

Seale & Associates ————— CHEMICALS Q4 2023

## Introduction

We are pleased to share our Chemicals Industry Multiples Valuation Update for Q4 2023.

At Seale & Associates, we are committed to providing process-driven solutions designed to optimize value and achieve our client's strategic objectives in a range of transactions, including Mergers, Acquisitions, Divestitures and Carve-Outs, Business Sales, Recapitalizations, and Joint Ventures, among other corporate finance and strategy consulting services.

Over the course of 25+ years, we have successfully served clients all over the world, and we are delighted to continue providing investment banking advisory services to our clients who are looking to grow through acquisitions or optimize their portfolios through strategic divestitures.

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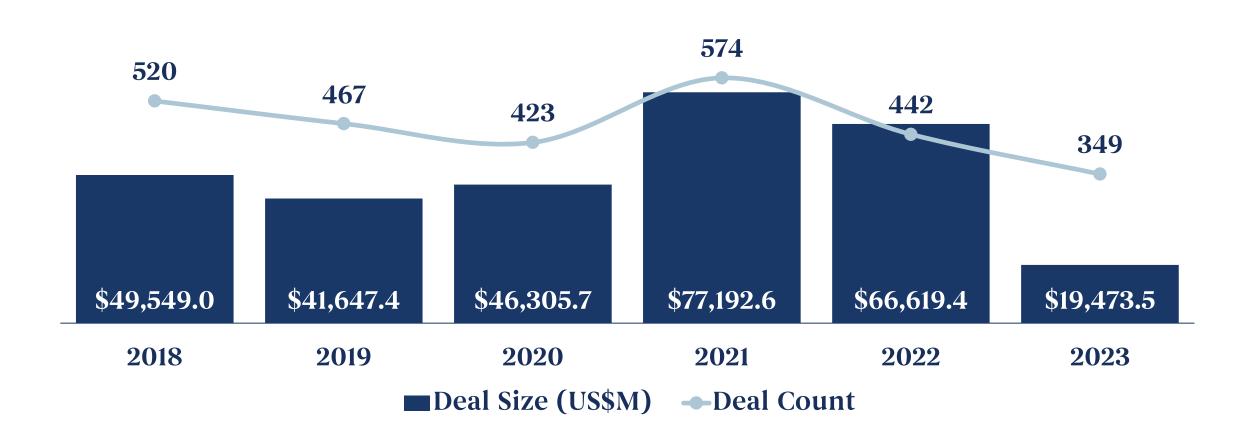
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## Chemicals' Industry Overview, M&A Trends and Market Intelligence

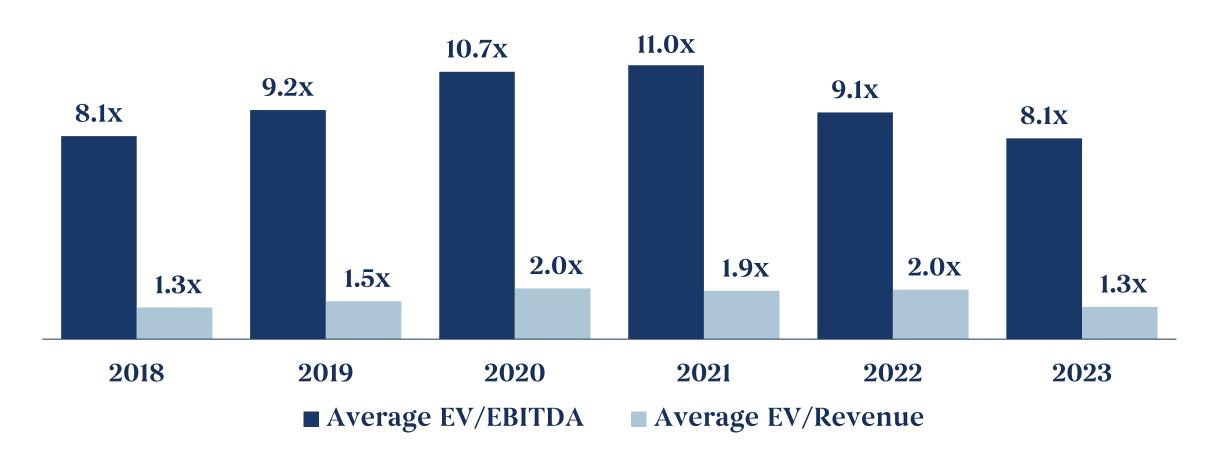
#### **Industry Overview and M&A Trends**

