

Our return on sales and return on investment continued to improve

ROS | ROI
13.2% | 15.1%

“We increased volumes while improving profitability across all Business Areas.

The market outlook remains uncertain.”

Ton Büchner, CEO

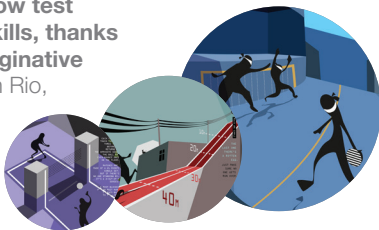
WE CREATE **EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS** TO MAKE PEOPLE'S LIVES MORE LIVEABLE AND INSPIRING

**Essential ingredients
Essential protection
Essential color**

Q2 2016

JUNE 16

Children in Brazil can now test their all-round sports skills, thanks to the inspiring and imaginative use of paint. Launched in Rio, our Unexpected Courts project uses paint to create sporting areas in surprising urban spaces.



JUNE 8

The US FDA approved Expancel Microspheres, from our Specialty Chemicals business as a constituent in wine corks. The innovative and versatile product **helps to ensure wines are kept as perfect as possible** and can be enjoyed as intended.



MAY 26

We inaugurated a €6.5 million technology center in Songjiang, Shanghai, the company's largest research facility in China. **It will support product innovation and the development of next generation coatings and specialty chemicals.**



MAY 10

Decorating your home became even easier following the launch of our latest Visualizer app. It now includes enhanced **video capability**, intuitive **color picker** technology and the ability to **share designs on social media**.

**SEE
SHARE
PAINT**



APRIL 29

We increased the focus on our customers China, after starting production at our fourth – and largest – plant for decorative paints in Chengdu. **All products produced at the site will be waterborne and solvent-free, in line with our Planet Possible approach to sustainability.**

JUNE 10

Young people in Virginia are learning about sustainability at EBase USA, an off-grid classroom set up by our employees which highlights the community focus of our Human Cities initiative.



JUNE 3

The world's only Flying Eye Hospital was given a new livery, with AkzoNobel supplying all the coatings, **helping to make a difference to the daily lives of the patients who receive treatment.**



MAY 17

Phase one of the **€2.5 million expansion** of our performance coatings plant in Cikarang, Indonesia, has been **completed**. The investment will **increase capacity** at the facility by **40 percent**.

**€2.5 million
expansion**



MAY 4

We formed a **partnership** with agro-industrial cooperative **Royal Cosun**, designed to develop **new products from cellulose side streams** resulting from sugar beet processing.

Q1 2016