



Aither Now Planning Product Volumes

South Charleston, W.Va. - Aither Chemicals LLC is developing plans for product production volumes based on the response to its open season, which solicited market interest in chemicals and plastics that would be produced in the Kanawha Valley by an Aither catalytic ethane cracker.

The company has received a positive response from potential purchasers of Aither products, technology licensors, engineering procurement & construction companies (EPCs), potential licensees who wish to operate outside the United States, and companies considering relocation to the Kanawha Valley so their commercial plants could use Aither products.

Based on the positive response from its open season, Aither has decided to focus commercial production facility planning on volumes of the following products:

- Ethylene Oxide (EO)
- Ethylene Glycol (EG)
- Polyethylene (PE)
- Acetic Acid (AA)
- Ethylene

As previously reported, Bayer MaterialScience LLC is assisting in evaluating market interest in the chemicals and plastics listed above.

Aither CEO Leonard Dolhert noted, "I am very pleased with the market response, which shows strong interest in the products that can be made using Aither's catalytic ethane cracking technology. Aither has the ideal process to build an ethane cracker in the Kanawha Valley, and elsewhere in the world where ethane is available."

Aither Marketing Director Steven Cohen added, "I am especially pleased with the response from multinationals headquartered outside the U.S. interested in licensing the technology for use in their markets."

About Aither Chemicals LLC

Aither Chemicals has a proprietary, scalable technology to crack ethane and convert

it into other products. Aither's technology was developed to take better advantage of ethane from shale gas, and to simultaneously lower the cost of producing ethylene, acetic acid, ethylene derivatives and/or acetic acid derivatives and other chemicals and plastics. Unlike steam cracking, which uses heat and steam to crack ethane, Aither Chemicals' process is a catalytic cracking process that uses 80 percent less energy and produces 90 percent less carbon dioxide (CO2) output.

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