

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/  
Form 424B3  
June 22, 2009

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Preliminary Pricing Supplement dated June 22, 2009

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Pricing Supplement No. 53 dated June \_\_, 2009 (To: Prospectus Dated February 23, 2007 and Prospectus Supplement Dated October 29, 2008)

| CUSIP Number | Principal Amount | Selling Price | Gross Concession | Net Proceeds | Coupon Rate | Coupon Frequency | Maturity Date | 1st Coupon Date | Coupon Amount | Survivor Option | Product Ranking        |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 26054LGQ0    |                  | 100.000%      | 1.250%           |              | 6.900%      | SEMI-ANNUAL      | 07/15/2014    | 01/15/2010      | \$36.99       | YES             | Senior Unsecured Notes |

**Redemption Information: Callable at 100.000% on 07/15/2010 and every coupon date thereafter**

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The Dow Chemical Company InterNotes will be subject to redemption at the option of The Dow Chemical Company, in whole on the Interest Payment Date occurring any time on or after 07/15/2010 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of The Dow Chemical Company InterNotes, plus accrued interest thereon, if any, upon at least 30 days prior notice to the Noteholder and the Trustee, as described in the Prospectus.

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| 26054LGR8 |  | 100.000% | 1.450% |  | 7.950% | SEMI-ANNUAL | 07/15/2016 | 01/15/2010 | \$42.62 | YES | Senior Unsecured Notes |
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| 26054LGS6 |  | 100.000% | 1.800% |  | 8.500% | SEMI-ANNUAL | 07/15/2019 | 01/15/2010 | \$45.57 | YES | Senior Unsecured Notes |
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Trade Date: Monday, June 29, 2009 @ 12:00 PM ET

The Dow Chemical Company

Settle Date: Thursday, July 02, 2009

The Dow Chemical Company InterNotes

**The Dow  
Chemical  
Company**

Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

All trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry Only

DTC number: 0235 via RBC Dain Rauscher Inc.

If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a Business day

(as term is defined in the Prospectus), principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next Business day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.

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