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Net was \$ 139 million , or 98 cents a share , for the quarter , compared with \$ 213 million , or \$ 1.56 a share , a year ago n:x v\_id:e-p-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c n:x p:e-u-i n\_of:x \_ card:i-i-c n:x p:e-u-i n\_of:x \_ so-called commodity end of the chemicals industry , was expected to post earnings sharply lower than in an exceptionally strong 1988 third quarter a:e-p n:x n\_of:x-i \_ q:i-h-h n:x n:x \_ \_ v:e-i-h \_ v:e-i-p n:x a:e-e a:e-i \_ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-e a:e-p yofc:x-c ord:i-i-c n\_temp:x ARG2 But the company 's latest quarter was a few pennies a share lower than the more pessimistic projections on Wall Street c:i-i-i q:i-h-h n\_of:x-i \_ a\_for:e-i n\_of:x-i v\_i-d:e-p-i a:e-p a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i n\_of:x a:e-i \_ q:i-h-h comp:e-u-u a:e-p n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c "It certainly was n't a disaster , but it does show weakness " in some of the company 's chief markets , said George Krug , a pron:x a:e-h v\_id:e-p-i v\_id:e-p-i v\_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h n:x \_ \_ pron:x \_ v:e-i-p n:x \_ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n\_of:x-i \_ n:x \_ n:x \_ v\_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c \_ q:i-h-h chemicals-industry analyst at Oppenheimer & Co In New York Stock Exchange composite trading p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c n:x n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c n:x n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c Prices for polyethylene , a common plastic and an important Carbide product , started to fall early this year ; the slide accelerated in the third quarter as buyers continued to trim inventories . n\_of:x p:e-u-i n:x \_ q:i-h-h a\_for:e-p-i named:x-c n:x \_ v:e-h \_ v:e-i time\_n:x q\_dem:i-h-h n:x \_ q:i-h-h n:x \_ v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c \_ n\_temp:x x:e-h-h \_ n\_of:x-i \_ v:e-h \_ v:e-i p n:x \_ . Prices also fell for ethylene oxide and glycols (ARG2) (ARG1) (ARG2) (ARG2) n\_of:x a:e-h v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x n:x \_ n:x \_ n:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i v:e-i-p-u n:x \_ ne , figuring the inventory reductions are near an end , have announced price boosts .

v.e-i-h q:i-h-h n:x n\_of:x-i \_ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n\_of:x \_ v\_to:e-i-p-i n\_of:x n:x \_ BV ARGI Some producers of polyethylene q:i-h-h n\_of:x-i \_ n:x [21295012] A Carbide spokesman said "the conditions are right for the increase to hold ."

q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x v\_to:e-i-h-i \_ q:i-h-h n:x \_ a:e-p x:e-h-h q:i-h-h n:x \_ v:e-i-p \_ \_ [21295013]

