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And your first question comes from the line of P.J. Juvekar of Citi. Please proceed.

Anthony Pettinari - Citi - Analyst

Hi. This is Anthony Pettinari standing in for PJ.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Hi, Anthony.

Anthony Pettinari - Citi - Analyst

Hi. A question on performance coatings. Your volumes fell in 1Q. Can you talk a little bit about what kind of volume trend you're expecting for the full year?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

The volumes fell in the first quarter in a couple of the segments. One, Architectural Coatings, the other, Protective and Marine, and we had volume growth in automotive refinish. We would expect that volume trend in automotive refinish, the positive trend, to continue this year. We're fairly optimistic about the business here in the developed regions, as well as what's happening in the emerging regions. We think the architectural business was affected by weather conditions early in this quarter, was rebounding in March as the weather improved. So we think that even though we're not optimistic about strong volume growth in architectural, we do think we'll show better performance in the upcoming quarters than we did in the first quarter and we think that Protective and Marine shows some positive signs and so we're looking for modest growth there and in Aerospace. So I think the picture is going to be slightly better as we move through the upcoming quarters.

Anthony Pettinari - Citi - Analyst

Okay. In the US architectural business, can you talk a little bit about what you're seeing at Company-owned stores versus home centers versus the dealer channel in terms of which channels are holding up better?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

The patterns have remained similar here. It's still early in the season, so I would say it's too early for us to reach any definitive conclusions. But as we saw last year, the remodeling segment of the business held up better than either commercial construction or new home residential. That does favor the DIY segments that are either in the national home centers or in the dealer channels. So I would say early in the year here in the first quarter those trends continue.

Anthony Pettinari - Citi - Analyst

Would you expect your total store count to be flat for the year or up or down?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

We don't expect it to be down. I would say that if anything, there may be a net very modest store count growth this year, mainly tied to lease renewals and the like.

Anthony Pettinari - Citi - Analyst

Great. Thank you.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Kevin McCarthy of Merrill Lynch. Please proceed.

Kevin McCarthy - Merrill Lynch - Analyst

Yes, good afternoon. How are you?

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

Hi, Kevin.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

I'm okay.

Kevin McCarthy - Merrill Lynch - Analyst

In architectural, Chuck, I understand you led a price increase at the Company-owned stores in the US. Can you comment on the success of the realization there relative to the raw material increases? In other words, are you able to hold margins? And over in Europe, do you foresee any need or opportunity to raise prices in Architectural Coatings there?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

In regards to the price increase at the, in the Company-owned store channel, we did implement that during the first quarter. We felt that that would offset price increases from raw materials that we were experiencing and we talked about the low 3% to 4% kind of inflationary indicators that we were seeing for raw materials. What we're seeing right now as we come into the early parts of the second quarter, we're seeing a little bit higher inflation level, especially in a couple of commodities. So we're watching this right now. I would say that today we're in several of our channels where we have had pricing; we think that we're in pretty good shape but we're watching the trends.

In several of our segments or end-use markets where we haven't yet achieved all the price increases that we were looking for, we will be talking to customers because this is a, I would say, a consistent trend across regions that we are seeing raw material inflation combined with some shortages here that have emerged in the first quarter. And Europe is similar story, even though the volume there has been, I would say, weak in the first quarter. They had similar weather conditions in Europe to what we experienced here in North America. There is some, not as great, inflationary pressure in Europe on the raw materials side and we will be looking as we move through the second quarter, we're going to monitor our raw material prices and see if we need to look at targeted price increases on the architectural side.

