

We currently offer approximately 800 products to more than 700 customers in over 60 countries worldwide, and we manufacture our polymers at five manufacturing facilities on four continents, including our flagship plant in Belpre, Ohio, the most diversified SBC plant in the world. Our facility in Japan is operated by an unconsolidated manufacturing joint venture. Our products are typically developed using our proprietary, and in many cases patent-protected, technology and require significant engineering, testing and certification. In 2010, we were awarded 81 patents for new products or applications and at December 31, 2010, we had approximately 1,053 granted patents and approximately 349 pending patent applications. We are widely regarded as the industry s leading innovator and cost-efficient manufacturer in our end use markets. We work closely with our customers to design products that meet application-specific performance and quality requirements. We expect these innovations to drive our organic growth, sustain our leadership position, expand our market share, improve our margins and produce a high return on invested capital.

Over the past several years, we have implemented a range of strategic initiatives designed to enhance our profitability and end use market position. These include fixed asset investments to expand our capacity in high value products, to enhance productivity at our existing facilities and to significantly reduce our fixed cost structure through headcount reductions, production line closures at our Pernis, the Netherlands, facility (Pernis) and system upgrades. During this period, we have shifted our portfolio to higher-margin products, substantially exited low-margin businesses such as footwear and implemented smart pricing strategies that have improved our

overall margins and return on invested capital. We believe these initiatives provide us with a strong platform to drive growth, create significant operating leverage and position us to benefit from volume recovery in our end use markets.

Our End Use Markets

We have aligned our commercial activities to serve four core end use markets that we believe have the highest growth and profitability potential: (1) Advanced Materials; (2) Adhesives, Sealants and Coatings; (3) Paving and Roofing; and (4) Emerging Businesses. The following table describes our four core end use markets and other end use markets, and their approximate relative sizes:

	Revenue Mix (1)		(1)	
End Use Markets Advanced Materials	2010 31%	2009 31%	2008 30%	Selected Applications/Products Soft touch for consumer products (tooth brushes and razor blades) and power tools
				Impact resistant engineering plastics
				Impact resistant for polyolefin based totes and bins
				Automotive components
				Elastic films for disposable diapers and adult incontinence branded products
				Skin care products and lotions
				Disposable food packaging
				Medical packaging films and tubing, often as alternative to PVC
				Wire & cable insulation/jacketing, alternative to PVC
Adhesives, Sealants and Coatings	32%	32%	32%	Tapes and labels
				Non-woven and industrial adhesives
				Industrial and consumer weather sealants
Paving and Roofing	28%	26%	31%	Asphalt modification for performance roadways, bridges and airports
				Asphalt modification for roofing felts and shingles
Emerging Businesses	7%	7%	3%	Surgical gloves
				Condoms
Other Markets	2%	4%	4%	Lubricants and fuel additives
				High styrenics packaging
				Footwear

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(1) Based on 2010, 2009 and 2008 sales of \$1,228 million, \$920 million and \$1,171 million (excludes by-product sales, which are reported as other revenues).

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Our Competitive Strengths

We believe the following competitive strengths help us to sustain our market leadership position and contribute to our ability to generate superior margins and strong cash flow. We expect these strengths to support our growth in the future:

The Market Leader in SBCs: We believe we hold the number one global market position, based on 2010 sales revenue, in each of our four core end use markets, with sales of approximately \$1,228 million and sales volumes of approximately 307 kilotons for the year ended December 31, 2010. We generated approximately 98% of our 2010 product sales in our core end use markets. Our Belpre, Ohio facility is the most product-diversified SBC plant in the world, and we believe our Wesseling, Germany facility is world scale and cost efficient. As the pioneer of SBCs almost 50 years ago, we believe our KRATON® brand is widely recognized for our industry leadership, and we are particularly well regarded for our process technology expertise and long track record of market-driven innovation.

