

PPG Second Quarter 2024 Financial Results

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These prepared remarks should be read in conjunction with PPG's earnings press release and related presentation that were posted on PPG's website at investor.ppg.com on July 18, 2024. In addition, these detailed remarks supplement the commentary that the company makes on its second quarter 2024 earnings conference call on July 19, 2024.



Second Quarter 2024 Highlights

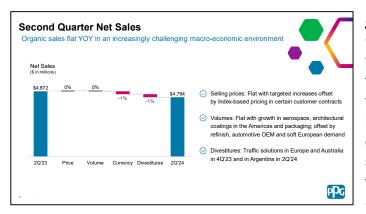
PPG achieved second quarter net sales of \$4.8 billion, a decrease of 2% compared with the second quarter 2023 due to unfavorable foreign currency translation and business divestitures. Overall organic sales were flat as PPG's broad and diverse business portfolio benefited from well-established businesses in Mexico and China. We achieved record quarterly net sales in aerospace coatings and the highest net sales in

architectural coatings Americas and Asia Pacific since the second quarter of 2018. These gains were offset by an as-guided decline in automotive refinish coatings due to a strong prior year comparison, soft global automotive and industrial production and tepid demand in Europe.

Reported earnings per diluted share from continuing operations (EPS) was a record \$2.24, compared to \$2.06 in the prior-year second quarter. Adjusted EPS was an all-time record \$2.50, up 11% compared to \$2.25 in the second quarter 2023. PPG's combined operating segments delivered earnings growth resulting in aggregate segment margins of 17.3%, 110 basis points higher than the prior-year second quarter. This marks the seventh consecutive quarter of year-over-year segment margin improvement. The company benefited from moderating raw material costs, improved manufacturing productivity and certain reductions in overhead. These improvements were partially offset by wage and benefits inflation and growth-related investments.

The company made further progress on improving working capital in the second quarter, reducing working capital as a percentage of sales by 90 basis points year over year. The company reduced inventory year over year by approximately \$210 million. Consistent with the company's capital allocation priorities, and consistent with our legacy, we intend to utilize our strong balance sheet and cash generation for shareholder value creation. During the quarter, the company repurchased approximately \$150 million of stock during the quarter and about \$300 million year to date.

In the second quarter, the realized cost of raw materials declined by a mid-single-digit percentage versus 2023 but remained well above historical levels despite the ample availability of raw materials compared to pre-pandemic conditions. The company expects raw material costs to be flat or to decline by a low single-digit percentage in the third quarter 2024 as prior year deflation is lapped.



Second Quarter Net Sales

Organic sales^(a) were flat compared to the prioryear second quarter. Aggregate selling price was flat year over year as structural price increases in the Performance Coatings segment were offset by declines in certain indexed-based customer contract pricing in the Industrial Coatings segment. Overall company sales volumes were flat compared to the prior-year second quarter. Sales volume grew in six of our ten businesses,

aided by our enterprise growth strategy. This includes growth in aerospace coatings, packaging coatings, architectural coatings Americas and Asia Pacific, traffic solutions, protective and marine coatings and specialty coatings and materials. In line with our April guidance, sales volumes declined in automotive refinish coatings due to a prior year record. Sales volumes declined more than originally anticipated in automotive original equipment manufacturer (OEM) coatings and industrial coatings. During the quarter, overall European year-over-year sales volumes improved sequentially versus the first quarter, but sales volumes remained unfavorable year over year and below our expectations.

Outlook

In the third quarter, demand is expected to vary by region and business. In Mexico we expect to continue our strong momentum of delivering excellent financial results. We believe that demand in China will deliver organic growth as of result of our technology-advantaged products, albeit at lower growth rates than achieved in the first half of the year. In Europe and the U.S., we expect market demand to be mixed by end use with modest sequential improvement in most businesses offset by tepid automotive coatings demand. In addition to the businesses that grew in the second quarter, we expect organic growth in automotive refinish coatings and protective and marine coatings. Despite slightly unfavorable year-over-year organic sales in industrial coatings, we expect modest sequential quarterly improvement in general industrial demand. The company estimates that overall organic sales in the third quarter will be in the range of flat to an increase of a low single-digit percentage compared to the third quarter 2023.



Performance Coatings Segment

Second quarter 2024 net sales for the Performance Coatings segment were \$3.0 billion, flat versus the prior year. Selling prices increased by 2% year over year and sales volume was flat. Sales declined 1% due to foreign currency translation and were negatively impacted by 1% as a result of the divestitures of the non-North American portion of PPG's traffic solutions business.

Segment operating margin was a second quarter record of 18.7%, improving by 100 basis points year over year. Segment income was \$570 million, an increase of 6% versus the prior year, primarily due to

higher selling prices and moderating raw material costs partially offset by higher growth-related spending and wage inflation.

Aerospace coatings

Aerospace coatings sales were a record for the sixth consecutive quarter with organic sales increasing by a double-digit percentage compared to the second quarter 2023, led by higher prices and sales volume. Demand remained strong as customer order backlogs increased further, ending the quarter at approximately \$290 million. Global air travel has improved year but remains about 3% below prepandemic levels for both domestic and international flights. The company remains focused on debottlenecking and expanding manufacturing capabilities to drive volume and earnings growth. Recovery of demand is expected to continue with organic sales growth anticipated to increase by a double-digit percentage in the third quarter compared to the prior year.

