ReOil[®] - Recycling Technology for post consumer plastics

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Hydrocarbons play a key role in our daily lives



Three strong pillars



OMV extends value chain into polymers, immediately becoming one of the world's leading producers



Top 10 polyolefins capacities Globally, 2020

- Borealis deal extends value chain, providing a natural hedge against cyclicality
- Integrated value chain allows margin optimization
- OMV has access to high growth segment of polymers
- OMV is #8 globally and #2 in Europe



Repositioning refining for a low carbon future



- e.g. revision program of steam turbines in Schwechat, saving 60,000 tons of CO₂ per year by 2021.
- Refinery: Annual savings of up to 360,000 metric tons of CO2
- Supply agreement signed for bio-ethanol (96% cut in greenhouse gases versus gasoline)
- Successful operation of pilot plant
- **Commercial plant** expected by 2025 with 200,000 t capacity a year
- Combining chemical and mechanical recycling (Borealis & OMV)



Volvo and Austrian Post

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OMV Group aims to become a significant player in circular economy



BOREALIS



Waste collection

- Borealis is a co-founder of the project STOP
- Support to create a sustainable waste management system
- Reduce ocean plastic pollution in emerging countries



Design for recycling & Mechanical recycling

- Borealis is a technology leader within the industry
- Design for recycling solutions to replace difficult-to-recycle materials with 100% recyclable ones
- 2 recycling plants in Austria and Germany



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Chemical recycling

- ReOil[®] patented technology, converting of eol PO plastics into high-quality synthetic crude
- Substantially lower CO₂ emissions
- Successful **pilot plant** operation
- Target: Upscaling to commercial plant of up to 200 kt/a by 2025



eol... end of life PO... polyolefines

Circular Economy – the Chemical Recycling closes the loop of post consumer plastic recycling in an energy efficient way





Plastic to Oil – OMV's proprietary ReOil® Technology





- Converts used plastics under moderate pressure and normal refinery operating temperatures into synthetic crude oil
- Synthetic crude oil can be used as refinery feedstock to produce base materials or fuels
- Advantage of this synthetic crude oil is:
 - Iow content of heavy components
 - short transfer distance to refinery

The substitution of crude oil by post-consumer plastics leads to



∼20% less energy demand per t¹

¹ Austrian Federal Environmental Agency – LCA Well-to-Refinery fence



What is the challenge of thermal cracking of plastic?

Plastic is an excellent heat isolator with a poor heat transfer, compared with glass or metal.





But how to overcome this isolator effect?

- Stirred Reactor
- Rotary kiln
- Reactive Extruder
- Fluidizing bed
- Slurry reactor
- Plasma reactor
- Hydrothermal reactor
- **ReOil®** approach reduce the viscosity of the polyolefine

plastic melt with an external fluid



ReOil[®] process at a glance





ReOil[®] – From pilot plant to demonstration and industrial-scale

Cracking Unit	International patent	Patented internationally
	Pilot plant in the field	 Commissioned in 2018 Fully integrated in the refinery – 24/7 operation The technology readiness level is 8 to 9 (out of 9) Focus on process optimization Fulfill the 12.000 h cracking hours (since 1.1.2019) Current availability > 60-65% (based on 365 days) ISCC plus certified
Section Control Room	Next	 Demonstration plant with a feedstock capacity of up to 20,000 t per year – front end engineering ongoing, operative beginning of 2023
1 kg PO plastics 1 liter of syn-crude PO polyclefin	Target	Up to 200,000 t/a (in one train/module) Aim to develop and roll out Re Oil [®] into a profitable, industrial-scale process



Mass balance approach– ISCC PLUS



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Why chemical recycling in a refinery?

- Chemical recycling is <u>safe</u> in the hands of the refinery/petrochemicals industry
 - It is able to remove organic/inorganic additives, which otherwise compromise the quality of the recycled material.
 - The petrochemicals industry has the proven capability to operate chemical processes and deal with hazardous materials, in line with the highest health and safety standards.
 - Centralized/decentralized CR \rightarrow less liquid hydrocarbon transports/less potential of accidents

Chemical recycling is <u>energy efficient</u>

- It processes plastic waste streams which are incinerated today into synthetic crude oil which replace fossil crude oil in the production of virgin plastic
- The "light" quality of the synthetic crude oil results in substantially lower overall treatment requirements and therefore less energy consumption and less CO₂ emissions if integrated with a refinery/petrochemical industry.

Chemical recycling <u>complements</u> the plastics recycling options

- Technologies like Re Oil[®] are capable of processing plastic waste not suitable for mechanical recycling and to convert their rejects via the refinery and Petrochemical to virgin-quality polymers
- ▶ It helps to fulfill the targets for the plastic packaging recycling quota if recognized as such.
- Mass-balancing as an output-oriented approach in existing refinery infrastructure.



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