- The specialty chemicals market size is estimated at US\$1,100.0B in 2024, and is expected to reach US\$1,300.0B by 2029, growing at a CAGR of 3.3%
- Though M&A activity in the industry has slowed as of 2023, it is predicted a
  resurgence will occur in deals by early 2024. Transactions will likely surge
  due to a more favorable valuation environment for sellers while acquirers
  become accustomed to a higher cost of capital
- The major factors propelling the market's expansion include the significant increase in construction projects, particularly in the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East & Africa regions
- In the specialty chemicals industry, the agrochemicals sector emerged as a leading contributor, primarily driven by the reduction in arable land per capita coupled with a surging global need for food
- Fertilizers have been used to increase crop productivity, thus, enhancing agrochemical demand. As per the FAO, the food demand in the United States is expected to increase by 50-90% by 2050
- Bio-herbicides, leveraging microbes for biological weed management, are gaining traction alongside traditional synthetic herbicides in integrated pest management strategies
- The global biostimulants market size was valued at US\$3,300.0M in 2022 and is expected to grow from US\$3,700.0M in 2023 to US\$8,000.0M by 2030, representing a CAGR of 11.7%
- The inorganic fertilizer sector is experiencing an annual growth rate of 1.3-1.8%

#### **Chemicals Industry M&A Deal Size and Volume**



#### Chemicals Industry M&A Average EV/EBITDA and EV/Revenue



## Basic Chemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (1/2)

			Market	Value	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
AdvanSix Inc.	ADVANSix	USA	\$808	\$1,058	\$1,555	15.8%	6.1x	4.2x	4.3x	0.7x
ALPEK, S.A.B. de C.V.	<b>Malpek</b>	MEX	\$1,575	\$3,622	\$9,268	7.3%	5.0x	3.5x	5.3x	0.4x
Braskem S.A.	Braskem	BRA	\$3,575	\$11,995	\$15,017	2.0%	7.3x	2.7x	40.0x	0.8x
Cabot Corporation	CABOT	USA	\$4,618	\$5,898	\$3,924	17.9%	8.4x	7.7×	8.4x	1.5x
Chemtrade Logistics Income Fund	CHEMTRADE	CAN	\$754	\$1,426	\$1,425	27.8%	9.7x	7.2x	3.6x	1.0x
Ciech S.A.	<b>I</b> Ciech	POL	\$710	\$1,072	\$1,427	16.3%	5.7x	4.8x	4.6x	0.8x
Cydsa, S.A.B. de C.V.	Cydsa	MEX	\$608	\$1,224	\$829	29.7%	7.0x	6.0x	5.0x	1.5x
Dow Inc.	Dow	USA	\$38,465	\$51,475	\$44,622	15.3%	7.6x	4.1x	7.5x	1.2x
Ercros, S.A.	Ercros	ESP	\$275	\$393	\$901	7.7%	7.7×	5.0x	5.6x	0.4x
Hawkins, Inc.	HAWKINS	USA	\$1,475	\$1,533	\$924	13.8%	9.9x	9.7x	12.0x	1.7×

## Basic Chemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (2/2)

Company	Country	untry Value	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023			
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Koppers Holdings Inc.	<b>KOPPERS</b>	USA	\$1,067	\$1,961	\$2,124	12.8%	6.1x	6.7x	7.2x	0.9x
LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	lyondellbasell	USA	\$30,840	\$40,828	\$41,107	13.3%	8.5x	4.5x	7.5x	1.0x
Methanex Corporation m		CAN	\$3,198	\$6,044	\$3,723	20.3%	11.7×	4.6x	8.0x	1.6x
Olin Corporation	<b>Olin</b> <sup>®</sup>	USA	\$6,612	\$9,622	\$6,833	24.4%	9.7x	4.0x	5.8x	1.4×
Tronox Holdings plc	TRONOX	USA	\$2,220	\$4,928	\$2,813	19.6%	7.6x	5.1x	8.9x	1.8x
Unipar Carbocloro S.A.	UNIPAR	BRA	\$1,589	\$1,541	\$1,173	25.8%	5.7x	3.1x	5.1x	1.3x
Westlake Chemical Partners LP	Westlake Chemical	USA	\$763	\$1,433	\$1,260	37.4%	3.6x	3.4x	3.0x	1.1x
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	7.5x	5.1x	6.4x	1.1x
						Median	7.6x	4.6x	5.8x	1.1×

