

safety and security, and biotechnology. The company operates on a global scale, manufacturing a wide range of products for distribution and sale to many different markets, including automotive, construction, agricultural, medical, protective apparel, electronics, and nutri-

common stock; BlackRock, Inc, 6.2%; The Vanguard Group, 6.1%; off. and dir., less than 1% (3/16 Proxy). Chair and CEO: Edward D. Breen, Inc.: DE, Address: 974 Centre Road, Wilmington, DE 19805. Telephone: 302-774-1000. Internet: www.dupont.com

Past Est'd '13-'15 **ANNUAL RATES** Past 10 Yrs. 2.5% 4.0% 5.5% 5 Yrs. 1.5% of change (per sh) to '19-'21 5.5% 7.5% 6.5% Sales "Cash Flow" 4.5% 6.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 2.0% 8.0% 3.5% 11.0%

868

17755

3398

1165

10353

18091

2244

2295 3839

8378

21748

4822

1423

12640

**Current Assets** 

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

Cal-	QU	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	10408	9844	7735	7747	35734
2014	10128	9706	7511	7378	34723
2015	7837	7121	4873	5299	25130
2016	7405	7061	4850	5484	24800
2017	7600	7400	5300	5700	26000
Cal-	EA	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	1.56	1.28	.45	.59	3.88
2014	1.58	1.17	.54	.71	4.01
2015	1.24	1.08	.13	.27	2.77
2016	1.26	1.24	.25	.45	3.20
2017	1.30	1.30	.40	.60	3.60
Cal-	QUAR	Full			
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2012	.41	.43	.43	.43	1.70
2013	.43	.45	.45	.45	1.78
2014	.45	.45	.47	.47	1.84
2015	.47	.49	.38	.38	1.72
2016	.38	.38	.38		

DuPont continues to operate in a challenging environment. Macroeconomic unevenness should further constrain sales going forward. Efforts to control costs are benefiting earnings, however. We expect healthy share-net improvement for the company for full-year 2016, despite a slight top-line decline. The Industrial Biosciences and Nutrition & Health businesses should remain performance drivers here.

The upcoming merger of equals with Dow Chemical is being reviewed by regulatory authorities. The merger has attracted its share of scrutiny, given the size and importance of the deal. The Department of Justice is currently reviewing the transaction, as is the European Com-mission. Subject to customary closing conditions, including the necessary regulatory approvals, the deal will probably be completed by early next year.

The new company would be called **DowDuPont.** The combination is expected to result in run-rate savings of \$3 billion with about \$1 billion in growth synergies. It would create leading businesses in agriculture, specialty prod-

ucts, and materials science. These will then be separated into three independent, publicly traded companies through taxfree spinoffs. This would likely occur 18 to 24 months following the closing of the merger.

These shares are unranked for Timeliness, due to the pending merger. On its own, the stock offers fairly limited appreciation potential at this juncture, though the dividend yield is slightly above average. DuPont does earn high marks for Safety, Financial Strength, and Price Stability. Still, investors with a long time horizon may want to remain on the sidelines for the time being. This equity currently trades at a price-to-earnings multiple that is somewhat greater than its historical average.

Michael Napoli, CFA October 7, 2016 Restated Sales (Pre-tax Operating Margins) by Business Line

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Agric. & Nutr.	14825(20.5%)	13054(15.1%)	13000(16.5%)	13400(17.5%)
Ind. Biosc.	1244(15.9%)	1171(16.5%)	1100(17.5%)	1200(18.5%)
Electronics	2381(11.4%)	2070(16.6%)	2000(17.0%)	2200(18.0%)
Perform, Mat.	12376(20.2%)	5305(22.5%)	5250(23.5%)	5500(24.5%)
Safety & Prot.	3892(19.1%)	3527(19.4%)	3445(20.0%)	3690(21.0%)
Other	5(NMF)	3(NMF)	5(NMF)	10(NMF)
Company Total	34723(17.7%)	25130(18.0%)	24800(19.0%)	26000(20.0%)

(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrec. items: '00, (54¢); '11, (68¢). Excl. discon. items: '12, 34¢; Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan available. (C) '01, \$2.99; '02, (\$3.12); '03, (69¢); '04, (62¢); '13, \$2.14; '14, 2¢; '15, 7¢. Egs. may not sum (D) Sold Textile division, 4/04. (E) Cor '05, (25¢); '06, 50¢; '07, (6¢); '08, (53¢); '09, (12¢); '11, (25¢); '12, (72¢); '13, (84¢); '14, (B) Div'd paid mid-March, June, Sept., and (F) Unranked due to upcoming merger.

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Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 75 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 60

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