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The nitrogen market appears to have sailed into calmer waters after the upheavals of the crisis and the ensuing recession. Urea prices have advanced fairly steadily since the mid year, signalling the return of a certain amount of confidence. For the next few months, at least until the massive Qafco V project starts up, there is nothing to suggest any impending disturbance of the market balance.

From the point of view of technology and operations, the main concerns are much as they were at the time of the last Nitrogen+Syngas conference. Now that the bubble in capital costs has subsided, and with rising gas costs in prospect in the longer term, there is once again keen interest in improving energy efficiency, (through hardware improvements, process control or better operating practice) and in feedstock substitution. The market for revamping work reflects that. Some operators face the need to curb NOx from their furnaces and boilers. For some nitrates producers, nitrous oxide and its global warming potential is an acute concern. And in the new plants market the relentless drive towards ever bigger single-train facilities continues.

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Monday 21 February

15:00 – 20:00 Registration and Exhibition open

18:30 – 20:00 Welcome Reception

Tuesday 22 February (morning)

THE BACKDROP TO THE TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS

- Overview of nitrogen production feedstocks
- Global supply and demand dynamics for nitrogen
- Regional projects impacting global supply balance
- Update on methanol markets
- Looking down through the food supply chain
- The Ad blue market

Tuesday 22 February (afternoon)

AMMONIA OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Flawless project development

J. Camps (Jacobs Engineering Consultants)

Savvy industrialists can save themselves time, grief and very significant sums of money by meticulous attention to detail in the initial development phase of a project, before any contracts are let.

Operator training simulators in ammonia plants: Increasing safety, decreasing cost and strengthening competitiveness

K. Schübel (SKW Stickstoffwerke Piesteritz) et al.

Plant upsets are so much rarer than they used to be that experience in dealing with them is diminishing as older operators retire. An operator training simulator has been successfully used to make good the shortfall, ensuring efficient risk management and significantly reducing the number of unscheduled shut-downs.

Qafco's experience in the application of DeNOx technologies on combustion gases

U. Desai (Qatar Fertilizer Company)

The presentation will describe the selection, implementation and operation of appropriate technologies in the Qafco III ammonia plant to meet new Ministry of Environment emission standards for combustion gases from the reforming furnace and boilers.

Low-energy consumption ammonia production - Baseline energy consumption; options for energy optimization

K. Noelker (Uhde GmbH)

Energy consumption is once again a primary concern of ammonia producers facing the prospect of increasing gas costs. This presentation will compare the theoretical and practical lower limits of energy consumption and will assess the benefit of possible measures for coping with avoidable inefficiencies.

Casale coal-based ammonia and methanol synthesis loops

P. Moreo (Ammonia Casale SA)

30 out of 44 ammonia synthesis loops and 12 out of 16 methanol synloops supplied by Casale over the last ten years have been designed to run on synthesis gas generated from coal, most of them in China. The paper describes technical and administrative aspects of these projects and relates start-up and operating experience in those that have been completed so far.

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Wednesday 23 February (morning)

AMMONIA REVAMPS AND CATALYSTS

KRES-ES[™] revamp makes more ammonia from less natural gas by energy substitution

S. Singh (KBR, Inc.)

Based on successful operation of KRES technology in three ammonia plants, KBR's KRES-ESTM technology provides a low-cost revamp option for reducing natural gas requirements to below 6.35 Gcal per tonne ammonia by allowing fuel substitution. Three examples of KRES-ESTM-based revamps are presented to illustrate possible applications of the technology.

Excellence achieved at NFCL

R. Raghavan (Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd)

NFCL has undertaken a revamp programme in stages over several years to allow it to change the feedstock used in the plant, to maximize capacity utilization and to optimize process parameters. Many changes were due to energy saving schemes, the outcome and value of which will be discussed.