## Specialty Chemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (1/3)

			Market	Enterprise	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA			Quarter 1, 2023
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
BASF SE	□ • BASF We create chemistry	DEU	\$48,123	\$70,536	\$76,160	4.5%	14.4x	5.2x	20.6x	0.9x
Compagnie de Saint-Gobain S.A.	SAINT-GOBAIN	FRA	\$37,548	\$47,892	\$56,008	14.4%	7.0x	5.2x	5.9x	0.9x
Daicel Corporation	DAICEL 株式会社タイセル	JPN	\$2,713	\$4,254	\$3,886	15.1%	6.8x	5.7x	7.2x	1.1×
Eastman Chemical Company	EASTMAN	USA	\$10,645	\$15,568	\$9,210	16.5%	11.5x	7.2x	10.3x	1.7×
Huntsman Corporation	HUNTSMAN Enriching lives through innovation	USA	\$4,380	\$6,090	\$6,111	9.0%	9.7x	5.6x	11.1×	1.0×
IMCD N.V.	imcd	NLD	\$9,907	\$11,310	\$5,075	12.5%	29.9x	21.4x	17.9x	2.2x
Kemira Oyj	Kemira	FIN	\$2,851	\$3,494	\$3,744	19.7%	7.3x	7.1x	4.7x	0.9x
LANXESS Aktiengesellschaft	LANXESS  Energizing Chemistry	DEU	\$2,708	\$5,561	\$8,015	6.0%	7.4x	5.8x	11.6x	0.7x
LOTTE Fine Chemical Co., Ltd.	LOTTE FINE CHEMICAL	KOR	\$1,139	\$814	\$1,430	20.4%	4.3x	2.2x	2.8x	0.6x
LSB Industries, Inc.	LSB	USA	\$692	\$982	\$695	30.9%	13.8x	7.9x	4.6x	1.4x

## Specialty Chemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (2/3)

		Country	Market	Enterprise	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation	MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL GROUP	JPN	\$8,719	\$25,576	\$31,736	13.9%	9.7x	6.1x	5.8x	0.8x
Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.	Nisso	JPN	\$1,074	\$1,197	\$1,092	18.5%	5.9x	5.3x	5.9x	1.1x
Nissan Chemical Corporation	Nissan Chemical America Corporation	JPN	\$5,448	\$5,407	\$1,590	27.3%	15.9x	14.5x	12.5x	3.4x
NOF Corporation	<b>⊗</b> NOF	JPN	\$3,987	\$3,358	\$1,561	21.2%	12.4x	8.0x	10.1x	2.2x
OCI Holdings Company Ltd.	OCÍ	KOR	\$1,602	\$1,559	\$3,668	23.5%	27.2x	4.1x	1.8x	0.4x
Resonac Holdings Corporation	SHOWA	JPN	\$3,611	\$9,545	\$9,228	8.3%	19.4x	6.6x	12.5x	1.0x
Solvay SA	SOLVAY asking more from chemistry*	BEL	\$3,245	\$4,987	\$15,474	19.9%	6.8x	4.7x	1.6x	0.3x
Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited	SUMÎTOMO CHEMICAL	JPN	\$3,992	\$15,670	\$17,346	NM	8.4x	6.4x	NM	0.9x
Tessenderlo Group NV	Tessenderlo Group	BEL	\$1,975	\$2,035	\$3,177	14.9%	5.2x	3.8x	4.3x	0.6x
The Chemours Company	<b>Chemours</b> <sup>™</sup>	USA	\$4,682	\$8,061	\$6,004	5.3%	8.9x	6.1x	25.4x	1.3x

## Specialty Chemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (3/3)

Company	Company				Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Toagosei Co., Ltd.	G: TOAGOSEI	JPN	\$1,090	\$816	\$1,123	13.2%	4.0x	3.0x	5.5x	0.7x
UBE Corporation	UBE	JPN	\$1,577	\$3,004	\$3,258	7.2%	5.8x	5.3x	12.9x	0.9x
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	9.2x	6.0x	8.5x	1.0x
NM: Not Measurable						Median	8.6x	5.8x	7.2x	0.9x

## Agrochemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (1/2)

Company		Country	Market	Enterprise Value	Revenue	EBITDA		Average BITDA	Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
American Vanguard Corporation	AMERICAN VANGUARD	USA	\$315	\$546	\$567	8.1%	12.9x	10.5x	11.9x	1.0x
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	<b>V</b> CF <sup>∞</sup>	USA	\$15,189	\$17,760	\$6,631	61.3%	9.3x	5.6x	4.4x	2.7x
Corteva, Inc.	CORTEVA" agriscience	USA	\$33,771	\$37,549	\$17,226	19.9%	11.0x	10.5x	10.9x	2.2x
CVR Partners, LP	CVR PARTNERS LP	USA	\$692	\$1,159	\$681	54.8%	12.6x	6.2x	3.1x	1.7×
FMC Corporation	<b>-FMC</b>	USA	\$7,866	\$11,829	\$4,487	26.7%	13.3x	13.1x	9.9x	2.6x
Grupa Azoty S.A.	Grupa azoty	POL	\$623	\$3,244	\$3,959	-10.8%	6.4x	4.5x	NM	0.8x
K+S Aktiengesellschaft	K/S	DEU	\$2,833	\$2,500	\$4,845	32.6%	9.6x	5.9x	1.6x	0.5x
Nutrien Ltd.	Nutrien	° CAN	\$27,955	\$42,791	\$28,082	25.0%	11.2x	7.1x	6.1x	1.5x
OCI N.V.	OCI	NLD	\$6,118	\$9,966	\$1,963	55.5%	10.3x	3.8x	9.2x	5.1x
Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A.	SQM	CHL	\$17,201	\$18,244	\$9,289	48.0%	24.0x	13.6x	4.1x	2.0x

## Agrochemicals Global Comparable Public Companies (2/2)

Company		E Market Country		Enterprise Value	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
Company	ilipally		Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
The Mosaic Company	<b>Mosaic</b> ®	USA	\$11,678	\$15,127	\$13,696	22.8%	8.6x	5.1x	4.9x	1.1x
The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company	Scotts Miracle Gro	USA	\$3,613	\$6,471	\$3,435	12.2%	14.2x	11.1x	15.5x	1.9x
Yara International ASA	YARA	NOR	\$9,073	\$12,495	\$15,431	12.6%	7.3x	4.6x	6.4x	0.8x
Excluded from mean and median  NM: Not Measurable						Mean Median	10.6x 11.0x	7.8x 6.2x	6.6x 6.2x	1.6x 1.7x

## Chemicals - Q4 Global Transactions (1/3)

Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Dec-23	busada <sup>200®</sup>	USA	Manufactures high-quality plastic tubing but specialize in transparent resins	ND	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	SOLVENTIS WORLD CLASS CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	GBR	Manufactures chemical solvents and produces coolants, antifreeze, brake fluids, and aircraft de-icing fluids	BRENNTAG	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	TEKNIKUM	FIN	Specializes in polymer-based products' design, manufacturing and related services	SANOK RUBBER	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	<b>CCI</b> Nitrogen lowa	USA	Operates a plant that manufactures nitrogen fertilizers products including ammonia, granular urea, and urea ammonium nitrate	KOCH. FERTILIZER	OCI	100.0%	\$3,600.0	-	-
Dec-23	ZEUS	USA	Manufactures precision polymer extrusions and custom tubing made from fluoropolymer resins, useful in a wide variety of industries	IEQT	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	VERDANT	USA	Manufactures industrial-grade chemicals intended for personal care, home and hygiene, industrial cleaning, agrochemicals, paints and coatings, and construction	*samyang** Corporation	OPENGATE CAPITAL REALIZING POTENTIAL	100.0%	\$250.0	-	-
Dec-23	MOLDPRO FROM PROTOTYPE TO PRODUCTION	USA	Provides mold-making, injection molding, custom molding, and laboratory plasticware services	Plastifab	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	R&F INDUSTRIES	USA	Develops, manufactures, and distributes specialty chemicals for the drilling and mining industries	Candler Industries, Inc.	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	Organic-Based Fertilizer Business of Agribios	ITA	Manufactures organic-based fertilizers	YARA	agribios naturo technologies	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	Lactase Enzyme Business from Chr. Hansen, Novozymes	DNK	Produces lactose-free and sugar reduced dairy products	KERRY	novozymes.**	100.0%	\$161.7	-	-
Dec-23	QGP	BRA	Manufactures specialty chemicals that cater to leather, agriculture, home care, industrial chemicals, construction, and other related markets	innospec	-	100.0%	-	-	-