Growth Through Innovation and Technological Know-How: SBC production and product development requires complex and specific expertise, which we believe many of our competitors are currently unable to replicate. As the industry pioneer, Kraton maintains a constant focus on enhancing the value-added attributes of our products and on developing new applications for SBCs. At December 31, 2010, we had approximately 1,053 granted patents and approximately 349 pending patent applications. Our Vision 20/20 program targets generating 20% of sales revenues from new products or applications introduced in the prior five years. In 2010, we generated 13% of our sales from innovation driven revenue. We believe that our new product innovation will allow us to drive increases in our volume, expand unit contribution margins (the excess of the sale price of a unit of product over the variable cost to produce that unit) and increase our customers reliance on Kraton s products and technical expertise. For example, for the year ended December 31, 2010, our Emerging Businesses end use market, which includes isoprene rubber (IR) and IRL, represented 7% of sales revenues. Furthermore, our IRL business has grown, on a revenue basis, at a compound annual growth rate of 36% from 2008 to the end of 2010 and is earning a unit contribution margin in excess of the company s as a whole. In addition to IRL, we believe we have a robust portfolio of innovations at various stages of development and commercialization that we believe will fuel our future growth. Examples include, PVC alternatives for wire & cable and medical applications, and polymers used in slush molding for automotive applications, and our Nexar family of membrane polymers for water filtration and breathable fabrics.

Diverse Global Manufacturing Capabilities and End Use Market Exposures: We manufacture our polymers at five manufacturing facilities on four continents (North America, Europe, South America and Asia) producing what we believe to be the highest quality grades available of unhydrogenated SBCs (USBCs,) hydrogenated SBCs (HSBCs,) and high purity IRL. We believe we are the only SBC producer with this breadth of technical capabilities and global footprint, selling approximately 800 products to more than 700 customers in over 60 countries. Since 2003, we have successfully completed plant expansions totaling 60 kilotons of capacity at a total cost of less than \$50 million, giving us a total capacity of 420 kilotons. Our manufacturing and product footprint allow revenue diversity, both geographically and by end use market. We believe our scale and footprint make us an attractive customer for our monomer suppliers, which, in turn, allows us to offer a high degree of supply security to customers.

Long-Standing, Strong Customer Relationships Supported by Leading Service-Offering: We sell our products to over 700 customers, many of which we have had relationships with for 15 years or more. Our customers are broad-based, with no single customer accounting for more than 5% of our sales revenue in 2010 (our top 10 customers together represented 29% of sales in 2010). Our customers manufacturing processes are typically calibrated to the performance specifications of our products. Given the technical expertise and investment required to develop these formulations and the lead times required to replace them, we believe our customers face high switching costs. We believe our customers view our products as being high value-added, even though our products generally represent a small proportion of the overall cost of the finished product. Leveraging our global infrastructure, we believe we offer our customers a best-in-class service level that aligns us to their respective business models through on demand order delivery and product development specifically designed for each customer s needs.

Experienced Management Team with a Track Record of Growth and Productivity Improvements: Our senior management team has an average industry experience of approximately 25 years, most of which has been with some of the world s leading companies, including Koch Industries, Hoechst AG and Chevron Phillips Chemical. Since early 2008, when the majority of the current executive team was put in place, we have instituted a number of strategic initiatives designed to enhance productivity, reduce costs and capital intensity, expand margins and drive innovation-led growth.

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Our Business Strategy

Building on these competitive strengths, we are focused on achieving profitable top-line growth and improving margins through the introduction of highly-engineered, high value-added products to drive strong and sustainable cash flow.

Drive Growth and Margin Expansion Through Innovation: We have an almost 50-year track record of innovation dating back to our development of the first SBCs. Our research and development effort is focused on end use markets and new product developments that we believe offer high growth as well as opportunities to develop highly-differentiated products for our customers, thus yielding higher margin potential. We work very closely with our longstanding customer base to produce products that solve their specific technical requirements. For example, to address an industry trend to provide an alternative to PVC in applications such as medical packaging and wire and cable, we have developed and commercialized a series of custom-designed polymers and compounds. In addition to this innovation-led growth, we believe that there are a number of end use market dynamics that will also drive growth in our business, such as the general demand by customers for higher value-added product performance characteristics.

Pursue Smart Pricing: In late 2007, we undertook a comprehensive review of our entire product portfolio, including both product-specific and customer-specific profitability analysis. As a result, we took a variety of actions including reducing or eliminating our exposure to lower margin business and increasing our prices to reflect the significant value-added benefits of our products to our customers products. Since the end of 2007, we have increased our unit contribution margins by more than 50%. We will continue to pursue pricing strategies that reflect the contribution to the end product of our high value and complex product offerings for which limited substitutes exist.

Invest in Key Growth Initiatives: For the year ended December 31, 2010, capital expenditures were approximately \$56 million. We currently expect 2011 capital expenditures will be approximately \$80 million to \$85 million. Our minimum annual capital expenditure levels to maintain and achieve required improvements in our facilities in each of the next three to five years are expected to be approximately \$16 million to \$22 million. Included in our 2011 capital expenditure estimate is \$13 million for engineering related to our ongoing assessment of a possible HSBC manufacturing facility in Asia, \$11 million to replace IR production from the closure of our Pernis facility, \$6 million for the multi-year systems and control upgrades, approximately \$3 million to replace our coal-burning boilers with natural gas boilers at our Belpre, Ohio, facility, and \$3 million for IRL expansion at our Paulinia facility.

