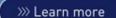


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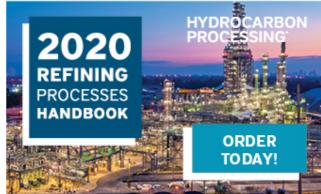
Equinor fire shuts Europe's biggest methanol plant

A fire at Norway's Tjeldbergodden industrial facility on Wednesday triggered an evacuation of staff and the shutdown of Europe's largest methanol plant and a gas processing terminal. The fire was put out after one hour, state-controlled oil firm Equinor and the police said. "There were about 30 people on site, but everybody was accounted for and no one was injuried," Equinor spokesman Morten Eek said. The company later released a statement saying it was working to get an overview of the consequences and the cause of the fire.

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Indonesia looks at policy revamp to keep biodiesel program alive

Indonesia must make policy changes to ensure it can keep subsidizing its ambitious biodiesel program. The world's biggest producer of palm oil makes it mandatory for diesel to be blended with 30% bio content (B30), but plans to increase this to 40% have been delayed due to funding issues.

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Sasol's JV with LyondellBasell Industries now established

South Africa's Sasol said on Wednesday its Louisiana Integrated Polyethylene joint venture (JV) with chemical company LyondellBasell Industries had been established, following closure of the deal on Dec. 1. LyondellBasell agreed in October to

New buyers spur a near doubling in Venezuela oil/refined product exports in November

Venezuela's oil exports almost doubled in November from the previous month as new customers linked to a Russian trading firm stepped in to boost purchases from state-run PDVSA amid U.S. sanctions. A total of 24 cargoes left Venezuelan waters last month carrying some 639,000 bpd of crude and refined products.

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