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Announcement made by Petro Rabigh

Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Company (Petro Rabigh), Sumitomo Chemical's equity method affiliate, published the attached announcement regarding the Rabigh Project, a project to construct an integrated refining and petrochemical complex.

Attached: Press release announced by Petro Rabigh on April 8, 2009

(Reference)

Overview of Petro Rabigh

1. Name : Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Company
2. Established : September 2005
3. Paid in full capital : SAR 8,760 Million
4. Shareholding ratio : Sumitomo Chemical 37.5%, Saudi Aramco 37.5%,
public investors 25%
5. Headquarters : Rabigh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
6. CEO : Saad F Al-Dosari

Petro Rabigh: Start-Up of the Refining & Petrochemical Complex at Rabigh on April 08, 2009

Ethane Cracker Successfully On-Stream

Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Company (Petro Rabigh) has announced today April 08, 2009 the successful start-up of the Ethane Cracker Unit, one of the core facilities of its mega Refining and Petrochemical Complex newly constructed at Rabigh. The Cracker will supply Ethylene to the petrochemical derivative plants to manufacture Polyethylene as well as Mono-Ethylene Glycol (MEG). The Company's total Ethylene production capacity is 1.3 million ton/year.

Additionally, the new Refining Facilities such as the Vacuum Distillation Unit (VDU) and Vacuum Gasoil Hydrotreater (VGOHDT) have been put in operation in preparation to startup the new High Olefin Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Unit (HOFCC), which will crack the hydro-treated VGO at a capacity of 92,000 bbl/day to produce 900,000 tons/year of Propylene and 59,000 bbl/day of Gasoline. The HOFCC will supply Propylene to the petrochemical derivative units to manufacture Polypropylene as well as Propylene Oxide, which will be produced for the first time in Saudi Arabia.

One of the two Polypropylene units has successfully completed trial production in February, utilizing the imported propylene.