

Voridian Division

- Leading global manufacturer of acetate tow
- One of the top three global manufacturers of acetate yarn
- Portfolio of unique, high-performance polyethylenes (PE)
- World's largest producer of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) for packaging







What Are Our <u>Customers'</u> Needs?

✓ Capable, Committed Resin Supplier

✓ Reliable Supply

✓ Competitive Price

✓ Innovation









PET Demand Growth Generation

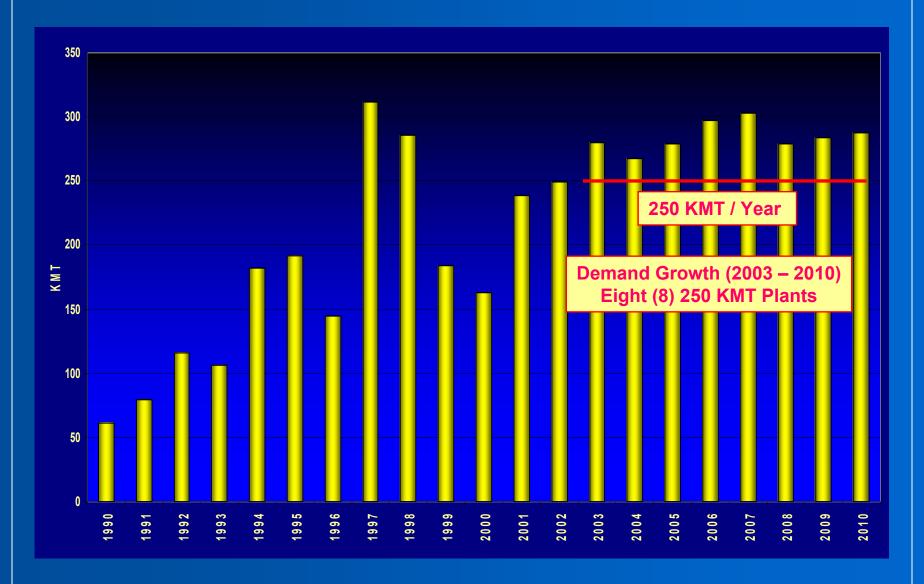








North America – Annual PET Resin Demand Increase



Source: SBA-CCI, August 2004



The North America PTA / PET Business



The PET Industry

The Non-Integrated Player

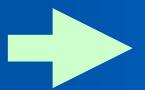
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The Integrated Player

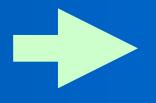
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Voridian



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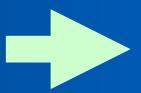
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North America PTA / PET Business

PTA

- Four N.A. PTA producers
- Good margins for producers
- Three merchant players

PET

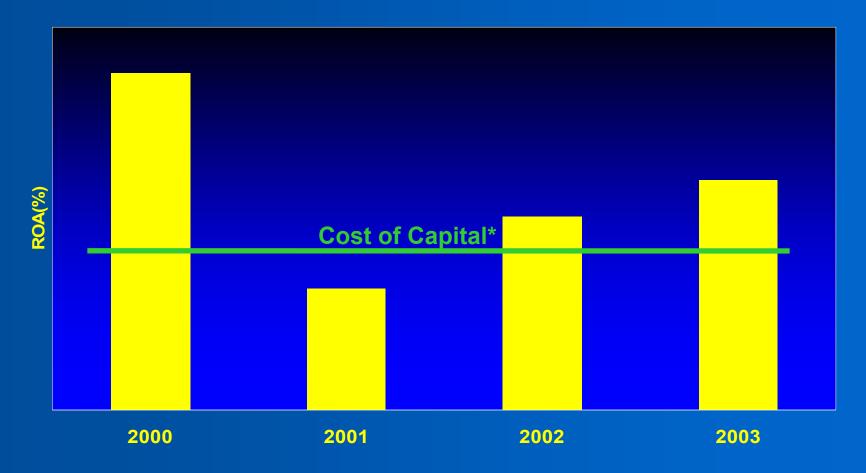
- Seven N.A. PET producers
- N.A. is the highest cost destination for Asian importers
- N.A. capacity utilization: ~90%



The North America Market is Attractive to an *Integrated* Producer



Return on Assets Voridian North America PTA / PET Business



^{*} ROA required to return cost of capital for Eastman Chemical Company



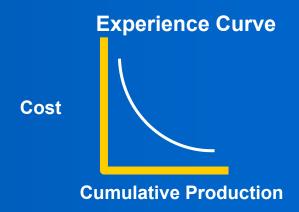
Commodity Business Fundamentals

Success Factors

- Price is determined by marginal producer - low delivered cost required for success
- Moving down the experience curve
 - Scale
 - Technology / Innovation
 - Learning
- Discipline to manage supply curve by rationalizing / converting high cost capacity

North America PET Supply Curve







Voridian Opportunity



Voridian's Competitive Advantage:

