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Abstract
The ratings on Kraton Polymers LLC reflects our expectation that favorable business conditions and operating trends in the near to intermediate term will continue to support adequate cash flow generation and liquidity, and a financial risk profile consistent with our ratings on Kraton. Operating trends have been favorable in the past year because of the company's ability to pass on raw material price increases more efficiently, new product introductions, various cost saving initiatives, and the rebound of volumes back to pre-recession levels. Our ratings on Kraton also reflect the company's weak business risk profile, which stems from its narrow focus on the styrenic block copolymers (SBCs) market, its vulnerability to raw material fluctuations, and Kraton's exposure to cyclical demand cycles...

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