ISOALKY™ TECHNOLOGY: NEXT GENERATION ALKYLATE GASOLINE MANUFACTURING PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

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Outline



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Objective: Provide SCAQMD

- Basic information on ISOALKYTM Technology
- Status of ISOALKY Technology Commercialization

Presentation

- Alkylation Technology Today
- ISOALKY Technology Overview
- ISOALKY Technology Scale-Up and R&D History
- Chevron Salt Lake City Refinery ISOALKY Project Scope
- Honeywell UOP Chevron ISOALKY Alliance
- Summary

Alkylation Technology Today ISOALKY[™] Technology Is Commercially Viable Alternative

Alkylate is a premium gasoline blending component

- Alkylation capacity steadily increased annually since 1980's due to gasoline specifications
- High octane number (isooctane = 100)
- Low vapor pressure (less volatile)
- Clean burning (no aromatics or olefins, low S)

Two existing technologies for alkylate gasoline manufacturing:

- Sulfuric Acid (H_2SO_4) ~ 50 plants in US
- Hydrofluoric Acid (HF) ~ 50 plants in US



ISOALKY Technology:

A Commercially Viable Alternative

- Uses a non-volatile ionic liquid catalyst
- Advantages in process performance and handling requirements over existing conventional technologies
- Capital and operating costs are comparable
- Applicable for new plant construction or retrofit/ expansion of existing plant

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ISOALKY™ Technology - Catalyst Properties

ISOALKYTM Catalyst - Chloroaluminate ionic liquid with a trace HCl co-catalyst, HCl is generated *in-situ* by organic chloride promoter addition

- Ionic liquid is a liquid salt with no vapor pressure
- Stable for long term storage
- Non-volatile liquid spills can be contained
- Extremely low solubility in hydrocarbon easily separable
- Creates a biphasic reaction system, reaction at the interface
- Significantly higher catalytic activity much smaller catalyst volume in alkylation reactor
- Corrosive to metals alloys used in selected areas to ensure right metallurgy
- Refinery-standard personal protective equipment gives appropriate protection for operation



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ISOALKY[™] Technology Simplified Process Scheme



Feed Treating

- Alkylation Reactor & Separation Unique
- Product Distillation and Finishing
- Ionic Liquid Catalyst Regeneration Unique

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ISOALKY™ Technology Honeywell **Advantages Compared to Conventional Technologies**

	ISOALKY Technology
Feed Moisture Requirement	<1 ppm
Reactor Pressure	~200 psi
External Feed Isoparaffin/ Olefin Ratio	10 mol/ mol
Catalyst Volume in Reactor	3 – 6 vol%
Alkylate Research Octane Number with Mixed $C_4^=$	95 - 97 RON
Alkylate Yield Advantage	~1+ vol%
Health, Safety and Environmental Impact	 Uses non-volatile, ionic liquid catalyst
	Smallest catalyst inventory
	 Integrated on-line regeneration of catalyst
	 Eliminates polymer incineration
	 Reduces caustic solution waste

Key Characteristics:

Uses non-volatile ionic liquid catalyst

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- Moderate process performance advantages
- Advantages in handling requirements

Chevron ISOALKY[™] Technology Project Evolution and Process Scale-Up



1999: Exploratory work in ionic liquids

- 2004: Identified alkylation as the key application for scale-up
- 2005 Present: 0.1 barrels-per-day (BPD) Pilot Plant in a research site in CA
- 2010 2015: 10 BPD Demo Plant in a Chevron refinery
 - Process scaled-up by a factor of 100 from the Pilot Plant
 - Fully integrated with all sub-processes
 - Next to existing HF Alkylation Plant
 - Refinery feeds and operations staff
 - Generated process data needed for scale-up design
- 2013: Chevron initiated assessment of Salt Lake City HF Alkylation Plant Retrofit
- Sep. 2016: Chevron made Final Investment Decision to retrofit ~5,000 BPD Salt Lake City HF Alkylation Plant



ISOALKY[™] Technology Commercialization Honeywel **Chevron Salt Lake Refinery ISOALKY Project Scope**

- Build new alkylation and regeneration sections while utilizing the existing feed preparation and distillation sections.
- HF inventory to be removed/disposed during turn-around before the tie-in
- Commercial operation planned in 2020
- Demolition of HF equipment after successful start-up of ISOALKY Plant



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ISOALKY[™] Technology to be Licensed to the Industry by UOP



- Honeywell UOP and Chevron formed an alliance in March, 2016 to license ISOALKY Technology to the industry
 - Strong Synergy to Produce a Better Technology Both companies have R&D capability in ionic liquids and are working together to create an even better process
 - UOP brings a long history of expertise in alkylation
- Complementary strengths
 - Both companies are key technology developers for our industry
 - Chevron contributes ISOALKY operation and commercial plant design experiences
 - UOP contributes new technology launch and process engineering experiences
- UOP is the exclusive licensor and sales channel for ISOALKY Technology

ISOALKY™ Technology Summary



- ISOALKY Technology has advantages over conventional technologies in performance and handling requirements
 - Commercially viable alternative to HF or H₂SO₄ process technology
 - Applicable to existing alkylation plant retrofit or to new plant construction
- Chevron is retrofitting the Salt Lake City HF Alkylation Plant with ISOALKY Technology
 - Construction started in 2017, commercial operation planned in 2020
- ISOALKY Technology is licensed to the industry through UOP
- Revolutionary new technology offers refiners an exciting new option
 - To upgrade low-value refinery butanes and olefins to high-value alkylate and to improve the quality of their gasoline pool
 - Expect to make significant impact on global production of clean fuels