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Reliance selects Shell catalysts for process units provided by other technology licensors

(India, June 26, 2008) – Reliance Industries, the largest private company in India, has selected high-performance catalysts manufactured by Criterion Catalysts & Technologies, a Shell Global Solutions affiliate, for its 580,000-b/d export-focused refinery, which will go online ahead of schedule in 2008. The new, highly complex facility is adjacent to Reliance's 650,000-b/d refinery in Jamnagar and will create the single largest location of refinery assets in the world.

Quah Chee Yong, Managing Director, CRI Criterion Marketing Asia Pacific, says, "This win is highly significant to our company because the catalysts are for process units that have been provided by technology licensors which are not affiliates of Shell Global Solutions and CRI/Criterion. We feel that this is a recognition of the excellent value Criterion catalysts brings."

Wayne Hutchinson, Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Consultancy, Shell Global Solutions, says, "Shell Global Solutions has been providing technical support at Jamnagar refinery since 1999, shortly before its commissioning and start-up phase. This deal represents a deepening of that relationship."

The catalysts will be applied in two vacuum gasoil (VGO) Units and one ultra-low-sulphur diesel (ULSD) Unit.

Pat Laabs, President, Criterion Catalysts & Technologies, says, "The VGO Units will use ASCENT DN-3551, which is designed to offer enhanced denitrification and improved FCC conversion. The ULSD unit will use Centinel Gold DN-3330, a high-activity catalyst that is designed to extend cycle length."

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