Kevin McCarthy - Merrill Lynch - Analyst

Great. Shifting gears to the Optical segment, I thought margins there were exceptionally strong. Could you comment on the underlying margins at Transitions versus Silica and what we should expect in 2Q there in terms of margins?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, we were very pleased with the improvement overall in the segment and we saw improvement both in the Optical business and in Transitions, led by volume improvement there and we picked up a little volume leverage. Our prices on the Transitions side have not changed, but this is, I think, a good indicator of us keeping our overhead costs and manufacturing costs in line or lower and we're getting some help from improved volume. On the Silica's side we had a very nice improvement there as well, both in volume and in margins. As Bob mentioned in his remarks, the tire industry has recovered here in the first quarter, so that provided some volume lift. We also have some cost benefits in this, in the Silica's business from lower natural gas costs and the restructuring actions that we took last year. So we're seeing nice improvement in both subsegments of Optical and Specialty Materials.

Kevin McCarthy - Merrill Lynch - Analyst

Finally, Chuck, is it fair to say that the majority of the \$80 per ton proposed price increase for caustic soda has gone through for April 1?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Our view, we fully implemented the price increase announced earlier in Q1, which was \$75 a ton. We are in the process of implementing this \$80 a ton price increase in the second quarter, not all of which will be implemented April 1, but we are confident, especially with the trends that we see on the volume side and overall in the market, that through the course of the second quarter we will implement fully the \$80 a ton caustic soda price increase.

Kevin McCarthy - Merrill Lynch - Analyst

Great. Thank you very much.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Thank you, Kevin.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Bob Koort of Goldman Sachs, please proceed.

Bob Koort - Goldman Sachs - Analyst

Thanks. Chuck, can you comment a little bit on the Industrial Coatings side, sort of what the raw material and pricing developments there are by submarket and then on the auto OEM, what do you expect sequentially in those regions as you go forward?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

In the Industrial Coatings segment, on the raw materials side, first quarter, again, we had raw material price increases consistent with my earlier remarks, 3% to 4%. However, we do use more epoxy resin in this segment of our Coatings business. That was experiencing, especially at the end of the quarter, some higher inflationary pressure. So we have been in all three end-use markets, automotive OEM, the General Industrial segment and Packaging, that are the three subsegments of Industrial Coatings, we are pushing price increases in all three of those subsegments to offset the overall increases and also to specifically address the epoxy resin increase.

Bob Koort - Goldman Sachs - Analyst

And what about production trends by region in OEM, what would you expect that to look like as we go through the year?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

They have remained fairly solid. I would say right now we had a, if we start here in North America, we had a very good start to the year. We were looking at maybe build numbers for North America at a little less than 11 million for the year, which was still going to be up over 20%, but now we've upped those and it's over 11 million. It's probably going to be between 11 million and 1.5 million and the sales trends and the markets seem to be positive. Europe, however, although we had a good first quarter, we think it's going to flatten out.

We haven't seen the same uptake in the sales levels, so I would say that we're still looking for maybe on a full year basis very modest volume growth in Europe, very low single-digits. South America remains strong, although it's a smaller market, and the big story as we've been reading about and we certainly experienced in the first quarter and we think it's going to continue is the growth of sales, particularly in China, but more broadly in Asia-Pacific. So the sales were up. You saw the March numbers in China, up another 40%. We're predicting only 10% to 15% full year in China, but it is certainly a strong sales pace and we think it's going to continue through the year at that 10% to 15% level, not at what we saw on a year-over-year basis in the month of March.

Bob Koort - Goldman Sachs - Analyst

Great. Thanks, Chuck.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Thanks, Bob.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Frank Mitsch of BB&T Capital Markets. Please proceed.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

Good morning, gentlemen, or good afternoon, gentlemen. I just want to thank you for sending us the best wide receiver in football.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

You're welcome, Frank.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

I wanted to follow up. Obviously the Optical business was awesome. And Chuck, you attributed part of it to Transitions and part of it to the Silica's. If I look at that \$20 million year-over-year increase, how would you apportion the benefits between those two segments?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, I would say in terms of the earnings, you're going to -- it's probably the 80/20 rule here. That 80% of the improvement would be on the Optical side, 20% on Silica's and Optical is obviously a much bigger proportion of the overall segment, so I would say that they're both improving nicely at about the same rate.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

