

The Competition Commission approves RIL and BP fuel retail joint venture in India

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed joint venture between BP Global Investments Limited and Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBPML) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. BP and Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)...

Sea-Land Chemical and SBZ announce distribution partnership in North America

SBZ Corporation and Sea-Land Chemical Company announced a new distribution partnership effective the 1st of May 2020. Sea-Land will be an authorized distribution partner in North America for SBZ Corporation's series of unlicensed transportation lubricant...

Nynas launches NYNAS® BT 22, a new base oil for metalworking and lubricants applications

Nynas announced the launch of NYNAS® BT 22, the latest base oil to be added to the Nynas portfolio, for metalworking and lubricants applications. High in naphthenic carbon, NYNAS® BT 22 will be greatly appreciated in a market where the 22 cSt viscosity is...

STLE elects Petro-Canada Lubricants' Paul Hetherington as 2020-2021 president

The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) — the technical society serving individuals, companies and organizations that comprise the tribology and lubrication engineering business sector — announced that Paul Hetherington, CLS...

Neste acquires Count Terminal Rotterdam to strengthen global raw materials supply

Finland's Neste, the world's leading producer of renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel produced from waste and residue raw materials, has acquired 100% of the Dutch Count Companies BV's Count Terminal Rotterdam BV and its supporting entities...



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Chevron Phillips Chemical announces management changes

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LLC, one of the world's top producers of olefins and polyolefins, announced that Mitch Eichelberger will become senior vice president, Polymers and Specialties, effective May 16, 2020...

Shell sells U.S. Appalachia assets to National Fuel

Royal Dutch Shell plc, through its affiliate SWEPI LP, has reached an agreement with publicly listed U.S. energy company National Fuel Gas Company (NFG), and its subsidiaries, Seneca Resources Company, LLC, National Fuel Gas Midstream Company, LLC...

Quaker Houghton reports better than expected results in first quarter

Quaker Houghton, the combination of Quaker Chemical and Houghton International and a global leader in industrial process fluids, reported better than expected first quarter overall results despite the impacts of COVID-19 and Boeing's decision to temporarily stop...

ExxonMobil's Tim Nadasdi on the future of Group I base oil post-Covid 19

The global oversupply of base stocks was estimated at 50 thousand barrels per day (KBD) as of 2019. Tim Nadasdi, product development advisor, basestocks and specialties, at ExxonMobil Fuels and Lubricants, anticipates that this overhang could reach...

Idemitsu announces new line-up of synthetic motor oils meeting API SP, ILSAC GF-6A and ILSAC GF-6B

Idemitsu Lubricants America announced that its product line of fully synthetic motor oils now meet and exceed the new API SP/ ILSAC GF-6A industry standards. Also, Idemitsu has introduced a new 0W-16 viscosity grade API SP/ILSAC GF-6B Ultra-Low Viscosity...



Equinor, Shell and Total announce historic investment decision for transport and storage of CO2

Three energy giants, Norway's Equinor, Royal Dutch Shell and France's Total, have decided to invest in the Northern Lights project off Norway, which would be the world's first carbon capture and storage (CCS) network. The project will be developed in phases...

Goldwagen and Wolf Oil announce new partnership in Africa

Wolf Oil Corporation and Goldwagen announced a new partnership which will see Wolf Lubricants products being distributed exclusively by Goldwagen's retail outlets throughout Southern African markets including South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, Lesotho...

Airlines applaud addition of seventh pathway for sustainable aviation fuel

Airlines for America (A4A), the industry trade organization for the leading U.S. airlines, applauded the addition of a seventh annex to ASTM International's sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) specification, ASTM D7566, which will further enable the use of SAF by the...

HollyFrontier appoints Bruce Lerner as president of Lubricants & Specialties segment

HollyFrontier Corporation announced that Mark A. Plake will step down from his role as president of HollyFrontier Lubricants & Specialties on June 1, 2020, and will retire from HollyFrontier on December 31, 2020. From June 1 to December 31, 2020, Plake will...

Pertamina commissions joint study on Dumai oil refinery upgrade

PT Pertamina last week signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indonesian state construction firm PT Nindya Karya (Persero), and South Korea's DH Global Holdings Co. Ltd., to conduct a joint study on the Dumai oil refinery upgrade project...





IMCD expands its presence in the Middle East

IMCD N.V., a leading distributor of speciality chemicals and food ingredients, is pleased to announce that it has increased its footprint in the Middle East by opening a new location in Dubai. IMCD first entered the Middle East region by opening an office in Cairo, Egypt...

BP Australia announces feasibility study into hydrogen energy production facility

The extensive study will help BP and the energy sector better understand the possibilities of using hydrogen to export renewable energy at scale. The project will include an initial investment from BP of AUD2.7 million (USD1.7 million), with a further...

Nynas exits U.S. sanctions

The U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) announced yesterday that Nynas is no longer being blocked pursuant to the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations. As a result of a corporate restructuring of the ownership of Nynas AB, the U.S...

Air Liquide invests in FirstElement Fuel to support the hydrogen mobility market in the U.S.Air

Liquide has taken an equity stake in FirstElement Fuel, Inc. (FEF), a market leader in developing, owning and operating hydrogen refueling stations in California, U.S.A. The USD12 million equity investment will help enable the ramp-up and deployment of hydrogen...

1930's California oil refinery being repurposed to produce renewable diesel

The Alon Bakersfield Refinery, which dates back to 1932, has been sold to a subsidiary of Global Clean Energy Holdings, Inc. (OTC: GCEH), based in Torrance, California, U.S.A. The total cash consideration paid to Delek US Holdings, which owns Alon, was...