## Chemicals - Q4 Global Transactions (2/3)

Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Dec-23	Ethylene Oxide & Derivatives Business of LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	USA	Produce high-quality ethylene oxide and various derivatives	IN <b>EOS</b> Oxide	LYB LyondellBasell	100.0%	\$700.0	-	-
Dec-23	News	USA	Produces and distributes grass seeds, fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, among other products	SiteOne LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	PLASTIGLAS	MEX	Manufactures and sells cell-cast acrylic film	VERZATEC	UNIGEL	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	Toppen	USA	Develops water treatment, disinfection, sterilization and wellness solutions	THERAPEUTIC	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Dec-23	POLYMAXTPE	USA	Develops premium thermoplastic elastomer materials for manufacturers	GEON® Performance Solutions	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Nov-23	extremo <b>chem</b>	PRT	Develops bio-inspired synthetic sugars, targeting enhanced stabilization and reduced viscosity of proteins and biopharmaceuticals	Hovione in it for life	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Nov-23	Star Thermoplastics.	USA	Manufactures and sells thermoplastic elastomers to manufacturing companies	#HEXPOL® TPE	-	100.0%	\$26.5	-	1.3x
Nov-23	WinField United facility in Blytheville, Arkansas	USA	Comprises fungicides and insecticides manufacturing operations	GOWAN MILLING	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Nov-23	Maximizing the Value of Flotation Chemicals Technology	USA	Produces chemicals and flotation products for the mineral processing industry	NALCS Water An Ecolab Company	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Nov-23	EIGENMANN & VERONELLI GROUP	ITA	Manufactures and distributes specialty chemicals and food ingredients	EIGENMANN &VERONELLI Specialists in formulating value	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Nov-23	Lubricant Additives Business of Chemtrade	USA	Comprises the lubricant additives business	TRECORA	CHEMTRADE	100.0%	-	-	-

## Chemicals - Q4 Global Transactions (3/3)

Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Nov-23	New Life Chemical	USA	Operates as a reuse chemical manufacturing and distribution company serving a diverse array of end markets	CAPITAL PARTNERS  EVCI  CAPITAL FOR BUSINESS	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Nov-23	Chemical & Biopharmaceutical Laboratories of Patras S.A.	GRC	Develops and produces peptides and proteins	<b>♦</b> Pharmathen	-	100.0%	\$85.9	-	-
Oct-23	DITTER® PLASTIC	DEU	Manufactures technical plastic instruments and parts intended for cooling systems, electrical engineering, audio systems, and manufacturing technology	AluConcept AG	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	USA	Provides high-quality chemicals for water treatment, wastewater, industrial, agricultural, and more	HAWKINS	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	Assets of The Miami Products & Chemical Company	USA	Manufactures bleach and serves the commercial pool business	HAWKINS	The Miami Products & Chemical Company	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	Warwick Chemical Mostyn Site	GBR	Produces stain removal ingredients for detergent products	INTERNATIONAL PROCESS PLANTS	Lubrizol	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	ACOUSTIC Polymers Ltd	GBR	Delivers high-performance polymeric-based materials aimed at acoustic signature management for subsea environmental protection	Tiflex	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	OCEDARCHEM®	USA	Develops a full suite chemicals for water and wastewater treatment, for industrial and municipal markets	SOLENIS.	-	100.0%	-	-	-
ND: Not E	Disclosed						Mean	-	1.3x
							Median	-	1.3x

**Source:** Capital IQ, Press Releases, Mergermarket

### Selected Transactions Commentary



"Today's announcement is an important step forward for KAES as we continue to invest in our fertilizer business. This investment complements our existing business and we look forward to advancing this transaction with OCI to completion."

Mark Luetters, President of Koch Ag & Energy Solutions



"The acquisition of Verdant is the start of our plan to pursue M&As and joint ventures with various suitable global partners in addition to our internal capabilities. We're inheriting Verdant's excellence - including people, technology, and products - as we actively support Samyang Group's goal of developing as a global leader."

Kim Yoon, Chairman of Samyang Holdings



"We are convinced that the integration of the two companies will bring greater value and provide better products to our customers and suppliers than either company could ever offer on a stand-alone basis."

Baltazar Manfro, CEO of Plastiglas de México



"Flottec brings a broad portfolio of flotation solutions, along with deep domain expertise, to help Nalco Water expand the value and service that we deliver to our mineral processing customers. The acquisition will combine the complimentary business acumen of both Flottec and Nalco Water as we look for innovative ways to serve this growing market."

