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Maximising Value Creation and Confronting Challenges in the Gulf Plastics industry

According to research company Proleads, the total value of all non-oil and gas industrial projects in the GCC region exceeds \$115 billion currently. The first industrial city of Abu Dhabi includes economic zones for plastics manufacturing, base metals, building and construction products, electronics and automotive industries and that alone has already attracted \$2.99 billion in investment. (Source: Zawya, 23 Oct 2007) Elsewhere in the Middle East, similar investments in setting up plastics conversion industry clusters are also taking root for eg. the new King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) and the Rabigh Conversion Industrial Park, How will these initiatives further shape the polymer and the downstream industry? What are the business opportunities present for polymer producers, traders and investors?

The region continues to witness increased growth in infrastructure which is estimated to reach \$150 billion over the next 3 years. Some of these sectors include construction, real estate and manufacturing sectors. This signals good news for players as domestic demand for plastic pipes, profiles, packaging etc is also expected to increase. What is the growth potential for these products and what are the developments that lie ahead?

Even as domestic demand is expected to increase over the next few years, export markets still remain an attractive option for players. Freight cost and efficient supply chain are important concerns. What are the areas to look out for and are there any strategies to manage supply chain costs better?

Can local processors compete with other players from China, India and the rest of Asia? What is the current level of processing know-how in the region and what lessons can they draw from other processors in mature markets?

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- Update on 'Plastics Valley' Projects
- Growth outlook of the compounding and masterbatch industry
- Regional Market Reviews of the Middle East
- Can the current Plastics Processing Technology match global standards?
- Applications driving polymer demand in :
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 - Profiles
 - Wire & Cable
 - Packaging
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Day 1 Tuesday, 15th January

8:00 Registration & Coffee

9:10 MACRO ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Nicola Mary, Economist for the Middle East and North Africa region Standard Chartered Bank

9:40 MIDDLE EAST PLASTICS MARKET EVOLUTION

- Global and Middle East Overviews
 - Supply including new capacity updates
 - Demand key drivers
 - Trade shifting patterns
 - Prices & Margins
- · Market Trends in the Middle East
 - Conversion Industry Development
 - Freight Issues
 - Transparent Pricing

Pat Rooney, Managing Director

CMAI Middle East FZ LLC

10:15 Discussion followed by Coffee

10:45 ABU DHABI POLYMERS PARK - "DRIVING A STEP CHANGE IN THE PLASTICS CONVERSION INDUSTRY OF UAE"

- Supporting the diversification of the Abu Dhabi economy
- Strong drivers for growth in the Plastics Conversion industry
- Industry Parks and Clusters, best practices
- Designing and realizing a competitive Polymers Park offering

Gustaf Arkemark Senior Advisor Petrochemical **Abu Dhabi Basic Industries Corporation** (ADBIC)

11:20	DIVERSIFYING INTO SPECIALTY
	PLASTICS INDUSTRY - PROSPECTS
	AND CHALLENGES IN THE
	MIDDLE EAST

11:55 MANAGING PLASTICS SUPPLY CHAIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- · Supply chain models
- On site logistics
- Carrier management / container availability
- Visibility
- Inventory control

Anthony Elwine, General Manager -Chemicals, Supply Chain Management Maersk Logistics - Supply Chain Management, Maersk MEA

12:30 Discussion followed by Lunch

2:00 COMPOUNDING AND MASTERBATCHES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION

Dr Y.B. Vasudeo, Director

By Innovations Consultancy (India)

Pvt. Ltd

- 2:35 PACKAGING MARKET OUTLOOK
- 3:10 Discussion followed by Tea

3:40 PLASTIC PIPE MARKET OUTLOOK IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Growth Prospect
- Overview of Potential Export Markets Mohamad Abu Ghany, Sales Manager Anabeeb
- 4:10 MEETING REACH LEGISLATION FOR PLASTICS EXPORT TO EUROPE
- 4:40 ENHANCING THE PROCESS OF PP& PE INJECTION MOLDING WITH PERFORMANCE ADDITIVES
 Rahul Avasthi, CEO
 Plaasteka

5:10 GLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC PIPES - TRENDS AND REQUIREMENTS

- · Strategies in meeting global standards
- Growth Potential and Trends in the Gulf Mohammed Hashim, QA/QC Manager
 Abu Dhabi Pipe Factory

Discussion followed by Close of Day 1

1745 - 1845 hrs. *Networking Deception* for Speakers & Delegates

Day 2

Wednesday, 16th January

9:00 Chairmans' Welcome

9:05 OVERVIEW AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PLASTIC CONVERSION AND PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN THAILAND

- Lessons and Case Study from Asian Processors
- Future Plastic Conversion and Processing Trends

Satit Hemmondharop, Vice President

Thai Plastic Industries Association

9:40 CHALLENGES FOR POLYMER PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Prospects for value added plastics products in ME
- Size of local markets
- · Export potential for finished goods
- Accessibility of cost advantaged raw materials
- Status of converting infrastructure and capabilities
- Capability of processors in working with new generation resins

Pradeep Tyle, Senior President **UFLEX Limited**

10:15 Discussion followed by Coffee

10:45 POTENTIAL OF PVC CONDUITS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- How would this impact sourcing strategies?
- Forecast volume resin required
- Future Prospect

Lalu Sammuel, Managing Director Clipsal Middle East FZC

11:20 PVC PROFILES MARKET IN TURKEY

- General PVC Consumption
- · Demand & Supply Balance of Profiles
- · Potential for Import and Export of Profiles
- Future Outlook

Oktay Alptekin, General Manager Pimas Construction Materials

11:55 MOLD DESIGN CHALLENGES & PROCESSING COMPLEXITIES WITH NEW GENERATION RESIN

- · New trends & design
- · Key considerations in mold design
- · Production challenges

12:30 WIRE & CABLE MARKET OUTLOOK

- 1:00 Discussion followed by Closing Lunch
- 2:00 End of Conference

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