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SHELL STARTS NEW AROMATICS UNIT AT PERNIS REFINERY IN THE NETHERLANDS

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The Netherlands – Shell Nederland Raffinaderij BV (“Shell Pernis”) today formally marked the start-up of a new aromatics unit at the large Pernis refinery in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Lori Ryerkerk, Executive Vice President for Shell’s global Manufacturing business said, “Construction of this new heart cut splitter at Pernis was completed several months ahead of schedule. The investment demonstrates the focus on competitiveness and flexibility at our sites.”

Benzene from the new unit goes to the Shell chemicals site at Moerdijk, 35 km away. There it is processed to produce styrene monomer, which is used by industrial customers in the manufacture of packaging, food and drink containers, tyres and computers. “This additional unit also showcases Shell’s refining-chemicals integration, Lori continued. “We are growing our profitable chemicals business in Europe using our own feedstock.”



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About Shell Chemicals

- The Shell Moerdijk Chemical Plant is located between the major ports of Rotterdam in the Netherlands and Antwerp in Belgium. It is one of the largest petrochemical facilities in Europe and is closely integrated with Shell Pernis, which is home to Europe's largest refinery.
- Shell companies have over 40 years' experience in producing and supplying styrene monomer. Today, the Shell Group is one of the largest global producers of styrene monomer and recognised as a technology leader and supplier of product of high and consistent quality.
- Shell Chemicals sells more than 17 million metric tons of petrochemicals per year to customers, many of whom are leaders in their own fields.
- Our world-class integrated refining-chemicals plants are in Asia-Pacific (Singapore), Europe (Netherlands), and North America (the US Gulf Coast and Canada).
- We draw strength from being part of an integrated energy company; we benefit from shared infrastructures, access to a variety of feedstocks, and deep manufacturing and processing expertise. This gives Shell a competitive advantage over stand-alone chemicals companies.
- For more details, visit www.shell.com/chemicals.

About Shell Pernis

- Shell Pernis is the largest integrated refinery/chemicals manufacturing site in Europe with a capacity of 404,000 barrels per day. It makes a wide range of products, including a variety of fuels and feedstock for chemical plants.
- The site employs around 1,900 staff and 1,000 contractors on average.
- It is one of several integrated complexes that make up Shell's Global Manufacturing business. Other such integrated facilities operate in Singapore, Canada and the US Gulf Coast.
- Shell Global Manufacturing is part of an integrated value chain that converts crude oil into high-value products, which are moved and sold around the world for domestic, industrial and transport use.
- We continue to invest in energy efficiency improvements at our manufacturing sites to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and minimise any environmental impact.

About Shell Moerdijk

- Shell Moerdijk today employs about 800 permanent staff and 500 contractors for maintenance and projects.

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 tions; (j) legislative, fiscal and regulatory developments including regulatory measures addressing climate change;

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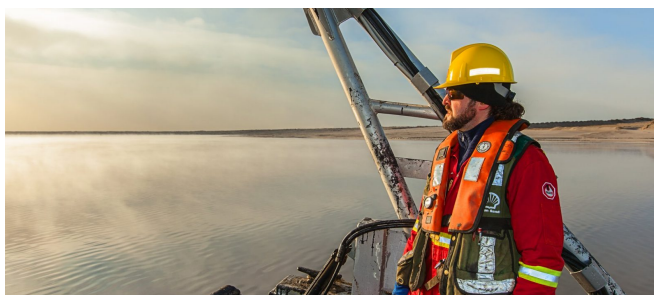
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