That's great. That's actually gives us a little more confidence that it's mostly on the Transition side, which is obviously the more stable of the businesses there. And then your expectation with that material pickup, have we reached a new plateau level here on this segment?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

I don't think we've reached the plateau level. As we've talked about in our discussions of the Transitions business, we have what we think is a very good penetration level here in the United States, about 20% market share, so that means 20% of all of prescription eyewear is Transitions. We think that we have room to move that up and certainly our level of penetration in Europe or in Asia or in Latin America is not at that level. In fact, most of those markets are less than 10% market penetration, so we think we have plenty of upside and room to grow the business and we think that this story will continue.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

Okay. Well, hopefully, Kenny Perry and Trevor Immelman will perform for you guy there. And, Bob, you talked about using cash for share buyback and bolt-ons. Would you care to size the order of magnitude of what potentially you guys are looking at in both of those areas?

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

On the bolt-on acquisitions, I think things in the, at 20 -- \$200 million, \$250 million range and more focused on Asia-Pacific and the emerging markets. On share repurchase, it's something we are and will continue to evaluate, but it's probably not appropriate to size it at this point.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

But can you refresh our memory how much is left on the current authorization?

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

We have a little more than 6 million shares on the current authorization. We had 5 million approved late last year and we had a little more than 1 million, 1.5 million shares outstanding under the existing authorization.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

All right. Great. Thank you.

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

6.5 in total.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Thanks, Frank.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of James Sheehan of Deutsche Bank. Please proceed.

James Sheehan - Deutsche Bank - Analyst

Hi, Chuck. What was your operating rate in chlor-alkali in Q1 and could you also comment on where the demand improvement is coming from? Is that mainly like the pulp and paper market for caustic or is it across all the end-uses?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

I would say operating rates have moved up in the quarter to the high 80s, close to 90%. We did have some maintenance outages in the month of March that brought down some of our numbers and we haven't seen the operating rates for the industry in March. But they were at what I would say would be historically good levels. And caustic demand, as you know, is spread across a number of end-use industrial markets. We thought pulp and paper was solid, if not really strong. The refinery business, good. We saw some pickup on the aluminum side. So we saw a number of the end-use markets beginning to pick up, although there was no one stand-out market, but just, I would say, solid improvement across the board.

James Sheehan - Deutsche Bank - Analyst

And could you estimate what percent of your natural gas cost would be hedged in Q2? Would that be around 25%?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

It's going to be around there, around 25%. It's going to move down each quarter, so that we're probably going to end the year, because we're not looking to hedge at this point any additional volumes and it moves down to around 20% by the end of the year, but the second quarter hedges will be down slightly but around 25%.

James Sheehan - Deutsche Bank - Analyst

Okay. And finally, you mentioned the Euro being a headwind in Q2. Is there any way to quantify what that might be if the Euro were to be at this level for the rest of the quarter?

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

Well, you can certainly look at our sales in Euros. We have about \$4.5 billion of sales in the Euro region. And roughly half of that is denominated in Euros.

James Sheehan - Deutsche Bank - Analyst

Okay. Thank you very much.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Thanks, Jim.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Ivan Marcuse of KeyBanc Capital Markets. Please proceed.

Ivan Marcuse - KeyBanc Capital Markets - Analyst

Hi, guys. Thanks for taking my question. In the commercial markets are you looking for -- how are you looking the year to play out? Are you expecting to remain at the low level it is to 2010 or do you expect a slight recovery as we go through the year?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

We're not looking for any recovery this year in new commercial construction. The architect indexes in commercial construction are still below 50. I think 45 was the latest number and there is not a lot of optimism on the new construction front in commercial. There may be some pickup later this year on the renovation side of commercial, but at this point we're saying -- we're hunker down and trying to get through this year in the market and looking for improvement next year.