Automotive refinish coatings

Second quarter organic sales for automotive refinish coatings declined a mid-single-digit percentage versus the prior year. In the U.S., sales volumes declined compared to record prior-year results and reflecting lower insurance claims. In Europe, demand was comparable to the same quarter last year and organic sales declined slightly in Latin America. In China, demand for refinish products is recovering and is expected to improve in the coming quarters. In the second quarter, the company grew its LINQ™ services subscriptions and added approximately 230 Moonwalk™ installations, further supporting customer productivity and related share gain. The company expects third quarter global organic sales to increase by a mid-single-digit percentage compared to the third quarter 2023.

Architectural coatings – Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA)

Second quarter organic sales for architectural coatings – EMEA declined a low single-digit percentage year over year, driven by lower sales volumes. Consumer confidence remained weak during the quarter, and regional demand was uneven by country. Sales volumes were strong in central and eastern Europe offset by lower sales volumes in western Europe. In the third quarter 2024, organic sales are expected to decline a low single-digit percentage compared to the third quarter 2023.

Architectural coatings – Americas and Asia Pacific

Organic sales for architectural coatings – Americas and Asia Pacific increased a low single-digit percentage compared to the prior-year second quarter driven by increased sales volumes primarily in the U.S. and Latin America coupled with higher prices. Growth initiatives through our partnership with The Home Depot® drove higher professional contractor sales volumes, which were offset by moderating declines in DIY. The business also benefited from an increased product assortment at Walmart®. In Mexico, the business delivered record results, benefiting from our strong concessionaire network of approximately 5,200 locations. In the third quarter 2024, organic sales are expected to increase by a low single-digit percentage year over year, driven by strength in Mexico and professional contractor gains.

Protective and marine coatings

Organic sales for protective and marine coatings were flat compared with the prior-year second quarter due to higher sales volumes in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region offset by lower sales volumes in other regions. The second quarter was the fifth consecutive quarter with positive year-over-year sales volume

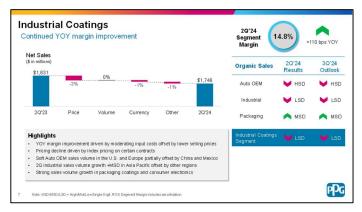
growth. In Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, increased sales volumes were driven by share gains in marine maintenance and repair, reflecting demand for PPG's sustainably advantaged products, and we expect the positive volume trend to continue this year. The sales pipeline for the company's protective coatings products remains solid, and demand is expected to improve as global infrastructure activity progresses. Third quarter organic sales are expected to increase by a low single-digit percentage compared to the prior year.

Traffic solutions

Second quarter organic sales for the traffic solutions business increased by a low single-digit percentage compared with the prior-year second quarter primarily due to increased sales volumes stemming from share gains. Additionally, PPG divested its traffic solutions business in Argentina in the second quarter. Seasonally, second and third quarter sales in the traffic solutions business are typically more than 50% higher than the first and fourth quarter due to the difficulty of applying traffic markings in colder temperatures. Third quarter organic sales are expected to increase by a mid-single-digit percentage compared to the third quarter 2023, and the business is well positioned to benefit from increased U.S. infrastructure spending.

Segment outlook

Looking ahead, we expect demand in Mexico to remain robust and consumer sentiment in Europe to be tepid. In the third quarter we anticipate continued strength in aerospace coatings and the benefit of summer seasonal sales in traffic solutions. Automotive refinish coatings is expected to return to solid organic growth reflecting incremental price increases and improved year-over-year sales volume. Aggregate organic sales are anticipated to increase by a mid-single-digit percentage compared to the third quarter 2023.



Industrial Coatings Segment

Second quarter net sales for the Industrial Coatings segment were \$1.7 billion, down 5% versus the prior year. Organic sales declined 3% compared to the second quarter 2023 driven primarily by lower selling prices relating to certain index-based customer contracts. Sales volume was flat with strong growth in packaging coatings and consumer electronics offset by soft global industrial production and weakening automotive

production. Net sales declined 1% due to foreign currency translation.

Segment margin improved by 110 basis points compared to the second quarter 2023, as the company continues to focus on restoring historical margin profiles in each business. Segment income of \$259 million was up 4% year over year, mainly due to moderating input costs offset by lower prices and employee-related cost inflation.

Automotive OEM coatings

Organic sales decreased by a high single-digit percentage compared to the second quarter 2023 driven by lower sales volumes and lower indexed-based selling prices for certain customer contracts. Sales volumes increased in the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions offset by declines in the U.S. and Europe. In Western Europe, automotive industry build rates were lower than the second quarter 2023. In China, automotive retail sales activity continued to be solid, along with exports, which have grown about 30% year to date compared to last year. PPG is well positioned in China with a growing share. Overall global demand weakened in the second quarter, and we expect third quarter organic sales to decrease by a high single-digit percentage compared to the prior year, with growth in Latin America more than offset by declines in other regions.

