

DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/

Form 424B3

July 28, 2014

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Preliminary Pricing Supplement dated July 28, 2014

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| CUSIP Number | Principal Amount | Selling Price | Gross Concession | Net Proceeds | Coupon Rate | Coupon Frequency | Maturity Date | 1st Coupon Date | 1st Coupon Amount | Survivor Option | Product Ranking |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 26054LXQ1 | | 100% | 1.250% | | 2.250% | Semi-Annual | 08/15/2019 | 02/15/2015 | \$ 11.75 | Yes | Senior Unsecured Notes |

Redemption Information: Callable at 100% on 08/15/2015 and every coupon date thereafter

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: BofA Merrill Lynch, Incapital LLC Agents: Citi, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, UBS Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

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 on 08/15/2015 and on any interest payment date thereafter at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 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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| 26054LXR9 | | 100% | 1.450% | | 2.900% | Semi-Annual | 08/15/2021 | 02/15/2015 | \$ 15.14 | Yes | Senior Unsecured Notes |
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trustee, as described in the prospectus.

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| 26054LXS7 | 100% | 1.800% | 3.400% | Semi- Annual | 08/15/2024 | 02/15/2015 | \$ 17.76 | Yes | Senior Unsecured Notes |
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Trade Date: Monday, August 4, 2014 @ 12:00

PM ET Settle Date: Thursday, August 7, 2014

Minimum Denomination/Increments:
\$1,000.00/\$1,000.00

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book
Entry

only DTC Number 0235 via RBC Dain Rauscher
Inc

The Dow Chemical Company InterNotes

If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a business day (as term is defined in 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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