Carlos Cardounel, VP and GM, Global Mining for Nalco Water

## Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRY CLASIFICATION	PERIOD	AVERAGE ENTERPRISE VALUE (IN USD)	REVENUE (IN USD)	TTM REVENUE GROWTH	ENTERPRISE VALUE / REVENUE	EBITDA MARGIN	ENTERPRISE VALUE /EBITDA	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS
	0000	\$	\$	\$ \$ \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \b		\$	\$ <b>1</b>	\$
Chemical and Allied Products Merchant Wholesalers  NAICS 424690 – Chemical and Merchant Wholesalers	<b>2019-2022</b> d Allied Products	\$59.6M	\$91.4M	24.2%	1.1x	14.7%	7.7x	5
Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing  NAICS 325199 – Basic Organic	<b>2017-2022</b> Chemical	\$52.7M	\$34.3M	6.2%	1.6x	20.6%	<b>7.6</b> x	5

#### **Notes:**

Manufacturing

- Data obtained via GF Data, a subscription-based information platform, offering detailed information and metrics about the transactions of Private Equity funds in the U.S.
- The data is provided under a blind confidential format. Users of the data are unable to identify the exact company and transaction corresponding to the transaction details. Given this blind approach, the data submitted is less likely to be biased or manipulated.

Source: GF Data

## Sector Relevant Experience

Extensive M&A transaction experience, including:

- •Exclusive financial advisor to Cosmocel S.A. de C.V. on multiple deals
- Partnership of Cosmocel S.A. de C.V with Rovensa and the divestiture of Cosmocel Química to ICL Performance Products LLC
- Exclusive financial advisor to PromaPlast
  - Sale of PromaPlast Resinas, S.A. de C.V. to IMCD N.V.
- Exclusive financial advisor to Andes Chemical Group
  - Sale of Andes Chemical Corp. to IMCD N.V.
- •Exclusive financial advisor to W.R. Grace & Co. on multiple divestitures
  - Sale of Grace Membranes Business to UOP LLC, a Honeywell International Company, and Grace Specialty Vermiculite Business to Vermiculite Acquisition Corp.
- •Exclusive financial advisor to Grupo Bioquímico Mexicano S.A. de C.V. ("GBM")
  - Sale of Grupo Bioquímico Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. to Arysta LifeScience Corporation.
- Corporate Finance Advisory Services to Velsicol Chemical Corporation

























# Cosmocel

**TARGET**Cosmocel

**TRANSACTION TYPE**Sell-side Advisory

#### **INDUSTRIES**

Biostimulants, Plant Nutrients

**GEOGRAPHY**Nuevo Leon, Mexico

#### **SITUATION**

Seale & Associates acted as exclusive financial advisor to Cosmocel in its partnership with Rovensa.

#### **SEALE & ASSOCIATES' APPROACH**

Seale was engaged by Cosmocel, a key player in the dynamic biostimulants industry, with the objective of exploring a range of strategic alternatives. This vital initiative aims to empower Cosmocel to not only continue but also to significantly enhance its trajectory of sustained high growth within the vibrant and rapidly evolving biostimulants market.

#### **OUTCOME**

Rovensa added Cosmocel to its biostimulants global platform, representing a significant step forward in its expansion and growth strategy in the Latin American agricultural sector. This transaction not only strengthens Rovensa's presence in a key agricultural region but also allows it to leverage Cosmocel's advanced technologies and specialized solutions.

"This strategic integration highlights our growth ambitions in the BioSolutions international market and our strong commitment to sustainable agriculture"



"We are thrilled to welcome COSMOCEL to the group to strengthen our global presence as a reference provider of well-balanced solutions for agriculture. This strategic integration highlights our growth ambitions in the BioSolutions international market and our strong commitment to sustainable agriculture. The high quality and complementary range of biostimulants and bio-performance products of COSMOCEL, their culture, their market approach, the quality and commitment of their people and management, and their production capacities will give us a unique position to offer the best nature-based solutions for our distributors and farmers, leveraging on our global scale and capabilities."

Eric van Innis, CEO of Rovensa

# W.R. GRACE & CO.

#### **TARGET**

W.R. Grace's Specialty Vermiculite Business

TRANSACTION TYPE Sell-side Advisory

**INDUSTRIES** Specialty Chemicals

**GEOGRAPHY** South Carolina, USA; Canada

#### **SITUATION**

Seale & Associates acted as financial advisor to W.R. Grace & Co. (NYSE:GRA) on the sale of its specialty vermiculite business to Vermiculite Acquisition Corp., a sister company of Specialty Vermiculite Corporation. W.R. Grace's specialty vermiculite business is a leading producer of branded high-performance vermiculite products with annual production of approximately 50,000 tons.