Continue to Pursue Operational Efficiencies: We have a history of implementing continuous process and cost improvement plans that have resulted in a significant reduction in our cost position and an improvement in the way we run our business. Since the beginning of 2008, we have implemented cost saving initiatives that have reduced costs by over \$50 million, on an annual basis. These initiatives include:

approximately \$25 million for programs to streamline our operations and lower staffing levels,

approximately \$10 million associated with the shutdown of SIS production at our Pernis facility in 2008;

approximately \$5 million in cost reductions related to the implementation of our new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system in 2009; and

approximately \$12 million in ongoing cost reductions related to the shutdown of IR production at our Pernis facility. Through these actions, we have created substantial operating leverage in our business and we continue to pursue initiatives to lower our cost structure and improve operational efficiencies.

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Corporate and Other Information

Our business is conducted through Kraton Polymers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its consolidated subsidiaries. Prior to our initial public offering, Kraton Polymers LLC s parent company was Polymer Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. On December 16, 2009, Polymer Holdings LLC (Polymer Holdings), was converted from a Delaware limited liability company to a Delaware corporation and renamed Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc., which remains Kraton Polymers LLC s parent company. Trading in our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange commenced on December 17, 2009 under the symbol KRA.

Our principal executive offices are located at 15710 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77032, and our telephone number is (281) 504-4700. Our corporate web site address is *www.kraton.com*. We do not incorporate the information contained on, or accessible through, our corporate web site into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider it part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Selling Stockholders

As of March 25, 2011, certain affiliates of TPG Capital, L.P. (collectively, TPG) owned approximately 18.80% of our common stock and certain affiliates of J.P. Morgan Partners, LLC (collectively, JPMP) owned approximately 12.53% of our common stock. After the sale of our common stock by TPG and JPMP in this offering, TPG and JPMP will no longer own shares of our common stock.

Recent Developments

Pricing. We have implemented a series of global price increases in 2011, which have been generally broad-based across our end use markets in response to higher raw material costs and other factors.

Operations of our USBC facility at the Kashima Petrochemical Complex, Japan. We own a 50% equity investment in a manufacturing joint venture with JSR Corporation in Kashima Japan. Our earnings from this unconsolidated joint venture were \$487,000, \$403,000 and \$437,000 for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Operations of our USBC facility at the Kashima Petrochemical Complex were shut down on March 11, 2011, as part of a complex wide emergency procedure in response to the recent earthquake. Although our USBC facility was not damaged, it has been confirmed that there has been damage to the broader infrastructure at the Kashima Petrochemical Complex as a result of the earthquake and tsunami. Loading berths, roads and infrastructure around the facility have been damaged. Operations at our facility remain suspended due to a lack of monomers and utilities. Currently, it is impossible for us to give an estimate of when our facility will be back in operations. We continue to monitor the situation closely and are working with our partners to expedite returning our facility to normal operations. At the present time, we are able to meet our customers forecasted demand from our inventories and have initiated contingency plans to provide our customers with products from our other global manufacturing sites to mitigate any supply disruptions.

February 2011 Refinancing Transactions. On February 11, 2011, we refinanced our existing indebtedness by completing an offering of \$250.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.75% Senior Notes due 2019 through an institutional private placement and entering into a new \$350.0 million senior secured credit agreement with a maturity date of February 11, 2016. The new credit agreement provides for senior secured financing consisting of:

a \$200.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility. The new revolver, which was undrawn at close, replaces our previous \$80.0 million facility;

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a \$150.0 million senior secured term loan facility; and

an option to raise up to \$125.0 million of incremental term loans or incremental revolving credit commitments. In connection with this refinancing we repaid in full all outstanding borrowings under the existing term and revolving loans. In addition, we purchased \$151.0 million principal amount of our outstanding 8.125% Senior Notes and redeemed the remaining \$12.0 million principal amount of these notes. We also redeemed the \$0.3 million outstanding principal amount of the 12% Discount Notes. See Note 16 *Subsequent Events* to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 7, 2011 for further discussion of these transactions.

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The Offering

Common Stock offered by the selling stockholders 9,988,072 shares.

Use of proceeds The selling stockholders will receive all of the proceeds from this offering and we will

not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares in this offering.