Industrial coatings

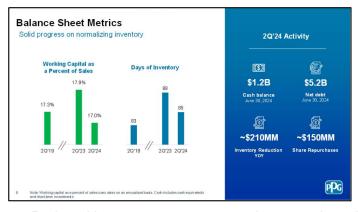
Second quarter industrial coatings organic sales were down a low single-digit percentage compared to the prior year due to lower sales volumes and lower indexed-based prices. Overall, global industrial production remained sluggish resulting in lower sales volumes in all regions except Asia Pacific where volumes increased by a mid-single-digit percentage. Demand growth in China is expected to continue for the next several quarters. Sales in several product categories were above prior-year levels, including solid volume growth in general finishes, consumer electronics, kitchen bakeware and coil. The most pronounced weakness was in heavy duty equipment, and declines were experienced in transportation, appliance and wood. In the third quarter 2024, organic sales for the business are expected to decrease by a low single-digit percentage versus prior year.

Packaging coatings

Second quarter organic sales in packaging coatings increased by a mid-single-digit percentage compared to the prior year with higher sales volumes offset by lower, index-driven prices. Global beverage demand is strong, and PPG sales growth is outpacing the market reflecting prior year and current year share gains. In the Asia-Pacific region growth is strong in all categories, and PPG is well positioned to support the growth. Moderation of destocking activity and customer wins as a result of PPG's preferred technologies are expected to improve year-over-year comparisons over the next few quarters. Third quarter 2024 organic sales are expected to increase by a mid-single-digit percentage compared to the prior-year third quarter.

Segment outlook

Looking ahead, global industrial production is expected to remain at a low level in the third quarter with improvement in the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions offset by sluggishness in Europe and the U.S. Automotive industry build rates are expected to decline in the third quarter with growth in Latin America more than offset by declining builds in all other regions. Additionally, packaging coatings is expected to have positive sales volume growth in all regions compared to the prior-year quarter. Aggregate organic sales are anticipated to decline a low single-digit percentage compared to the third quarter 2023.



Balance Sheet, Cash and Other

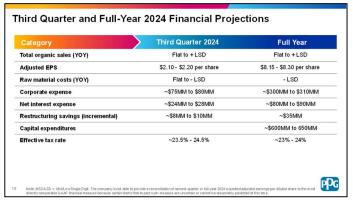
Cash and short-term investments totaled \$1.2 billion and net debt totaled \$5.2 billion at the end of the second quarter, which is about \$400 million lower than the same quarter last year. In the second quarter 2024, operating cash flow generated was \$365 million.

Second quarter 2024 additional financial highlights:

- Reduced inventory year over year by approximately \$210 million
- Restructuring actions from previously announced programs delivered about \$10 million of incremental structural cost savings
- Effective tax rate was 23%
- Corporate expenses were \$69 million, \$16 million lower than the prior year, primarily due to lower incentive-based compensation and cost savings initiatives, partially offset by inflation increased benefits costs and growth-related investments

Second guarter 2024 uses of cash were as follows:

- Capital expenditures were \$118 million
- Dividends paid were \$152 million
- Shares repurchased were approximately \$150 million



<u>Third Quarter and Full-Year 2024 Financial</u> **Assumptions**

The company provided financial assumptions for the third quarter and full-year 2024 in its accompanying presentation materials based on information that is currently known. A few of the assumptions are highlighted below.

 Third quarter aggregate organic sales expected to be flat to higher by a low single-digit

percentage compared to the third quarter 2023; flat to higher by a low single-digit percentage for the full-year 2024

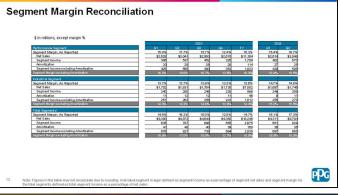
- Third guarter corporate expenses of \$75 million to \$80 million; \$300 million to \$310 million for 2024
- Third quarter net interest expense of \$24 million to \$28 million; \$80 million to \$90 million for 2024
- Third quarter adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$2.10 to \$2.20; \$8.15 to \$8.30 for 2024
- Full-year capital expenditures of approximately \$600 million to \$650 million in support of future organic growth opportunities and as we continue to recover from lower spending during the pandemic
- Third quarter effective tax rate of 23.5% to 24.5%; 23% to 24% for the full year 2024, higher than prior year due to higher tax rates in certain countries and the geographic mix of earnings and the absence of certain prior year favorable discrete tax items.

Additional information related to financial projections may be found in the detailed commentary and associated presentation slides related to the second quarter financial information which are posted on the investor section of the company's website.

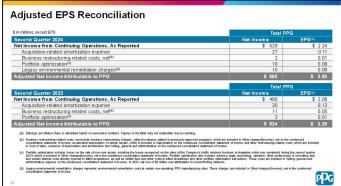
The company is not able to provide a reconciliation of third quarter or full year 2024 expected adjusted earnings per diluted share to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure without unreasonable effort because certain items that impact such measure are uncertain or cannot be reasonably predicted at this time.

(a) Organic sales are defined as: net sales excluding the impact of currency, acquisitions and divestitures.









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