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### **News Focus**

# Holiday Notice: PUdaily Wishes You a Happy New Year! (Dec.30,2018--Jan.1,2019)

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Dear customers: As the New Year's Day is coming, we would like to express our sincere wishes and heartfelt thanks to you! Thank you for your constant attention and support for us. In accordance with the government's Circular on Holiday Arrangement for 2019, our company's holiday period and work date are arranged as follows: Holiday period: From December 30, 2018 to January 1, 2019 Work date: January 2, 2019 During the holiday, our website and WeChat will not be updated. We apologize for any inconvenience caused to you. New Year indicates new journey. May you be happy and prosperous! Happy New Year...More

### **Polyurethane Market**

#### A Review of PMDI Price from 2013 to 2018

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PUdaily, Shanghai-- Polymeric MDI is a chemical that always sees significant price volatility. The price movements in recent years are shown as follows. It can be seen that the last peak price was seen in 2012. From 2013 to the first half of 2016, the overall price remained relatively low. From H2 2016 to H1 2018, the overall price stayed high. Into H2 2018, the price again began to decline. This article mainly discusses the market in and after 2013. 1. The period from 2013 to 2016 From 2013 to the first half of 2016, the PMDI price remained low. On balance, the reasons are as follows: (1). Supply from the oligarchs increased. According to PUdaily... More

## PO Imports and Exports for the January-September Period

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According to statistics, China imported 220,000 tons of propylene oxide for the January-September period, up 25% year over year. Meanwhile, it exported 31,000 tons of propylene oxide, also a significant increase compared with the same period last year. However, analysis shows that 99.2% of these PO were transshipment goods via the bonded area. Only 253 tons of PO were exported through general trade or other forms of trade. This year, the plants of the only two PO manufacturers in China that are allowed to export through processing trade still find difficulty in long and stable operation. As a result, the volume of PO exports through processing trade is zero...More

#### **Company Dynamic**

#### Wanhua Chemical's PC Resin Helps Design the Right Automotive Lamps!

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As the eyes of automobiles, automotive lamps ensure the safety of driving and reflect the positioning of the model and brand connotation. But do you know that the world's first car didn't have lamps? Driving at night, the driver needed someone else to lead the way with a kerosene lamp. Automotive lamps didn't exist until 1898 when the Columbia cars used batteries to light the front lamps and rear lamps. For over 100 years, the automotive lamps have developed with cars, undergoing continuous evolution and advancement...More

## Lesson learned from the Brazil Museum Fire - Wanhua Chemical introduces TPU adhesive and 2018-12-20

The 200-year-old Museum of Brazil was engulfed by a great fire with 19 million precious relics devastated and lost forever. It is reported that the museum had long been in a state of disrepair due to the shortage of government funds. After the fire broke out, the firemen rushed to the scene, only to find some fire hydrants with zero water gushing out. They had to fetch water from the nearby lake, and finally lose the best opportunity to fight the fire. Lessons need to be learnt from this accident, that is we should attach great importance to firefighting to prevent a similar tragedy ... More

#### Announcement on the Start-up of Wanhua's TDI Project in Yantai Industrial Park 2018-12-29

PUdaily, Shanghai-- According to the Reply of National Development and Reform Commission on Approving the Relocation of the Integrated Isocyanate Project by Yantai Wanhua Polyurethanes Co. Ltd., Wanhua Chemical Group Co.,Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")'s 300k t/a TDI project in Yantai Industrial Park was completed and put into production recently. Qualified products have been successfully produced...More

### Ford touts graphene-enhanced PU foam for vehicle parts

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In a reported first in the auto sector, Ford, along with Tier I Eagle Industries and graphene supplier XG Sciences, has found a way to use a very small amount of graphene to achieve major property improvements in under-the-hood auto components, namely lighter weight, better heat conductivity and enhanced noise reduction. The material in question has been dubbed xGnP graphene-enhanced polyurethane (PU) foam. Ford is initially deploying graphene in PU foam components to improve sound damping in under-the-hood components...More

# **Industry Glance**

# Leather Industry in Pakistan Asks for Government Action

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The Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) has expressed concerns over the steep decline in leather-related exports in a meeting with Finance Minister and the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Representatives from the PLGMEA claimed that the "leather industry will further plummet and potentially lose its share if necessary actions were not taken, keeping in view how other countries have significantly improved their product portfolio in leather industry...More

# **European Footwear Focused on Increasing Sustainability**

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The kick-off meeting of the project LIFE GreenShoes4All, gathering several key European stakeholders, took place in Porto last week. A group of European footwear actors wish to contribute to tackle the negative impacts of climate change in the planet by implementing and promoting a new methodology to calculate the product category rules for footwear, an initiative launched by the Commission a few years ago to stop proliferation of green allegations in products. Under the new European project LIFE GreenShoes4All led by the Portuguese Footwear Technological Centre

#### China's Service Exports See Surging Growth in Jan-Nov

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China's service exports accounted for a historic high of 33.3 percent of the total service trade from January to

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November, data from the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) showed on Thursday. For the first 11 months, the country's service trade climbed 11.5 percent year-on-year to 4.74 trillion yuan (about 690.7 billion U.S. dollars). In breakdown, service exports grew 14.7 percent year on year to 1.58 trillion yuan, while service imports reached 3.16 trillion yuan, increasing 10 percent from a year earlier, the MOC said...More

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