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Dear Customer:

Effective 4/18/2011, Avantor Performance Materials will implement a price increase on all products. In general, the price increases range from 3-8%; a few select items have a higher increase.

This increase is necessary due to the rising costs of raw materials and energy. Developments in the commodity, monomer and derivative market continue to push costs to record levels. The factors driving the need for this price initiative include:

- Significant increases in costs for organic petrochemical building blocks such as Ethylene, Propylene, Butadiene, and other organic feedstocks;
- Broad-based increases in costs for inorganic materials such as Sulfur-based products, caustics, Phosphorous-based materials, soda ash, and other basic commodities; and
- Dynamic and uncertain energy costs.

The current trends in the market place have driven these record high costs; the trends are expected to be persistent in duration. Several charts are included in Appendix A showing the rise in market costs over the past several months.

Avantor values your business and remains committed to providing industry-leading, innovative solutions to meet your needs. We will continue to work to stream line our business and optimize costs so that we may offer the value and service you expect from Avantor Performance Materials.

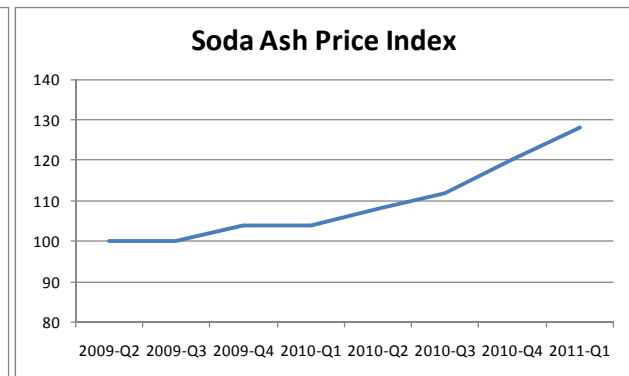
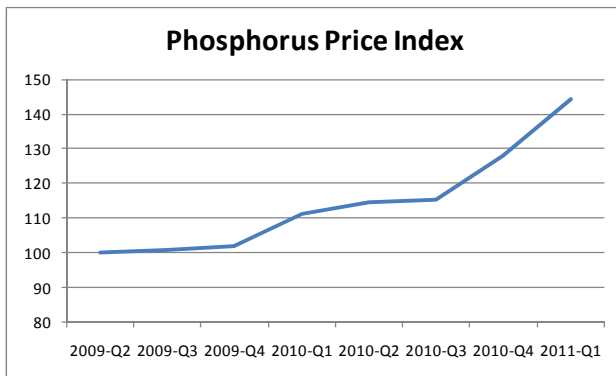
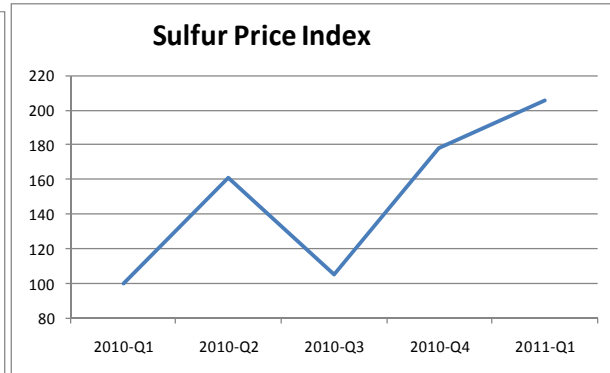
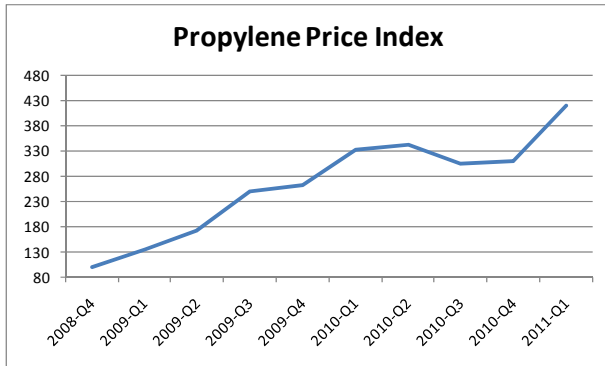
Please contact your Avantor sales representative at 1-800-582-2537 or 908-859-2151 should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Appendix A. Charts.



Source: Chemical Markets Associates, Incorporated