Ivan Marcuse - KeyBanc Capital Markets - Analyst

Great. And then my last question is in the packaging industry you mentioned that has been pretty stable. Has there been any regions that are better than others or has it been pretty stable globally.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

The best growth, similar to the stories in the other, in many of the other end-use markets is the Asia-Pacific region and China have been stronger than the developed region. They're still, if you look at can consumption, as an example, in those markets or packaged goods or packaged foods, they still have quite a ways to go in China and India to even get close to the consumption levels on a per capita basis here in the developed regions. So we expect that story to continue for the coming years. And this year as we get into the second and third quarters, we always see some positive uplift when there's a World Cup and there is one starting in June in South Africa and that usually leads to an increase in beer and beverage consumption during the year.

Ivan Marcuse - KeyBanc Capital Markets - Analyst

Great. Thank you for taking my questions.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Don Carson of UBS. Please proceed.

Don Carson - UBS - Analyst

Thank you. Couple questions. Just on chlor-alkali, industry operating rates, Chuck, were about 84% in January, February and you indicated you're well above that. I'm just wondering where is all the chlorine going that enables you to have these kind of high operating rates?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, there was stronger export, the export shipments of PVC, especially in the first two months of the year, that started to slow down some from the price, the ethylene price spikes that we saw as we moved through the quarter. But that was contributing to higher operating rates across the industry and that historically, as you know, Don, we have -- the US has not been a strong exporter of PVC. But we are now with some lower natural gas or energy costs and a weaker dollar, there have been more opportunities, although right now we see those opportunities declining because of the spike that we're seeing in ethylene cost.

Don Carson - UBS - Analyst

And on natural gas hedging, it's been somewhat of a mixed performance over the last year. I guess my basic question would be why even bother hedging other than, say, during winter months when you might get a spike in pricing? Have you sort of looked to see whether hedging actually benefits you or is a net increase in your cost position?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, if you look at our record over time, we have experienced some periods where it really helped us. What we have been trying to do in the hedging program is take away the upside spikes in pricing. If you look at the experience in this decade, until the last year and-a-half or so, most of the variability came on the upside, either during weather events like a hurricanes or harsh periods of the winter, and we saw price spikes that would go well over \$10 a MM Btu into \$13 and \$15 range. So we were really trying to cap some of those, the upside risk that we saw from the pricing. Now, what's happened over the last couple of years we think has changed the game. When you have had an overall weaker economy, but obviously the shale gas has made a big difference, whether it's a Barnett field or the Marcellus field here in this region, the supply picture has changed quite a bit and so even with improving demand, we see pricing very stable, volumes and inventories continuing at very high levels.

So we think the game has changed. We're no longer concerned about protecting ourselves against these upside price spikes. So we have really -- we really stopped hedging over a year ago. But up until that time, we were going out two or three years with some of our hedges in order to protect ourselves and we had a little more in the winter months, typically,

where there was more potential for variability. So we stopped hedging and we're going to just ride this thing out and hopefully this shale play is a long-term trend for us and I think if it is, it's going to be a very positive factor for the US chemical industry and for a number of our other manufacturing industries, including our glass business.

Don Carson - UBS - Analyst

Chuck, and then one final question. Turning to your architectural business, you seemed somewhat cautious in your outlook. It appears, at least if you look at the DOC data, that we're close to a bottom here, just below 600 million gallons a year. What kind of recovery do you see? Is your caution in 2010 really because of weakness in commercial? And what kind of growth do you think we can see both in 2010 and 2011 in the overall US market?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, what we've seen is certainly the industrial markets, led by automotive, have recovered more rapidly and on a more consistent basis globally. We're in now the fourth year of this housing recession here in North America. I predicted that we were going to be out of this recession probably a year and-a-half or a year ago, and I have been, I think, continually disappointed by the pace of the recovery. Now, I don't think we're going to get any worse. New housing starts, we talked about building from this level of 600,000, but we haven't seen it so far and the start of the year was very weak. Some of that we hope is weather. And now we have the commercial construction market a little weaker.

