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- worldwide economic, financial, political and regulatory conditions;
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- our ability to maintain adequate physical, technical and administrative safeguards to protect the security of confidential information and data, and the potential of a system or network disruption that results in regulatory penalties, remedial costs and/or improper disclosure of

- confidential information or data;
- the effect of competitive products and pricing;
- consolidation in our end-customer market;
- the health of the commodities markets;
- the level of success of new product development and global expansion;
- our ability to integrate, and realize expected synergies, savings or benefits from the businesses we acquire;
- the level of our capital investments;
- our ability to successfully recover should we experience a disaster or other business continuity problem, such as a hurricane, flood, earthquake, terrorist attack, pandemic, security breach, cyber-attack, power loss, telecommunications failure or other natural or man-made disaster; and
- our exposure to potential criminal sanctions or civil remedies if we fail to comply with foreign and U.S. laws and regulations that are applicable in the domestic and international jurisdictions in which operate.

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