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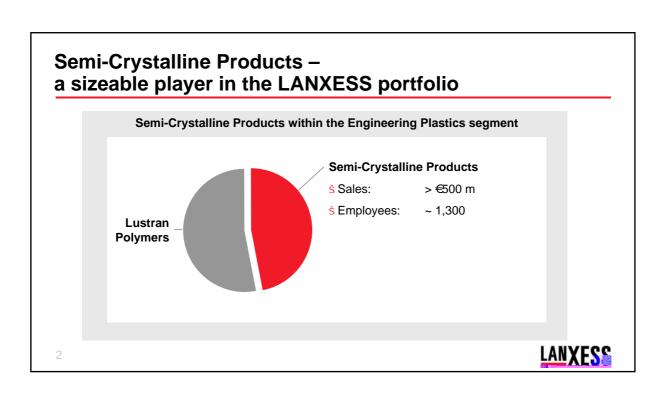
# A Solid Performer – Ready for Growth

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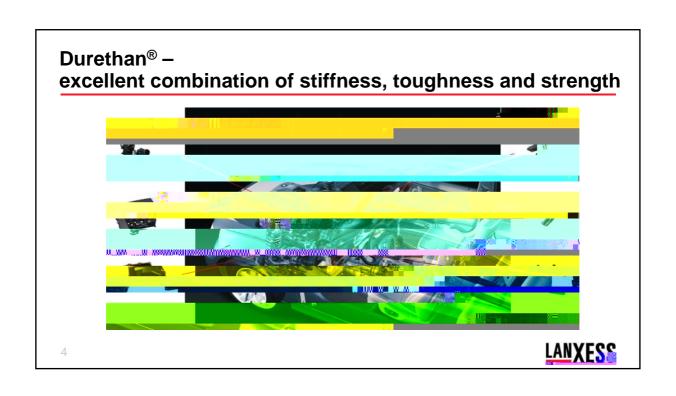


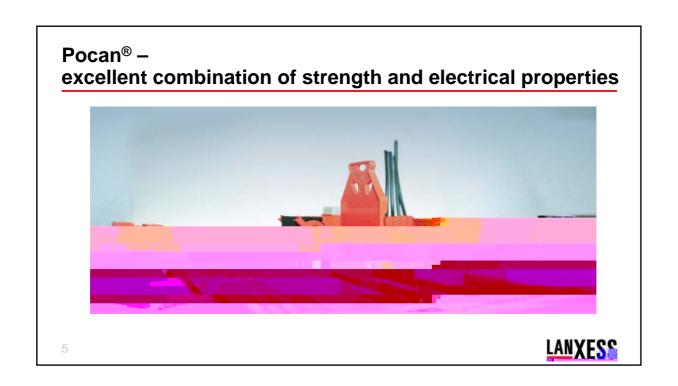




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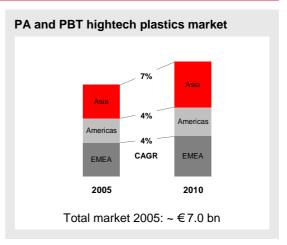




# Durethan® and Pocan® – successful in a fast growing market

#### **Market Development**

- S Expected annual global market growth by volume ~ 5% (2005-2010)
- š Biggest growth region is Asia (China)
- S High growth potentials above GDP due to ongoing substitution of metals by Engineering Plastics and development of new applications





## Semi-Crystalline Products – backwards integrated with important Intermediates



#### **Hightech Plastics**

- š Durethan®
- š Pocan®



#### Intermediates

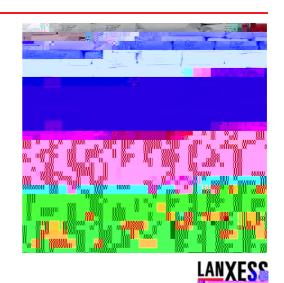
- **š** Caprolactam
- š Adipic Acid
- **š** Glass Fibers

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## Intermediates – cost and asset leadership

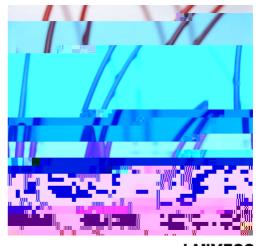
- S World-scale plants in Uerdingen, Germany (Adipic Acid) and Antwerp, Belgium (Caprolactam, Glassfibers)
- § Demand from growing hightech plastics business ensures full capacity utilization
- § Ongoing efficiency programs to safeguard cost leadership (e.g. restructuring phase IV)



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### **Durethan® and Pocan®–** strategy for growth

- S Growth of Durethan® and Pocan® business within market growing above GDP level
- š Aggressive positioning in Asia
- § Continue to capitalize on our successful European market and technology position
- § Ongoing investment in product and application development
- S Growth supported by investments in new production lines following lean asset strategy



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# Semi-Crystalline Products – a solid performer ready for profitable growth Market Good position in a fast growing market for Engineering Plastics Products and Technology Advanced product portfolio and technology leadership Cost Position Cost and asset leadership in Intermediates Profitable Growth Continue aggressive strategy in Asia



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