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[Toyota to build prototype city of the future](#)

At the recently concluded Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A., Toyota revealed plans to build a prototype "city" of the future on a 175-acre site at the base of Mt. Fuji in Japan. Called the Woven City, it will be a fully connected...

[Alexis Vovk, Total's new president of Marketing & Services, is appointed to Executive Committee](#)

Alexis Vovk, Total's new president of Marketing & Services, has been appointed to Total's Executive Committee, a position previously held by Momar Nguer, who has reached the age-limit. His appointment is effective 1 January 2020. "The Marketing & Services division...

[Shell launches in-car fuel payments with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles](#)

Royal Dutch Shell plc (Shell) announced that Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram drivers will now be able to pay for fuel and services through Fiat Chrysler Automobiles' (FCA) UConnect Market at Shell-branded sites across the United States. Thanks to the tie up...

[Klüber Lubrication acquires TRAXIT International](#)

Klüber Lubrication München SE & Co. KG, Munich, Germany, has acquired the TRAXIT International GmbH, Schwelm, Germany. The purchase agreement includes all assets of the company including the international subsidiaries. With this acquisition...

[Rolls-Royce opens new component facility for more-efficient jet engines](#)

A new Rolls-Royce facility which will develop jet engine technologies set to transform flight, reduce emissions and set new benchmarks for efficiency has opened in Bristol, UK. The composite technology hub will develop fan blades and fan cases which significantly...



Alternatives to electrification "politically neglected"

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[ABB Power Grids, Ashok Leyland team up for greener electric buses](#)

Ashok Leyland and ABB Power Products and Systems India have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the public e-mobility space to expand the ecosystem for efficient and greener electric bus transportation systems in India. The pact outlines...

[China's Great Wall agrees to buy General Motors' India plant](#)

Great Wall Motors (GWM) and General Motors (GM) have reached an agreement for the sale of GM India's Talegaon manufacturing facility, subject to requisite government and regulatory approvals. Under a binding term sheet signed last week, the GM India...

[ExxonMobil customers can start paying for their fuel by voice command to Alexa](#)

ExxonMobil and Fiserv announced that they are transforming the way people pay for gasoline using Amazon Alexa. Coming later this year, consumers with Alexa-enabled vehicles, Echo Auto, and other Alexa-enabled mobility devices will be able to say, "Alexa, pay..."

[Lubrizol white paper identifies VLSFO engine condition challenges](#)

Legacy cylinder oils may not protect ship engines from the variable fuel characteristics of very low sulfur fuel oil (VLSFO), global additive supplier Lubrizol Corp. claims. In a new white paper, Lubrizol outlines the research that underpins its advice that...

[Croda launches range of non-sheening base fluids](#)

Croda Energy Technologies announced the launch of their most recent environmentally acceptable product into the marine area. This new range of innovative base fluids enables the formulation of Ecolabel-compliant, and therefore VGP -compliant, lubricants without...

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[ExxonMobil and Chinese partners to build digital car care network in China](#)

U.S.-based ExxonMobil, one of the world's largest producer and marketer of petroleum products and chemicals, Tencent, one of the largest Chinese provider of Internet value-added services (VAS) and online advertising services, Tuhu, China's leading B2C...

[Infineum signs LOI to start Phase II of Zhangjiagang additives plant](#)

Infineum held a ceremony with the Zhangjiagang Free Trade Zone on 8 January 2020 to mark the signing of the letter of intent to begin its integrated manufacturing base phase II project in Zhangjiagang, Jiangsu province. Infineum Zhangjiagang plant first began...

[Chevron Oronite announces senior leadership changes](#)

Chevron Oronite announced that Barbara Smith has elected to retire on 1 April 2020 after 31 years of service to Chevron, the last seven of which were spent with Chevron Oronite as vice president, Products and Technology. "During Barbara's tenure at Oronite...

[Hyundai and Kia invest in Arrival to co-develop electric commercial vehicles](#)

Hyundai Motor Company and Kia Motors Corporation today announced a strategic investment of EUR100 million (USD110 million) in a new partnership with Arrival, a UK-based electric vehicle startup. Through the partnership, Hyundai and Kia plan to introduce...

[Gainsborough to step down as head of Shell New Energies](#)

Mark Gainsborough, a 39-year veteran with Shell, who set up Shell's New Energies unit four years ago, will step down in April and leave the company at the end of the year, he said in a post on his LinkedIn page. Gainsborough, who is based in The Hague...



[Nynas proposes changes to ownership structure to get U.S. to lift sanctions](#)

Nynas AB has proposed changes to its ownership structure, as part of its preliminary organization plan published yesterday. The reorganization is vital for the Stockholm, Sweden-based naphthenic base oil refiner, which said that U.S. sanctions had cut it off...

[Shell Aviation and World Energy to develop scalable supply of sustainable aviation fuel](#)

Shell Aviation and World Energy announced a collaboration to develop a scalable supply of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). The agreement is intended to be a multi-year collaboration, with both companies acknowledging that the path to lower carbon...

[ENI gets EUR5 million fine for its 'Eni Diesel+' advertising campaign](#)

Italy's Competition and Market Authority (all'Autorità Garante per la Concorrenza e il Mercato) has imposed the highest possible fine of EUR5 million (USD5.5 million) on Eni, the state-backed energy company. The agency ruled that the company's marketing campaign...

[Isuzu and Honda to conduct joint research on heavy-duty trucks](#)

Isuzu Motors Limited and Honda R&D Co., Ltd., a R&D subsidiary of Honda Motor Co., Ltd., will be undertaking joint research on heavy-duty trucks, utilizing fuel cells (FC) as the powertrain. The automobile industry is facing demand to reduce exhaust gas/carbon...

[Former BP executive is new CEO of Gulf Oil International](#)

Gulf Oil International Group announced the appointment of Mike Jones as chief executive officer of Gulf Oil International UK Limited, effective 27 January 2020. Jones will be reporting to the Board of Gulf Oil International Ltd and will be based in London, UK...