#### **SEALE & ASSOCIATES' APPROACH**

Seale's professionals ran a competitive auction process, managing multiple strategic buyers from around the world and select private equity buyers with industry experience. Seale also coordinated diligence across multiple locations in the U.S. and Canada while complying with the requirements of the trustees and the court managing the W.R. Grace bankruptcy process.

#### **OUTCOME**

The process resulted in a sale to a strategic buyer with significant synergies at a premium price and at favorable terms to W.R. Grace. This transaction was significant to W.R. Grace as it was the last business associated with W.R. Grace's asbestos claims.

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Jeremy Rohen, Vice President of Corporate Development, W.R. Grace & Co.

# PromaPlast

**TARGET**PromaPlast

**TRANSACTION TYPE**Sell-side Advisory

**INDUSTRIES**Chemicals

**GEOGRAPHY**State of Mexico, Mexico

#### **SITUATION**

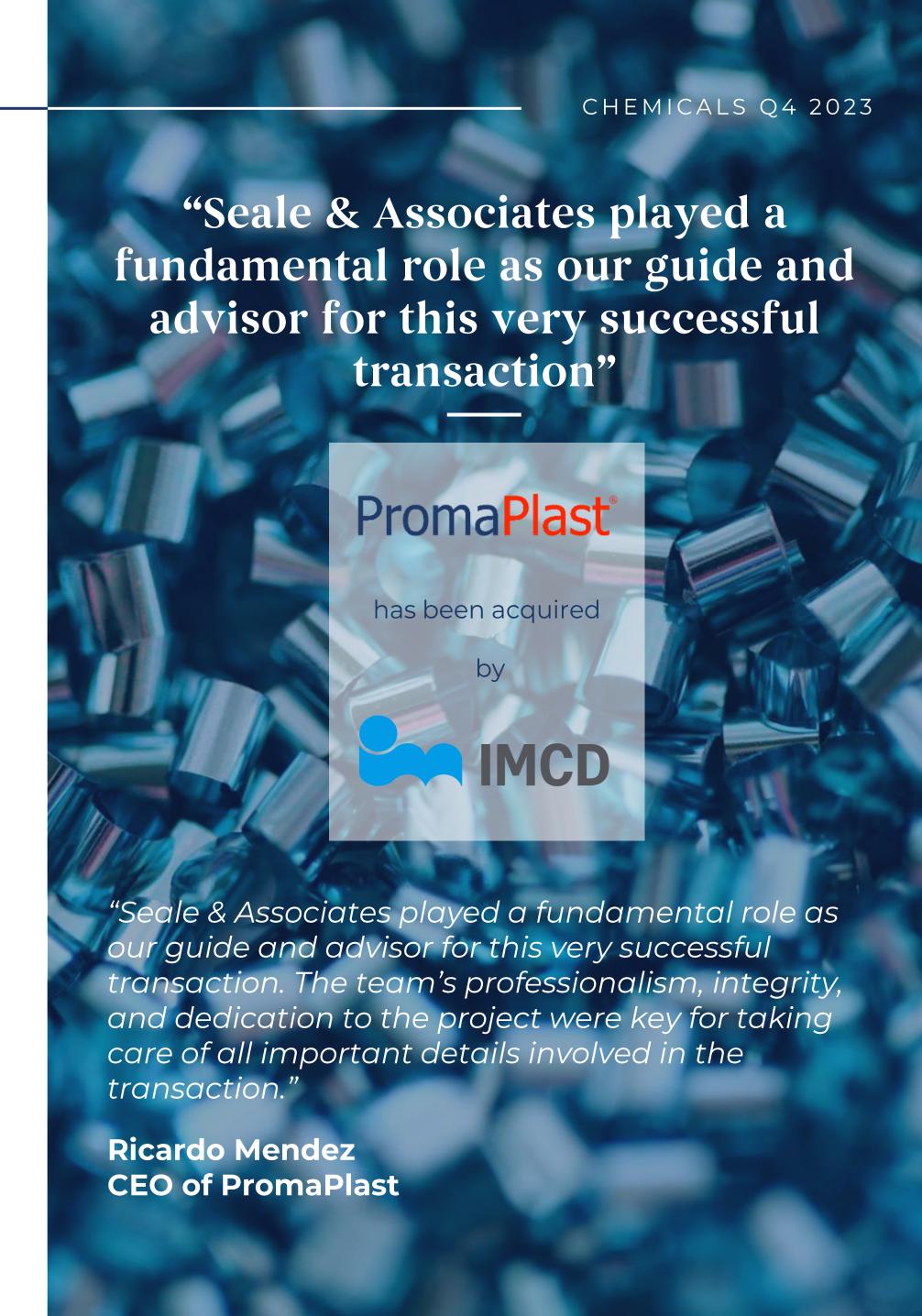
Seale & Associates acted as financial advisor to PromaPlast Resinas, S.A. de C.V., Proveedora de Materiales Plasticos, S.A. de C.V. and PromaPlast USA Inc., (collectively "PromaPlast"), on the successful agreement to divest the companies to IMCD N.V. ("IMCD").