Selling stockholders TPG and JPMP are our principal stockholders and the only selling stockholders in this

offering. Upon completion of this offering, TPG and JPMP will no longer own shares of

our common stock. See Selling Stockholders.

Dividend policy We have not previously declared or paid any dividends or distributions on our common

stock. We currently expect to retain future earnings, if any, for use in the operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. We may be prohibited from paying cash dividends on our common stock by the covenants in the senior secured credit facility and our senior notes and may be further restricted by the terms of future debt or preferred securities. See Dividend

Policy.

Risk Factors Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors for a

discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our

common stock.

New York Stock Exchange Symbol KRA

Except as otherwise noted, all information in this prospectus excludes 3,211,709 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under the Polymer Holdings LLC 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.

Summary of Consolidated Financial Information and Other Data

The table below sets forth our summary consolidated historical financial data for the periods indicated. The summary consolidated historical financial data presented below for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements for those years.

The summary consolidated financial information and other data presented below should be read in conjunction with the information contained in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, all included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 7, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

		2010	Years ended December 31, 0 2009 2008 n thousands, except per share data)			
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:						
Operating Revenues						
Sales	\$ 1	1,228,425	\$ 9	920,362	\$ 1	,171,253
Other(1)				47,642		54,780
Total operating revenues		1,228,425	Ģ	968,004	1	,226,033
Cost of Goods Sold		927,932	7	792,472		971,283
Gross Profit		300,493	1	175,532		254,750
Operating Expenses						
Research and development		23,628		21,212		27,049
Selling, general and administrative		92,305		79,504		101,431
Depreciation and amortization of identifiable intangibles		49,220		66,751		53,162
Total operating expenses		165,153	1	167,467		181,642
Gain on Extinguishment of Debt				23,831		
Earnings of Unconsolidated Joint Venture(2)		487		403		437
Interest Expense, Net		23,969		33,956		36,695
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes		111,858		(1,657)		36,850
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)		15,133		(1,367)		8,431
Net Income (Loss)	\$	96,725	\$	(290)	\$	28,419
Earnings (Loss) per common share						
Basic	\$	3.13	\$	(0.01)	\$	1.46
Diluted	\$	3.07	\$	(0.01)	\$	1.46
Weighted average common shares outstanding						
Basic		30,825		19,808		19,387
Diluted		31,379		19,808		19,464

⁽¹⁾ Other revenues include the sale of by-products generated in the production of IR and SIS.

⁽²⁾ Represents our 50% joint venture interest in Kraton JSR Elastomers K.K., which is accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

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	As of Dece 2010 (In thou	2009
Balance Sheet Data		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 92,750	\$ 69,291
Total assets	1,080,723	974,499
Total debt	\$ 382,675	\$ 384,979
	2010	2009
Other Data:		
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)	5.1:1.0	1.0:1.0

(1) Our earnings were insufficient to cover our fixed charges for the year ended December 31, 2009 by approximately \$1.6 million. We consider EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA important supplemental measures of our performance and believe they are frequently used by investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider them in isolation, or as substitutes for analysis of our results under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States.

	Year	Years ended December 31,			
	2010	2009	2008		
		(In thousands)			
Other Data					
EBITDA(1)(3)	\$ 185,047	\$ 99,050	\$ 126,707		
Adjusted EBITDA(2)(3)	194,906	91,359	152,048		

(1) EBITDA represents net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. We present EBITDA because it is used by management to evaluate operating performance. We consider EBITDA an important supplemental measure of our performance and believe it is frequently used by investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry.

We also use EBITDA for the following purposes: our executive compensation plan bases incentive compensation payments on our EBITDA performance; and the senior secured credit facilities and the senior notes use EBITDA (with additional adjustments) to measure our compliance with covenants such as leverage and interest coverage.

EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures, or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;

EBITDA does not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debts;

although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements; and

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other companies in our industry may calculate EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

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Because of these and other limitations, EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and using EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA only as supplemental measures. See the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows included in our financial statements included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

- (2) We present Adjusted EBITDA as a further supplemental measure of our performance and because we believe these additional adjustments provide helpful information to securities analysts, investors and other interested parties evaluating our performance. We prepare Adjusted EBITDA by adjusting EBITDA to eliminate the impact of a number of items we do not consider indicative of our ongoing operating performance. We explain how each adjustment is derived and why we believe it is helpful and appropriate in the subsequent footnote. You are encouraged to evaluate each adjustment and the reasons we consider it appropriate for supplemental analysis. As an analytical tool, Adjusted EBITDA is subject to all the limitations applicable to EBITDA. In addition, in evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in this presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.
- (3) We reconcile Net Income/(Net Loss) to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as follows:

