

## News Focus

### Covestro to Expand Spanish MDI Production to 2020

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PUDaily, Shanghai-Covestro CEO Patrick Thomas said in a foreign interview recently that plant in Tarragona, Spain had now secured a licence extension for three more years, which means its production will not stop until 2020. In late 2015, Coverstro announced to give a shutdown to this plant in the end of 2017. And yet the plan was announced to be suspended and continued production to supply stable sources to Europe in March this year. The decision is not surprising. As the matter of the fact, MDI supply is tighter than expected. Mitsui closed its MDI plant in Omuta as planned in the first half of 2016, a domestic MDI plant suffered an exploration, a German factory underwent force majeure, and a factory in Ludwigshafen exploded. This year, a Netherlandish plant could not recover to production after maintenance and a force majeure occurred in America and Europe. Adding to the boom season of the second quarter, the supply is even shorter...[More](#)

## Polyurethane Market

### Domestic Demand Is Driven by Sadara PPG and Huntsman Jinling PO

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PUDaily, Shanghai-China polyether polyols and PO market is in fluctuation. The prices see a stumbling block in rising while the costs are high, Huntsman Jinling is to put its PO facility into production, Sadara is to be started and some plants will conduct maintenance soon...[More](#)

### China Shoes Soles In the Doldrums

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PUDaily, Shanghai-China shoes soles market, currently underpinned by rigid demand, is in its doldrums. Feedstocks keeps stable, yet the prices are relevently low. As the boom season came to an end, the factories is running at a low load amid pressure posed by the slack season...[More](#)

## Company Dynamic

### DOW Opens Romanian Center for PU

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PUDaily, Shanghai--US group Dow Chemical has opened a polyurethane service center in Codlea, Brasov county in Central Romania, to serve clients from Romania, Bulgaria and the rest of the Balkan countries...[More](#)

### BASF Puts Expanded Compounding Plant for Engineering Plastics into Operation

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PUDaily, Shanghai- Today, June 21, 2017, BASF put the expanded compounding plant at BASF's Schwarzheide site in Germany into operation. With the expansion of the plant up to 70,000 tons more Ultramid® (PA: polyamide) and Ultradur® (PBT: polybutylene terephthalate) can be produced each year...[More](#)

## Industry Glance

### Linde to Terminate ADRs Due to Praxair Merger

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FRANKFURT, June 23 (Reuters) - German industrial gases group Linde will terminate its American depository receipt programme on Sept. 29 due to its planned \$74 billion merger with U.S. peer Praxair, it said on Friday...[More](#)

### Solvay And Fokker Join Forces to Develop Aircraft Composites

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Solvay and GKN Aerospace's Fokker business have formed a partnership to promote the use of thermoplastic composite materials on aircraft. Solvay will become a preferred supplier of lightweight composite materials to Fokker...[More](#)

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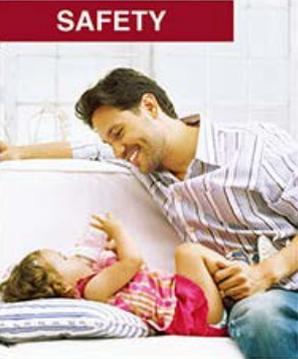
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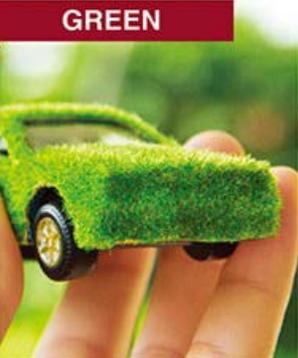
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