We think that the renovation side of residential will be better, so overall it's still going to be a positive story for us this year. But I am surprised that it's taken us as long as it has, as a country, to work through all these mortgage and foreclosure issues. We have a housing credit that is going to expire. So there's just a lot of -- there's conflicting data and so we think overall it will be positive but not strong and clearly with what we're seeing on the automotive side from maybe a deeper decline, we're seeing more of a bounceback. So I think 2011 for us seems like a better year to predict a strong upturn. We should get improvement in commercial, new homes should finally start to get better, maybe even later this year. But we just haven't seen volume on the construction markets either here in North America or in Europe that would lead us to say that we should be really bullish on that market for the rest of this year.

Don Carson - UBS - Analyst

Thank you.

Operator

And your next question comes from the line of Dmitry Silversteyn of Longbow. Please proceed.

Eugene Fedotoff - Longbow - Analyst

Good afternoon. This is Eugene Fedotoff sitting in for Dmitry. Couple questions on the Architectural Coatings business in Europe. First, what was the volume decline in business in first quarter? And can you provide a little bit more color on, I guess, countries where you're seeing some improvements beyond seasonality or some maybe that are getting a little bit weaker for you?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

I would say that volume decline in the first quarter, and again, Europe had similar weather to ours here, so they were very weak in January and February as a result of the weather. But we ended up with low single-digit declines in volume overall for the market and I would say there was no particular market that was either stronger or weaker. And we have, I would say, a mix of country exposure, France, the UK, Benelux, Eastern Europe, and I would say none of those exhibited real strength nor did any of them exhibit exceptional weakness. So it was fairly consistent through the first quarter. But again, it's not -- we'll need a little more time to see the emergence of seasonal trends and as we get through the second quarter, I think we'll be able to see if some markets are getting a little stronger and others are not. We do not have exposure, as we've said, in some of the weakest markets, like Spain and Portugal, and very small exposure in Italy or the other Mediterranean countries. So we don't have a good barometer there, but certainly they have been the weakest overall in the construction industries and overall in their economies.

Eugene Fedotoff - Longbow - Analyst

Chuck, you mentioned that you're seeing some shortages in some raw materials. Can you be a little bit more specific which raw materials you're talking about? And also can you provide a little bit more color, I guess, on the raw material environment in Europe versus US? Thank you.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

I would say we have had -- there are two things going on. We've had some price run up and we talked about ethylene, propylene is also increasing in price. We've had some products in that petro chemical chain that are experiencing shortages. I can talk about phenol, epoxy resin, some of the acrylates. So I think as some of the production ramped up as we went through the quarter, I think many of these companies and industries where there had been a lot of restructuring or they mothballed some facilities, as demand came up I think there were a few supply disruptions that we think will move away as we go through the second quarter, but certainly those would be some of the markets that and some of the products in the petro chemical chain that we saw either with price increases or supply disruptions.

In Europe, although the demands haven't been as strong, the economy has been weaker there and slower to recover than here and we've had some similar issues. There was a TI O2 plant that has had significant -- that had a significant supply event in the UK and that has affected short-term supply/demand balance for TI O2 and we've had some raw material inflation, again, at the lower end of that 3% to 4% kind of inflation that we've been talking about, but even with the weakness in the economy in Europe, we have had some raw material inflation in Europe as well.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of John Roberts of Buckingham Research. Please proceed.

John Roberts - Buckingham Research - Analyst

Good afternoon, guys, and impressive margins.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Thanks, John.