- Integrated PX to PET Resin
- Heritage of process innovation
- Broad R&D capability



IntegRex Technology





- Enables Voridian to build a world-scale, cost-advantaged PX to PET manufacturing facility
 - Multiple process innovations
 - ✓ Reduction of energy, labor, process steps, and equipment
 - ✓ Elimination of the solid stating process





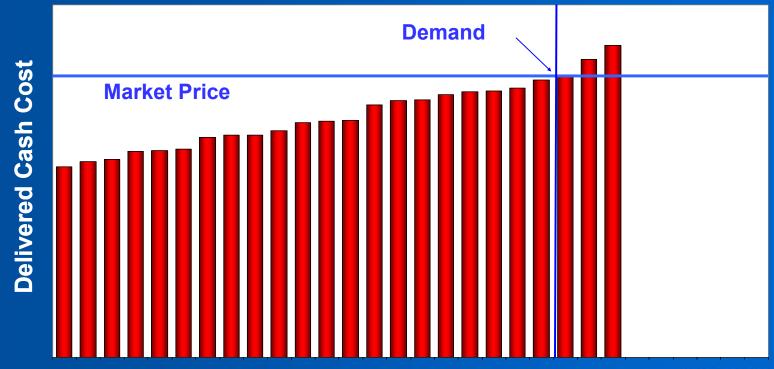
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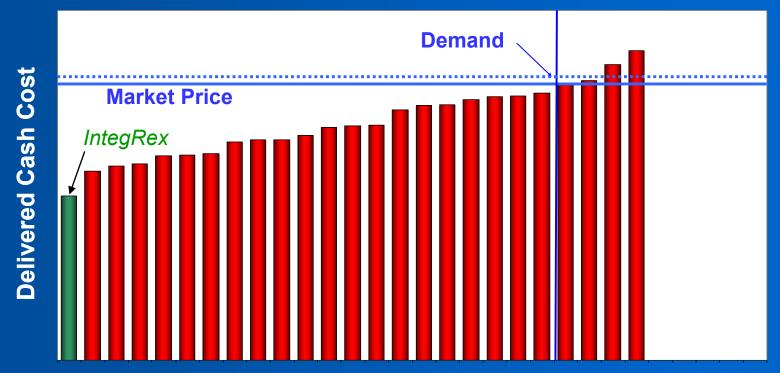
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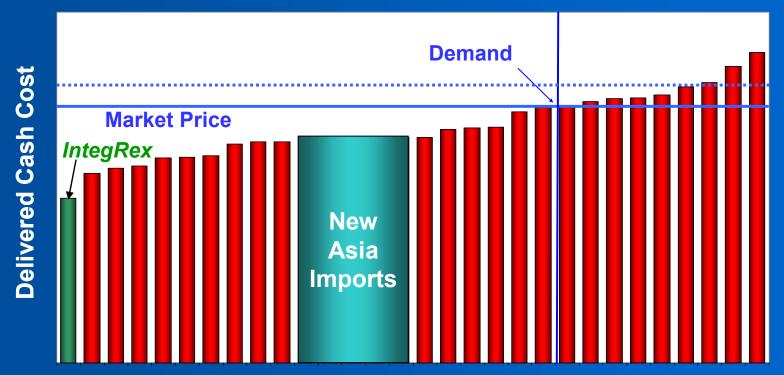


Capacity by Producer



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Capacity by Producer



Doable

- Technology proven with multiple pilot plants
- Semi-Works plant allows for pre-start-up customer qualifications

Sustainable

- Over 100 patentable innovations expected
- Each application in multiple regions



PET Business Strategy

- Customer Value Proposition
 - Enable the growth of PET converters and global brand owners through the reliable supply of competitively priced PET with consistent quality and delivery
- Key Strategy Elements
 - Operational and commercial excellence combined with aggressive cost management
 - Remain on the leading edge of the experience curve
 - PX => PET for non-fiber applications
 - Leverage PTA position
 - Initial focus on NA => attractive growing market



PET Business Strategy

- Technology Driven Pursuit of an Advantaged Position
 - IntegRex = sustainable advantage
 - Continuing technology investment
 - Aggressive intellectual property portfolio

- Investor Value Proposition
 - Sustainable returns above cost-of-capital on new investment



Initial *IntegRex* Technology Investment

- 350 KMT PET Plant & PTA Retrofit
 - In excess of \$100 M total investment
 - Spending within corporate CAPEX commitments
- Voridian Columbia Operations in Calhoun County / Columbia, South Carolina
- Construction to begin January 2005
- Capacity on-line in Q4 2006
- Voridian PET asset rationalization / conversion of at least 100 KMT by 2006



IntegRex – A Breakthrough Technology

- Low capital cost 50% footprint
- Lowest cash conversion cost in North America

<u>Initial Investment – Columbia, SC</u>

- North American market is attractive to an Integrated producer
- This investment is especially attractive because of the PTA retrofit
- Enables specialty polyester strategies