	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
		(In thousands)	
Net Income/(Net Loss)	\$ 96,725	\$ (290)	\$ 28,419
Plus			
Interest expense, Net	23,969	33,956	36,695
Income tax expense (benefit)	15,133	(1,367)	8,431
Depreciation and amortization expenses	49,220	66,751	53,162
EBITDA (a)	\$ 185,047	\$ 99,050	\$ 126,707
Add (deduct):			
Management fees and expenses		2,000	2,000
Restructuring and related charges(b)	6,387	9,677	13,671
Other non-cash expenses(c)	3,472	4,463	9,670
Gain on extinguishment of debt(d)		(23,831)	
Adjusted EBITDA(a)	\$ 194,906	\$ 91,359	\$ 152,048

- (a) EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are impacted by the spread between the first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis of accounting and the last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis of accounting. The spread between the LIFO and FIFO basis resulted in a positive impact to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$12.1 million and \$37.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2008, respectively. Conversely, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as reflected above, were negatively impacted by approximately \$17.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.
- (b) 2010 restructuring and related charges consisted primarily of consulting fees, severance expenses, and other charges associated with the restructuring of our European organization as well as expenses associated with our secondary public offering. 2009 charges consisted primarily of costs associated with the exit of the Pernis facility. 2008 charges consisted primarily of severance and retention costs associated with the restructuring of our Westhollow Technical Center and our research and technical services organizations, senior management changes in the first quarter and workforce reductions in the fourth quarter. All periods also reflect charges associated with evaluating merger and acquisition transactions and potential debt refinancing.

- (c) For all periods, consists primarily of non-cash compensation. For 2008 and 2009, also reflects the non-cash inventory impairment to lower inventory from FIFO cost to market value and losses on the sale of fixed assets.
- (d) In 2009, reflects the non-recurring cash gain related to bond repurchases.

Restructuring and related charges discussed above were recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, as follows:

	Yea	Years ended December 31,			
	2010	2009 (In thousands)	2008		
Cost of goods sold	\$	\$ 6,747	\$ 355		
Research and development			2,430		
Selling, general and administrative	6,387	2,930	10,886		
Total restructuring and related charges	\$ 6,387	\$ 9,677	\$ 13,671		

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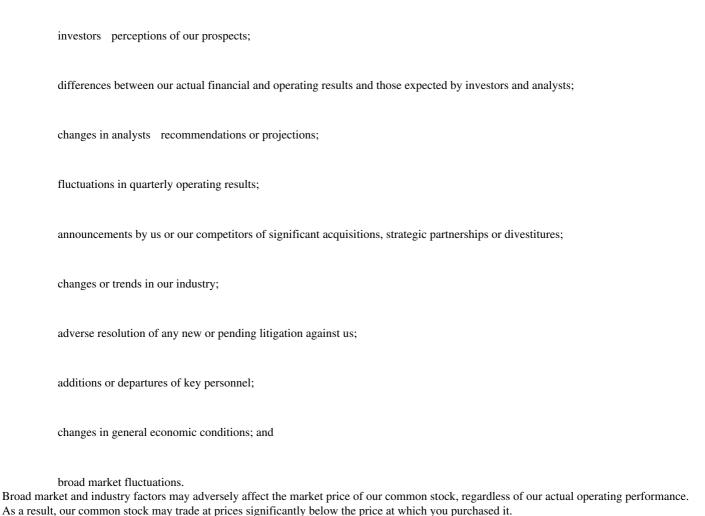
RISK FACTORS

Buying shares of our common stock involves risk. You should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described under Risk Factors in Item 1A of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 7, 2011, and in other documents that are included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Risk Factors Relating to the Offering

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, and it may trade at prices below the price at which you purchased it.

The market price of our common stock following this offering may fluctuate significantly from time to time as a result of many factors, including:



Future sales of our shares could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Future sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market following this offering, whether by us or our existing stockholders, or the perception that such sales could occur, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, which could decline significantly. Sales by our existing stockholders might also make it more difficult for us to raise equity capital by selling new common stock at a time and price that we deem appropriate.

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As of March 25, 2011 we had 31,880,732 shares of common stock outstanding. The shares offered in this offering will not change the total number outstanding. Of these outstanding shares, we expect all of the shares sold in this offering will be freely tradable in the public market, unless the shares are held by any of our affiliates, as that term is defined in the Securities and Exchange Commission s (SEC) Rule 144.