#### **SEALE & ASSOCIATES' APPROACH**

Seale managed a competitive auction process with potential strategic and financial buyers for PromaPlast. Seale's disciplined approach allowed our client to maintain momentum, negotiating leverage throughout the process and ensure closing at a premium value and more favorable terms.

#### **OUTCOME**

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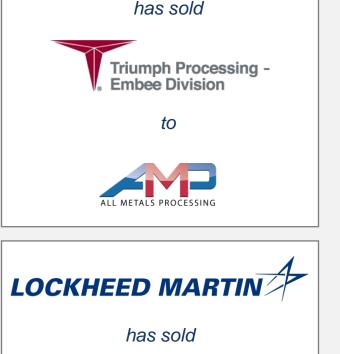


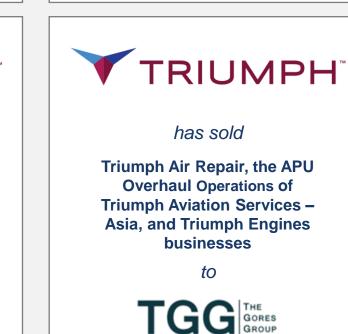










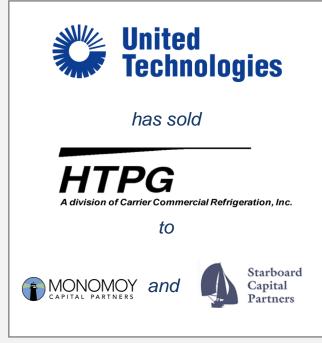










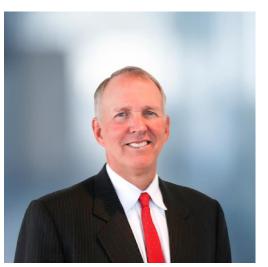












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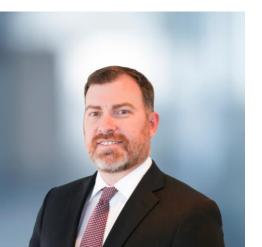


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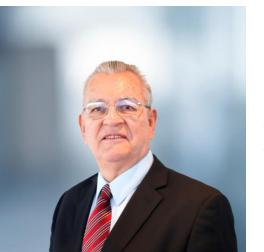
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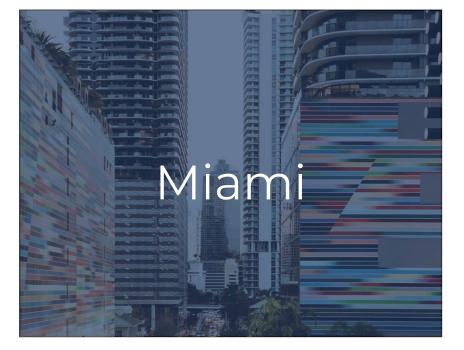
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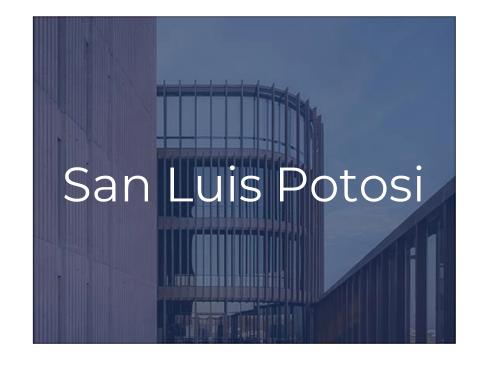


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