Rejuvenating a 27-year old ammonia plant

R. Ahmed (Fauii Fertilizer Co.)

Fauji's No 1 ammonia plant has operated a set of IN-519 reformer tubes for over 200,000 hours at around 135% of nameplate capacity. This paper provides a history of the plant and the results of changes made over the years, including a recent overhaul in September 2009, when the reformer tubes and synthesis converter basket were replaced and the HP ammonia separator was revamped.

Revamp of JSC Cherkassy Azot's ammonia plant for energy savings and capacity increase

P. Han (Haldor Topsøe A/S), V. Sklyarov (JSC Cherkassy Azot)

Topsøe has undertaken a revamp of Cherkassy Azot's 1,360-t/d Kellogg ammonia plant, raising its capacity to 1,700 t/d and improving energy-efficiency. The paper describes the bottlenecks identified and the corrective measures proposed, the implementation of the project and the benefits achieved.

The science of catalysis: The chemistry within your catalysts

P. V. Broadhurst (Johnson Matthey Catalysts)

Operators of synthesis gas plants know enough about the workings of the catalytic process steps in their plants to be able to obtain maximum efficiency and catalyst life. This paper looks at what happens at a molecular level and how catalyst and absorbent design must focus on the control of these chemical processes to deliver improving products for the future.

Safe operation of HT shift catalyst - Best practices in case of WHB leaks and catastrophic failures

T. Archer (Süd-Chemie, Inc.)

Leaks in the reformed gas boiler upstream of the HT shift converter seem to be a fact of life in many ammonia plants. Meaures range from guard layers of blank support material to catch solids from small leaks to procedures for recovering catalyst damaged by flooding. The GRAB design loading system for minimizing pressure drop will be described.

Current trends in ammonia synthesis catalysts

Y. Kamal (Johnson Matthey Catalysts)

Developed almost at the dawn of the ammonia industry, magnetite-based ammonia synthesis catalysts remain unequalled for their durability. Johnson Matthey Catalysts' cobalt-promoted example has been proved in over 20 years operation in low-pressure loops and is an essential part of the Uhde dual-pressure process.

NITROGEN FERTILIZER FINISHING PROCEDURES

Jumbo single-line urea granulation plants - Ready for implementation

M. Potthoff (Uhde Fertilizer Technology bv)

To keep pace with the trend in urea solution plant capacity, UFT has developed a single-line urea granulation process scheme and plant layout for 5,000 t/d of urea. To accommodate the very large increase in unit capacity UFT has developed special design tools for optimizing the design with respect to process and mechanical parameters

Rotoform pastillation in the fertilizer finishing process

K. Swamy (Sandvik Process Systems)

With two installations up and running and another imminent, the Sandvik pastillation machines have a great potential as an alternative for or a supplement to other finishing processes in medium-sized urea installations, especially in debottlenecking projects. The capacity of individual machines is 140-170 t/d urea.

Technical upgrading of a low-rise prilling tower. Case study of JSC Salavatnefteorgsintez

N. Cheblakov (NIIK – Urea Research & Development Institute)

NIIK has developed a revamp technology for "low-rise" urea prilling towers (~32 m) including providing replacement prill heads, fluidized-bed cooler, "wet" dust traps, and facilities for applying anti-caking agent. The product granulometry and strength have been improved and the temperature to store reduced from 80-100°C to 45-50°C.

Benefits of the new Coperion Bulk-X-Change® for cooling fertilizers

H. Nigsch (Coperion GmbH)

The Bulk-X-Changer® is a compact solids cooler which does not require sweep air and therefore does not produce dust. So far utilized for cooling ammonium sulphate, NPK and CAN , it has been shown by intensive tests to be well suited to processing urea.

The influence of screening processes in fertilizer production

O. Pikhard (Rhewum GmbH)

Different fertilizers require different screen types, and the financial implications of selecting the wrong one are significant in comparison with the investment cost. Screen types will be categorized and an outlook will be given on those that have been successfully used in fertilizer plants.