We, each of our officers, directors and our selling stockholders, have agreed to a 90-day lockup, meaning that, for a period of 90 days following the date of this prospectus, we and they will not sell shares of our common stock. However, this lockup is subject to several exceptions, and our lead underwriters in their sole discretion may release any of the securities subject to the lockup, at any time without notice.

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Delaware law and some provisions of our organizational documents make a takeover of our company more difficult.

Provisions of our charter and bylaws may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of our company. A change of control could be proposed in the form of a tender offer or takeover proposal that might result in a premium over the market price for our common stock. In addition, these provisions could make it more difficult to bring about a change in the composition of our board of directors, which could result in entrenchment of current management. For example, our charter and bylaws:

establish a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board of directors are elected at one time;

require that the number of directors be determined, and any vacancy or new board seat be filled, only by the board;

not permit stockholders to act by written consent;

not permit stockholders to call a special meeting;

permit the bylaws to be amended by a majority of the board without shareholder approval, and require that a bylaw amendment proposed by stockholders be approved by $66^2/3\%$ of all outstanding shares;

establish advance notice requirements for nominations for elections to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings; and

authorize the issuance of undesignated preferred stock, or blank check preferred stock, by our board of directors without shareholder approval.

Many of our employment agreements, plans and equity arrangements with our executive officers also contain change in control provisions. Under the terms of these arrangements, the executive officers are entitled to receive significant cash payments, immediate vesting of options, restricted shares and notional shares, and continued medical benefits in the event their employment is terminated under certain circumstances within one year following a change in control, and with respect to certain equity awards, within two years following a change in control. Any Supplemental Pension Benefits a participant may have accrued under the Kraton Polymers U.S. LLC Pension Benefit Restoration Plan also vests immediately on a change of control and any amounts accrued under the Kraton Polymers LLC Executive Deferred Compensation Plan are immediately payable upon a change of control. We note that a change in control should not be triggered under these arrangements solely by this offering. See Executive Compensation, for disclosure regarding potential payments to named executive officers following a change in control.

These and other provisions of our organizational documents and Delaware law may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing changes of control or changes in management of our company, even if such transactions or changes would have significant benefits for our stockholders. As a result, these provisions could limit the price some investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

We do not expect to pay any dividends for the foreseeable future.

We do not anticipate paying any dividends to our stockholders for the foreseeable future. The senior secured credit facility and our senior notes indenture may preclude us from paying cash dividends, and we may be subject to other restrictions on our ability to pay dividends from time to time. In addition, because we are a holding company, our ability to pay dividends depends on our receipt of cash dividends and distributions from our subsidiaries. Accordingly, investors must be prepared to rely on sales of their common stock after price appreciation to earn an investment return, which may never occur. Investors seeking cash dividends should not purchase our common stock. Any determination to pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial conditions, contractual restrictions, restrictions imposed by applicable law or the SEC and other factors our board deems relevant.

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We are a holding company with nominal net worth and will depend on dividends and distributions from our subsidiaries to pay any dividends.

Kraton Performance Polymers is a holding company with nominal net worth. We do not have any assets or conduct any business operations other than our investments in our subsidiaries, including Kraton Polymers LLC. As a result, our ability to pay dividends, if any, will be dependent upon cash dividends and distributions or other transfers from our subsidiaries. Payments to us by our subsidiaries will be contingent upon their respective earnings and subject to any limitations on the ability of such entities to make payments or other distributions to us. In addition, our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation to make any funds available to us.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If no securities or industry analysts cover our company, the trading price for our common stock would be negatively impacted. If one or more of the analysts who covers us downgrades our common stock or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts ceases coverage of us or fails to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our common stock could decrease, which could cause our stock price and trading volume to decline.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements made under in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, information incorporated by reference into each of them and any related free-writing prospectus, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often characterized by the use of words such as believes, estimates, expects, projects, may, plans or anticipates, or by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors that could cause the actual results, performance or our achievements, or industry results, to differ materially from historical results, any future results or performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed as forward-looking statements are set forth in this report, including but not limited to those under the heading. Risk Factors.

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There may be other factors of which we are currently unaware or that we deem immaterial that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we express in our forward-looking statements. Although we believe the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of these assumptions, and, therefore, also the forward-looking statements based on these assumptions could themselves prove to be inaccurate.

Forward-looking statements are based on current plans, estimates, assumptions and projections, and therefore you should not place undue reliance on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update them publicly in light of new information or future events.