John Roberts - Buckingham Research - Analyst

The European Automotive Coatings business, I thought that was by far the largest, maybe 50% larger than US, or 50% larger than Europe. I don't know if that is correct or not, but I wanted to check your comments. Did you say that full year in Europe auto builds will be up slightly or did you say the second half, the remainder of the year, will be up slightly. Because the first quarter was up materially.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Our first quarter was up, as you've said, materially. We think production will still be up for the full year, although at a lower level and a, what I described as low single-digit increases for the full year in Europe in automotive production. And in terms of our automotive OEM business unit, Europe is not -- it is the biggest single region, but it is not twice the size of our North American business.

John Roberts - Buckingham Research - Analyst

I thought more like 50% larger than North America.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

No, it is larger but not 50% larger.

John Roberts - Buckingham Research - Analyst

And so the rest of the year you expect to be down so that the full year is up only modestly.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

No, John. If you looked, last year the comps get more difficult in Europe. The first quarter in all of auto globally last year was very difficult. Europe came out of that quicker because of the incentives they put in place. So their comparables get easier -- or harder, excuse me, as we go throughout the year on a year-over-year basis.

John Roberts - Buckingham Research - Analyst

Right, but if they're up a lot in the first quarter and they're only up a little for the full year, they're going to be flat or down.

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

Flattish, yes.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Marginally for the rest of the year, that's correct.

John Roberts - Buckingham Research - Analyst

Thank you.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of John McNulty at Credit Suisse. Please proceed.

John McNulty - Credit Suisse - Analyst

Yes, good afternoon. Just one quick question. With all the cost cuts that you put through last year, your margins are clearly really solid in a bunch of your businesses and in some cases they're at record levels, whether it is the Optical or even Industrial Coatings seems to be close to that. Are you in any of your businesses constrained right now because of the costs that you put in where you might be having to go out and hire or add in some incremental cost? How should we think about that going forward and maybe the impact it might have on margins?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

No, we don't think that we're constrained now. We're not contemplating in the businesses where we did close facilities, either plants or warehouses; we're not contemplating restarting or building any new facilities, especially in the developed region. We have plenty of capacity. We are, as you know from previous calls, we are building capacity in Asia, in particular China. But we don't see any big cost adds going through. Now, we are -- we have had our salaries frozen for the last 14 months and we also eliminated the 401-K match here in North America. Those will be reinstated in the second half of the year. So we will have some cost increase on the wages and benefits side here in North America and in the developed regions in the second half of the year, but that would be, other than raw materials, the only significant cost increase that we would be looking for.

John McNulty - Credit Suisse - Analyst

Okay. Great. Thanks for the color.

Operator

Your next question comes from the line of Frank Mitsch of BB&T Capital Markets. Please proceed.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

Yes, hi, Chuck, just had a quick follow-up. You mentioned the World Cup and possible opportunities there. I actually hadn't thought of PPG as a World Cup play. Can you talk about your various touch points in South Africa and what the materiality of that would be?

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, actually, we do have a significant architectural business in South Africa. It's called Prominent Paints. We're the number four player in South Africa. So we are getting some lift there from a lot of the construction activity. But more importantly, the overall lift for PPG, at least in -- is more on the beer and beverage side and it's not with actual attendees in South Africa, it's with all the sports fans around the world who are gather around their televisions watching their teams play in the World Cup. And although it seems almost humorous to say that, but beer and beverage consumption during the World Cup goes up significantly and for those of us in that market, we know during the World Cup there's a lot of beer and beverages being consumed.

Frank Mitsch - BB&T Capital Markets - Analyst

All right. That makes a lot of sense and I can understand that. Thanks a million.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Okay.

Operator

And there are no further questions at this time. I'd like to turn the call back over to management for closing remarks.

Chuck Bunch - PPG Industries - Chairman & CEO

Well, thank you very much for listening in and for your support and we look forward to reporting back to you in another three months with what we hope will be further improvement and another solid quarter. Thank you.

Bob Dellinger - PPG Industries - SVP Finance & CFO

Thank you.

Vince Morales - PPG Industries - VP IR

Thank you.

Operator

Thank you for your participation in today's conference. This concludes the presentation. You may now disconnect. Good day.