

News Focus

Big Events in the Polyurethane Industry in H1 2018

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Environmental reins continued to tighten: In the first half of this year, the campaign of environmental inspection in China continued to gain momentum, and chemical manufacturers sped up their efforts to relocate to industrial parks. In the petrochemical industry, continued progress was made in improving quality and efficiency as well as transformation and upgrading. Many local governments introduced policies on the environment, rectification, improvement and relocation of chemical industry parks, which had a great impact on the companies along the value chain of PU industry. Specifically, some downstream manufacturers without complete business licenses concerning environmental protection were forced to carry out rectification within a time limit or shut down their facilities temporarily...[More](#)

Polyurethane Market

An Analysis of Recent PMDI Market Situation

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PUdaily, Shanghai-- Recently, the MDI industry in China is not quiet, with the PMDI price fluctuating greatly. This happened in the context that Dow Chemical declared force majeure on MDI, Covestro announced that it would build a world-class MDI plant and the U.S. government released the list of another \$200bn worth of imports on which an additional tariff is proposed to be imposed. Today, PUdaily review and analyze the recent market developments...[More](#)

A Review of the Pure MDI Market in H1 and market Outlook for H2

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PUdaily, Shanghai-- 1. Market review The overall price of pure MDI in the first half of 2018 is higher than that in the same period last year, as shown in the figure below. In the first two months, the price went up due to the force majeure on facilities and the strong downstream demand. Into March, the price came down as the operation of facilities gradually became stable, and the downstream sectors entered the off-season...[More](#)

Company Dynamic

Huntsman Sets Up Polyurethanes Operation in Chile

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Huntsman (The Woodlands, Texas) says its polyurethanes division has expanded its footprint in South America with the opening of a new warehouse and customer service center in Santiago, Chile. "From now on, our customers in Chile will be served by a local staff," says Luis Mendonca, director/Central and South America, Huntsman Polyurethanes...[More](#)

Covestro Raises Guidance After a Strong Second Quarter

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Covestro continued the year's successful performance in the second quarter of 2018. Group sales grew 10.4% compared with the prior-year quarter to EUR 3.9 billion thanks to higher selling prices and increased demand. Core volumes were up 4.4%, with all three segments contributing with positive growth rates...[More](#)

BASF Group Records Slight Sales and Earnings Growth

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In the second quarter of 2018, BASF Group achieved a slight increase in sales and earnings. "Compared with the second quarter of 2017, sales rose by €518 million to €16.8 billion," said Dr. Martin Brudermüller, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE...[More](#)

Industry Glance

ACC Requests Administration to Remove \$2.2 Billion in Chemicals and Plastics Products from

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The Administration should do everything in its power to keep chemical products off the front lines of a trade war with China or risk losing thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in new chemical industry investment in the crossfire...[More](#)

China to Make Industrial Sector Greener

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China will make its industrial sector greener with better structure and pollution control, according to an official plan released Wednesday. By 2020, energy consumption per unit of industrial value-added of certain large firms should decline by 18 percent compared with the level in 2015...[More](#)

Massachusetts Advances Flame Retardant Ban

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Massachusetts' senate has approved a bill to ban certain flame retardants from children's products and home furnishings. The measure (S2555) is aimed at residential upholstered furniture, bedding, carpeting...[More](#)

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