Wednesday 23 February (afternoon)

UREA OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (1)

Saipem's breakthrough in large-scale ammonia-urea plants

A. Gianazza (Saipem)

As the world's largest single-stream ammonia-urea plants in Pakistan and Qatar approach completion, the contractor tells the story of their successful design, procurement, construction and commissioning, and looks ahead to the 5,000-t/d jumbo urea plant.

Sirius@Max: A new approach for urea plant optimization using advanced process control

L. Dieltjens (Stamicarbon); C. Moons (IPCOS)

A marriage of Stamicarbon's urea process know-how and IPCOS's model predictive control technology, Sirius@Max optimizes the operation of the urea plant minute by minute, 24/7, improving reliability of operation and guaranteeing the highest possible production level at all times.

Revamping of a total recycle urea solution plant to increase capacity and energy-efficiency

P. Orphanides (Orphanco)

The forthcoming revamp of Azomures's Stamicarbon total recycle urea plant will raise its capacity from 900 t/d to 1400 t/d (a 55% increase), slash process steam consumption, reduce electricity consumption by 20%, and cut ammonia emissions. The two proposals received will be compared.

Toyo's approach to environmental protection in urea plants

G. Nishikawa (Toyo Engineering Corp.)

The paper introduces TEC's approach to the problem of reducing urea and ammonia in effluents and, especially, ammonia emissions, both continuous and intermittent, which can no longer be brought down to officially required standards by waterwashing alone.

NITRIC ACID AND NITRATES

Abatement of N₂0 from nitric acid plants in the context of emissions trading – A continuing concern for the fertilizer industry

M. von Velsen-Zerweck (N-Serve Environmental Services GmbH)

The development and applications of tertiary alloys for ammonia oxidation

I. Bunch (Johnson Matthey Noble Metals)

Introduced for the purpose of reducing PGM inventories in nitric acid and caprolactam plants, tertiary alloys incorporate higher percentages of palladium in the catalyst pack. Advantages include increased campaign lengths, better conversion efficiency and lower rates of PGM loss.

Heraeus experience and developments for N₂O emission reduction

T. Keller (W. C. Heraeus GmbH)

Medium-pressure nitric acid plants usually have enough space beneath the gauze pack to accommodate a layer of catalyst for so-called secondary N_2O abatement, a more economical alternative to tertiary tail gas treatment. Here Heraeus, one of the earliest developers of secondary N_2O abatement, reports on catalyst development and application in various plant types.

MKS*precise*: A singular catalyst solution and the cost drivers behind it

K. Burchard (Umicore)

On account of its extreme flexibility in respect of structure, alloy composition and wire diameter, the MKS*precise* catalyst system can be optimized to suit the special circumstances of every individual plant — provided all the cost drivers are fully understood and properly assessed.

Development of integrated ammonium nitrate complexes

K. Ruthardt (Uhde GmbH)

The presentation covers design improvements that have been realised in large-scale integrated ammonium nitrate complexes, such as the AUM UAN plant in Trinidad and the Orica Bontang LDAN complex in Indonesia, and project-specific optimization of the various execution interfaces.

Prozap's experience in N₂O/NOx control and a re-invented nitrogen fertilizer: Liquid calcium nitrate

M. Skorupka (Prozap Engineering Ltd)

With over 40 years of experience in nitrogen industry projects, Prozap Engineering addresses all the industry's environmental concerns, including abatement of N₂O/NOx, urea/AN fume and ammonia emissions and FGD. Recently the company has designed a plant producing calcium nitrate solution, a high-class fertilizer that is resurgent on the market.

Start-up of the world's biggest UAN plant

Speaker to be announced (Uhde GmbH)

A report on the realization and early operation of MHTL's Uhde-designed nitric acid (1,500 t/d), ammonium nitrate (1,920 t/d) and UAN facilities in Trinidad.

Thursday 24 February (morning)

SYNTHESIS GAS GENERATION AND OTHER PRODUCTS

Nano-technology for substantial material improvement: Centralloy® G 4582 Micro R for steam reformers

D. Jakobi (Schmidt + Clemens)

A development of Schmidt + Clemens's Centralloy® G4852 Micro HP40 Mod. material, G4852 Micro R has at least 10% better creep rupture strength, allowing 15-20% reduction in wall thickness or an increase in operating temperature of 20°C. This appears to be due to nano-scale precipitates of carbides.