You should carefully consider the Risk Factors and subsequent public statements, or reports filed with or furnished to the SEC, before making any investment decision with respect to our securities. If any of these trends, risks, assumptions or uncertainties actually occurs or continues, our business, financial condition or operating results could be materially adversely affected, the trading prices of our securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The selling stockholders will receive all of the proceeds from this offering. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock in this offering. We will pay the expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, associated with the sale of shares by the selling stockholders. TPG and JPMP are our principal stockholders and are selling stockholders in this offering. See Selling Stockholders.

PRICE RANGE OF OUR COMMON STOCK

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol KRA. The following table sets forth on a per share basis the high and low last reported prices on the New York Stock Exchange for our common stock during the periods indicated.

	Stock Pri	ce Kange
	High	Low
2011		
First Quarter (through March 31)	\$ 41.17	\$ 30.14
2010		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 34.85	\$ 24.62
Third Quarter	\$ 30.00	\$ 18.28
Second Quarter	\$ 21.56	\$ 17.57
First Quarter	\$ 18.49	\$ 12.91
2009		
Fourth Quarter (beginning December 17)	\$ 13.84	\$ 13.21

DIVIDEND POLICY

We have not previously declared or paid any dividends or distributions on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and growth of our business, and we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. We may be prohibited from paying cash dividends on our common stock by the covenants in the senior secured credit facility and our senior notes and may be further restricted by the terms of any of our future debt or preferred securities. In addition, because we are a holding company, our ability to pay dividends depends on our receipt of cash dividends and distributions from our subsidiaries. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital expenditure requirements, restrictions contained in current and future financing instruments and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization:

on an actual basis as of December 31, 2010; and

as adjusted for (i) our issuance of \$250,000,000 principal amount of our 6.75% Notes due 2019 on February 11, 2011 and (ii) our concurrent entry into and draw on a new senior secured credit facility, and, in each case, the use of proceeds thereof to refinance indebtedness.

Because we are not receiving any of the net proceeds from this offering, our capitalization will not be affected by this offering. You should read this information together with our financial statements and the notes to those statements and the information included under the headings

Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on March 7, 2011.

	As of December 31, 2010		
	,	As Adjusted except par value) idited)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 92,750	\$ 92,750	
Long-term debt, including current portions:			
Senior secured credit facility	219,425		
February 2011 senior secured credit facility(1)		150,000	
8.125% senior subordinated notes (less \$7.0 million held as Treasury Bonds	163,000		
12.000% senior discount notes	250		
6.75% senior notes		250,000	
Total long-term debt	\$ 382,675	\$ 400,000	
Stockholders Equity:			
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 100,000 shares authorized; none issued			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 500,000 shares authorized; 31,390 shares			
issued and outstanding;	314	314	
Additional paid in capital	334,457	334,457	
Retained earnings	96,711	96,711	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	20,895	20,895	
Total equity	452,377	452,377	
Total capitalization	\$ 835,052	\$ 852,377	

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⁽¹⁾ We have \$150 million outstanding under the term loan portion of our February 2011 senior secured credit facility. In addition, we have \$200 million available under the revolving portion of the senior secured credit facility. As of March 28, 2011, \$0.0 was drawn under the revolving portion.

SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock held as of March 25, 2011 by the selling stockholders, the number of shares being registered hereby and information with respect to shares to be beneficially owned by the selling stockholders assuming all the shares registered hereunder are sold. Percentage of beneficial ownership is based on 31,880,732 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 25, 2011.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. These rules generally provide that a person is the beneficial owner of securities if such person has or shares the power to vote or direct the voting thereof, or to dispose or direct the disposition thereof or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days.

Currently, each of TPG and JPMP have the right to elect two directors to the board of directors of the company so long as it owns 10% or more of the outstanding common stock. As a result of this transaction, TPG and JPMP will no longer own shares of our common stock and thus TPG and JPMP will not have the right to elect any directors to the board of directors. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Registration Rights and Shareholders Agreement in our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 13, 2010.

