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**Excerpts from DuPont's April 26, 2016 Earnings Call Transcript:**

**Edward D. Breen**

*Chair and Chief Executive Officer*

Thank you, Greg. Good morning, everyone.

I would like to share my perspective on the first quarter. Then I'll update you on our progress with our three critical initiatives as well as our planned merger of equals with Dow.

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As we work toward our planned merger with Dow and the intended separation into three, highly focused, independent businesses, I am pleased with the progress the teams are making.

We achieved a number of milestones toward closing the merger in recent weeks.

On March 1st, we filed our initial Form S-4 registration statement and recently filed the first amendment. That process is proceeding along smoothly. The Form S-4 will become effective after we complete the review process with the SEC which we currently anticipate will be no later than the end of the 2nd quarter; the special stockholder meetings for both companies' shareholders to vote on the merger will take place thereafter.

We also have submitted key regulatory filings related to the merger in the major jurisdictions where we operate. We always expected a thorough review process, and are working closely with regulators in all the relevant jurisdictions to complete that process.

We continue to expect to complete the merger in the second half of 2016, subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals. Integration planning also is well underway. We have formed a Joint Integration Management Office. Dow and DuPont teams are working directly together on plans to execute the merger, capture synergies and prepare for the intended business separations.

The team is working diligently to develop execution-ready plans to ensure that we can quickly integrate the merger, capture our anticipated cost and revenue synergies and begin to operate as independent business units as soon as possible after the merger closes.

In coordination with the joint integration management office, each of the three businesses is working to identify and plan for the right operating structure for their specific needs.

Another important point I'd like to make is that our synergy targets for the combined company remain on track. We have 27 teams focused on different categories of costs, and they are very clear about what the goal is. Our confidence in the targets we established in December has done nothing but go up. After diving into the details, we continue to believe there will be at least \$3 billion in cost and \$1 billion in growth synergies on a run rate basis. We have benchmarked costs against industry peers alongside McKinsey, and they have confirmed that the \$3 billion is achievable.

We continue to expect to capture \$1.3 billion in Ag, \$1.5 billion in Material Science, and \$300 million in Specialty Products cost synergies.

**James C. Collins**

*Executive Vice President of Agriculture*

Lastly, from our announced merger with Dow, our teams are working with great urgency to create a world leading production Ag business and are developing detailed plans to capture the \$1.3 billion of cost synergies. Even though this is challenging work, you can feel the excitement of the teams.

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**Frank J. Mitsch**

*Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Research Division*

Okay. So the viewpoint is it's not overly conservative, but it will -- you have a lot of things moving up and, I guess, a little bit down. Hey, Ed, in describing the Dow transaction and the shareholder vote coming in Q3, which I think may have been a little bit later than what I had originally thought and certainly closing before the end of the year, does this give you enough -- I'm curious how -- what would be the lag between when the shareholder vote takes place and when you actually close the transaction? And are you looking to complete a \$2 billion share buyback within that window? Or is that just something that can be executed until December 31 regardless of if it's Dow, DuPont or just DuPont alone?

**Edward D. Breen**

*Chair and Chief Executive Officer*

Yes, I'll take the first part and let Nick handle the share repurchase part. We're -- just to clarify the dates, we're looking at a shareholder vote at the end of second quarter, somewhere in that time frame. Looks like the time line along with the S4 filings and all that where we just made our comment back. So that looks like it's around that time frame. And then I hate to put an exact date on it, but I would say that we're shooting for October, November kind of close of the transaction. So both end of second quarter, shareholder votes by both Dow and DuPont shareholders, October, November close. We're in great shape on all our filings in the key jurisdictions around the world. And the big ones, China, Europe, Brazil and obviously the U.S., all that's in motion and so -- for the time line, where we needed to be to try to hit those dates. So we're in good shape.

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**Unknown Analyst**

Ed, do you still expect to be able to achieve the split into 3 businesses within 18 to 24 months when the mergers close? And then you've made comments in the past that the corporate overhead at the 3 separate entities would not be higher than that at the parent. I'm wondering if that's still your expectation.

**Edward D. Breen**

*Chair and Chief Executive Officer*

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Yes, we're definitely planning the, say, in the 18- to 24-month period. We're really -- we have a lot of teams going that are already doing some of the work to help us out on that time line. As I think we've mentioned before, we've already started the financial carve-out work, so we'll get way ahead on that part of the schedule. So yes. But that timing in the 18 to 24 months, we're comfortable with. And obviously, we'd all like to pull that in if we can, but that's the time line rolling now and we'll keep working that as we go forward. And your second part is the...

**Excerpted Slides from DuPont's April 26, 2016 Earnings Call:**

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**Important Information About the Transaction and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, DowDuPont Inc. (f/k/a Diamond-Orion HoldCo, Inc.) ( DowDuPont ) has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) a preliminary registration statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-209869) (as may be amended from time to time, the Preliminary Registration Statement ) that includes a joint proxy statement of The Dow Chemical Company ( Dow ) and E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company ( DuPont ) and that also will constitute a prospectus of DowDuPont. These materials are not final and may be amended. Dow, DuPont and DowDuPont may also file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This document is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus or definitive registration statement or any other document which Dow, DuPont or DowDuPont may file with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF DOW AND DUPONT ARE URGED TO READ THE PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THE DEFINITIVE VERSIONS THEREOF AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the Preliminary Registration Statement and the definitive versions of these materials and other documents filed with the SEC (when available) by Dow, DuPont and DowDuPont through the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by contacting the investor relations department of Dow or DuPont at the following:

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