



Chevron Lummus Global Chosen for New Joint Base Oil Plant at Bapco's Refinery

Official inauguration of new base oil plant in Bahrain held on Tuesday 29 November 2011

Neste Oil, The Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco), and Noga holding have celebrated the official opening of their new joint base oil plant in Bahrain today. The companies started-up commercial production at the facility in October, 2011. The plant has a capacity of 400,000 t/a, and is located at Bapco's refinery on Bahrain's east coast.

The plant is utilizing Chevron Lummus Global's (CLG) state-of-the-art ISODEWAXING and ISOFINISHING technologies. CLG is the market leader in hydroprocessing technologies for production of premium base oils. CLG has been worked very closely with Bapco and Neste from project inception through successful startup. The plant started making on-spec products at design capacity within one day after start-up.

The inauguration was organized by Bapco, which is responsible for operating the plant. His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, the Prime Minister of Bahrain honored the ceremony with his presence. Neste Oil's President & CEO, Matti Lievonen also attended, together with Matti Lehmus, the company's Executive Vice President, Oil Products & Renewables. "Demand for high-performance base oil is growing all the time, and thanks to the new plant we will be able to serve our customers even more effectively and grow our base oil business in line with our strategy," said Neste Oil's President & CEO, Matti Lievonen. "The plant features the latest technology and has operated excellently so far, and has already shipped its first product," he continued. "Cooperation between the partners has been very good and fruitful, and the construction phase of the project progressed to plan and was on-budget. I am particularly satisfied with the project's safety performance. A total of 9.6 million hours were worked on the project without a single lost time injury."

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