Five-Year Summary of financial data

in € millions, except for share and per share data, percentages and number of employees	Year Ended December 31, 2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Statement of Operations Data:					
Net sales	**4,325**	4,777	4,885	4,048	4,051
Cost of sales	**(3,643)**	(4,132)	(4,155)	(3,375)	(3,206)
Gross profit	**682**	645	730	673	845
Selling, general and administrative expenses	**(471)**	(552)	(541)	(544)	(501)
Research and development expenses	**(74)**	(87)	(87)	(71)	(94)
Special charges, net [1]	**1**	(496)	(21)	(538)	(97)
Operating profit (loss) [2]	**155**	(488)	87	(490)	167
Interest and other income, net [3]	**11**	(2)	55	(69)	(72)
Income tax benefit (provision)	**(53)**	126	(88)	70	(100)
Minority interests	**–**	–	–	7	(40)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	**113**	(364)	54	(482)	(45)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	**55**	(21)	4	290	1
Extraordinary loss, net of income tax	**–**	–	–	(15)	–
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, net of income tax	**19**	–	–	–	–
Net earnings (loss)	**187**	(385)	58	(207)	(44)
Earnings (loss) per common share – basic and diluted [4]	**3.72**	(7.65)	1.09	(3.70)	(0.79)
Balance Sheet Data:					
Total assets	**6,127**	7,064	7,642	7,789	7,566
Debt	**615**	880	1,165	948	1,422
Shareholders' equity	**2,005**	2,210	2,843	2,866	2,736
Dividends paid per share	**–**	0.40	0.11	–	–
Common stock	**140**	143	143	143	–
Weighted average shares – basic and diluted	**50,329**	50,332	53,293	55,915	55,915
Other Data:					
Operating margin (%)	**3.58**	(10.22)	1.78	(12.10)	4.12
Depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets	**286**	390	356	309	284
Capital expenditures on tangible fixed assets	**218**	217	218	252	315
Trade Working Capital [5]	**618**	605	902	911	914
Number of employees on a continuing basis (end of period) in thousands	**10.7**	10.8	11.6	13.1	14.4

(1) Special charges represent charges for the impairment of assets, litigation charges and restructuring charges, which include employee termination costs, plant and office closures and other costs. See Note 26 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

(2) Hoechst acquired substantially all the 49 percent minority interest in its Mexican subsidiary, Grupo Celanese, in December 1998, and contributed it to Celanese. If this minority interest had been contributed to Celanese as of January 1, 1998, Celanese's operating profit for 1998 would have been reduced by €30 million, because of the amortization of goodwill associated with the acquisition.

(3) Interest and other income, net, represents equity in net earnings of affiliates, interest expense, and interest and other income, net, as set forth in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

(4) Earnings (loss) per common share – basic and diluted is calculated by dividing net earnings (loss) by the weighted average shares outstanding. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, Celanese did not have any dilutive common stock equivalents. On the effective date of the demerger, Hoechst issued 55,915,369 shares of Celanese to existing Hoechst shareholders; these shares are deemed to be outstanding for 1999 and all prior periods presented.

(5) Celanese defines trade working capital as trade accounts receivable from third parties and affiliates net of allowance for doubtful accounts, plus inventories, less trade accounts payable to third parties and affiliates.