Name and Address of the Selling Shareholders	Shares Beneficially Owned Before the Offering Number Percent		Shares Being Registered for Resale Number	Shares Beneficially Owned After the Offering Number Percent	
TPG Advisors III, Inc.(1) 301 Commerce Street,	3,032,360	9.51%	3,032,360	0	*
Suite 3300					
Fort Worth, Texas 76102					
TPG Group Holdings (SBS) Advisors, Inc.(2) 301 Commerce Street,	2,960,483	9.29%	2,960,483	0	*
Suite 3300					
Fort Worth, Texas 76102					
JPMP Capital Corp. and Related Entities(3) c/o J.P. Morgan Partners, LLC	3,995,229	12.53%	3,995,229	0	*
270 Park Avenue, 4th Floor					
New York, New York 10017					

(1) TPG Advisors III, Inc. (TPG Advisors III) is the general partner of TPG GenPar III, L.P., which in turn is the sole general partner of each of TPG Partners III, L.P. (Partners III), TPG Parallel III), TPG Investors III , L.P. (Investors III), FOF Partners III, L.P. (FOF) and FOF Partners III-B, L.P. (FOF B) and the sole member of TPG GenPar Dutch, L.L.C., which is the general partner of TPG Dutch Parallel III, C.V. (Dutch Parallel III). Partners III, Parallel III, Investors III, FOF, FOF B and Dutch Parallel III are the members of TPG III Polymer Holdings LLC (TPG III Polymer Holdings). TPG Advisors III may be deemed, pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), to beneficially own all of the securities held by TPG III Polymer Holdings. David Bonderman and James G. Coulter are directors, officers and sole stockholders of TPG Advisors III, and therefore, Messrs. Bonderman and Coulter may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of, with indirect voting and dispositive authority over, the equity securities held by TPG III Polymer Holdings. The selling stockholder is an affiliate of a broker-dealer and purchased its shares in the ordinary course of business and, at the time of purchase, with no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute such shares.

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- (2) TPG Group Holdings (SBS) Advisors, Inc. (TPG Group Advisors) is the general partner of TPG Group Holdings (SBS), L.P., which is the sole member of TPG Holdings I-A, LLC, which is the general partner of TPG Holdings I, L.P., which is the sole member of TPG GenPar IV Advisors, LLC, which is the general partner of TPG GenPar IV, L.P., which is the general partner of TPG Partners IV, L.P., which is the sole member of TPG IV Polymer Holdings LLC (TPG IV Polymer Holdings). TPG Group Advisors may be deemed, pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, to beneficially own all of the securities held by TPG IV Polymer Holdings. David Bonderman and James G. Coulter are directors, officers and sole stockholders of TPG Group Advisors and therefore, Messrs. Bonderman and Coulter may be deemed to be beneficial owners of, with indirect voting and dispositive authority over, the equity securities held by TPG IV Polymer Holdings. The selling stockholder is an affiliate of a broker-dealer and purchased its shares in the ordinary course of business and, at the time of purchase, with no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute such shares.
- JPMP Capital Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co., a publicly traded company, is the general partner of JPMP Master Fund Manager, L.P. JPMP Master Fund Manager L.P. is the general partner of J.P. Morgan Partners (BHCA), L.P. (BHCA), JPMP Capital Corp. is also the general partner of JPMP Global Investors, L.P. JPMP Global Investors, L.P. is the general partner of each of J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors, L.P., JPMP Global Fund/Kraton A, L.P., J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman), L.P., J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Cayman) II, L.P., JPMP Global Fund/Kraton, L.P., J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Selldown), L.P., JPMP Global Fund/Kraton/Selldown, L.P., J.P. Morgan Partners Global Investors (Selldown) II, L.P., and JPMP Global Fund/Kraton/Selldown II, L.P. (collectively, the Global Fund Entities). BHCA and the Global Fund Entities are selling stockholders. JPMP Capital Corp. may be deemed, pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, to beneficially own all of the securities held by BHCA and the Global Fund Entities. Ina Drew, John Wilmot and Ana Capella Gomez-Acebo are officers of JPMP Capital Corp. who have voting and dispositive authority over securities beneficially owned by JPMP Capital Corp., and therefore may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the equity securities held by BHCA and the Global Fund Entities. Each of Ms. Drew, Mr. Wilmot and Ms. Capella Gomez-Acebo disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities. The address for each of the entities described above is 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, except that the address of each Cayman entity described above is c/o Walkers Corporate Services Limited, Walker House, 87 Mary Street, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9005, Cayman Islands. The selling stockholders are affiliates of a broker-dealer and purchased its shares in the ordinary course of business and, at the time of purchase, with no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute such shares.

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CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following is a summary of material United States federal income and estate tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock as of the date of this prospectus supplement. Except where noted, this summary deals only with common stock that is held as a capital asset by a non-U.S. holder. A non-U.S. holder means a person (other than a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) that is not for United States federal income tax purposes any of the following:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States including an alien individ