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Transitions in energy and emissions intensive industries

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Industrial emissions have been growing faster since 2000 than emissions in any other sector

Global material intensity is increasing

Close to net-zero emissions from GHG intensive industry can be achieved by 2050 by deploying multiple available and emerging options.

Industry has largely been sheltered from the impacts of climate policy.

New industrial development policy approaches needed for realising the transition to net zero GHG emissions.



Chemicals – a particular challenge

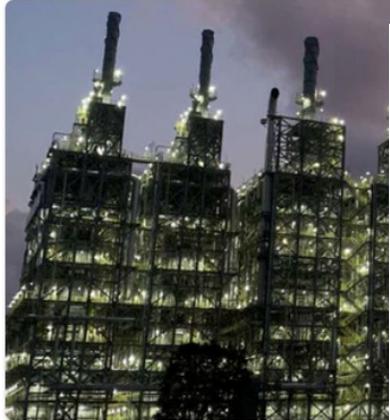
Emissions growing and shifting

The fossil lock-in continues

ZPC commissions Zhoushan ethylene plant

Zhejiang Petroleum & Chemical Co. Ltd. has completed startup of a 1.4 million-tonnes/year ethylene plant at its grassroots 800,000-b/d refining and chemical integrated complex in Zhoushan, Zhejiang Province, China.

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Zhejiang Petroleum & Chemical Co. completed Zhoushan, Zhejiang Province, China.

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Shell Polymers sees new beginning

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Aramco completes acquisition of Sabic

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Aramco has successfully completed acquisition of a 70 percent stake in Industries Corporation (Sabic) from Investment Fund (PIF), the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia. The total purchase price is \$33 billion, equating to \$33 price per share.

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SABIC, ExxonMobil begin construction of Gulf Coast petrochemical plant

Joint venture of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) and ExxonMobil Corp. has started construction of the JV's Gulf Coast Petrochemical Project, a 1.8 million-tonne/year ethane cracking complex in San Patricio County, Texas.

Located in the city of Zuercher, Texas, the project is being built in phases with initial phase producing thermoplastic polyurethane.

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BASF breaks ground on \$10bn petrochemical project in China

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German chemical firm BASF has broken ground for a \$10-billion petrochemical project in Zhongshan, Guangdong province, China. The project is a joint venture with the Chinese government.

ExxonMobil commissions Baytown ethane cracker

ExxonMobil Chemical Co. has started up its 1.5 million-tonne/year ethane steam cracker at the company's integrated chemical and refining complex in Baytown, Tex. Entered into operation on July 26, the new cracker will provide ethylene feedstock for two 650,000-tpy high-performance polyethylene lines that began production in fall 2017 at the company's plastics plant in Mont Belvieu, Tex.

Jul 26th, 2018



Drivers for recent investments

- US shale gas driving ethane-based investments in North-American production capacity and other markets through growing exports
- Crude-to-chemicals investments growing in Asia, supported through strategic partnerships by oil majors
- No signs of large-scale investments for decarbonization in analysis of recent investments (2012-2019)



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Key messages

- Transition in energy intensive industries require profound technological and organizational changes across material value chains – from primary production to reduced demand, recycling and end-of-life of metals, cement, plastics, and other materials.
- Energy and emissions intensive industries must meet the challenge of net zero GHG emissions – rapid reorientation necessary in chemicals and other industries that are falling behind
- New climate and industrial policies are necessary for transforming the basic materials industries –so far relatively sheltered from climate mitigation.