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Enhanced steam reformer tube inspection and remaining life assessment methodologies

R. Roberts (Quest Integrity Group)

The accuracy of reformer tube inspection and remaining life assessment has been improved by supplementing the LOTIS® laser optic inspection with an external crawler technique known as MANTIS, which now features enhanced eddy current crack detection and feeding the data directly into Quest Integrity's proprietary LifeQuest™ Reformer software.

Improving metal dusting resistance in the synthesis gas environment with the new Sumitomo 696 Ni-based alloy

S. Kurihara (Sumitomo Metal Industry Ltd)

The metal dusting resistance of Ni-Cr alloys used as a high-temperature component of reforming units appears to be considerably enhanced by the presence of copper in the alloy. Sumitomo Metal Industry has now conducted a long-term metal dusting test on a new copper-containing nickel-based alloy.

The global methanol market in transition - The catalytic technology challenges

N. Ringer (Süd-Chemie AG)

Methanol production in the vast facilities that today's market demands poses new technical challenges, particularly where the feed is coal. The latest development in coal gas purification, the sour gas shift process, and the best-performing methanol synthesis catalysts will be described.

Microchannel reactors for the small-scale production of synthesis gas

D. Atkinson (Oxford Catalysts Ltd / Velosys, Inc.)

Microchannel technology can intensify the production of syngas by steam methane reforming, resulting in smaller, less costly hardware and making syngas production for products such as FT hydrocarbons or DME from 1,000 t/d down to as little as 20 t/d economically possible.

Improved efficiency for hydrogen plants

T. von Trotha (Uhde GmbH)

In the continuing quest for higher efficiency in steam-reforming hydrogen plants, producing well-conditioned high-pressure steam for power generation can help lower total site CO_2 emissions and increases the flexibility to accommodate longer periods of operation at reduced rates.

Thursday 24 February (afternoon)

UREA OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (2)

Economics of third-generation alloy protection

J. Visser (Stamicarbon)

The impact of the development of ever-better materials on plant economics will be examined and new inspection philosophies and systems to take advantage of 3rd-generation alloy protection will be introduced.

Improved technique for lining high-pressure urea strippers with reactive metals

P. Mantovani (Officine Luigi Resta)

Zirconium linings applied to contemporary HP urea strippers by the conventional method have been found to fail, as evidenced by leaks from the weep holes in the shell. This has been rectified by changing the design of the filler strips and reducing the thickness of the batten strap, which lessens the stress level during operation and virtually eliminates peak stresses in the area of the filler strips.

Urea and nitric acid plants: improvement of shut-down, revamping, debottlenecking and refurbishment

J-M. Sluyters (Gemaco)

A presentation on special corrosion-resistant steels for nitric acid and urea service and the role played by strategic equipment from experienced suppliers and technical support in saving time, stress and money.

Using DP28™ to reduce passivation air in urea plants

M. Takahashi (Tovo Engineering Corp.)

Results will be presented of an intensive programme of tests designed to show to what extent the use of DP28WTM duplex steel allows the amount of passivation air injected into the synthesis section of a urea plant can be reduced.

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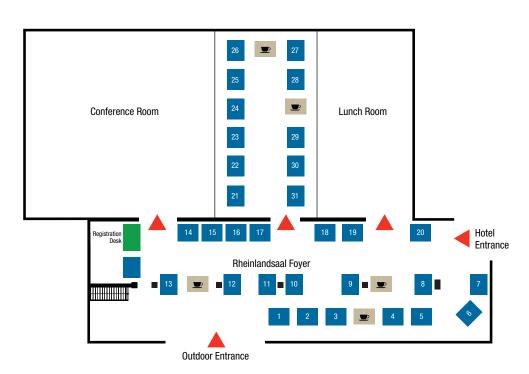
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