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Strengthening Supplier Ties: 3 Key VMI Strategies for Success

A **Vendor-Managed Inventory (VMI) system** can revolutionize supply chain efficiency by enhancing supplier relationships. Here are **three key strategies** to make it work:

- **Set Clear Agreements** – Define roles, responsibilities, and key performance indicators (KPIs) upfront to ensure transparency and accountability. Agreeing on stock levels, lead times, and payment terms prevents surprises.
- **Assign a Relationship Manager** – A dedicated point of contact strengthens communication, allowing both parties to resolve issues quickly and negotiate better terms when needed.
- **Develop a Contingency Plan** – Prepare for supply chain disruptions like transport delays or financial challenges. Having a predefined response plan minimizes business impact and ensures financial protection.

A well-executed VMI strategy fosters trust, boosts efficiency, and creates a win-win supplier partnership, ensuring long-term inventory success.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

US Propylene Prices Set to Surge in 2025 Amid Tightening Supply

US spot polymer-grade propylene (PGP) prices are set to rise into 2025 due to tightening supply, seasonal trends, and increasing demand. A record **3¢/lb premium** for January PGP signals the sharpest contango in over a decade, with prices expected to exceed **40¢/lb by mid-year**.

Source: Argus Media

China's LLDPE Market Sees Significant Shifts Amid Global Trade Dynamics

China's linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) market has experienced notable changes between 2021 and 2024. During this period, U.S. LLDPE sales to China surged by \$2.3 billion, while many of China's other top ten trading partners faced declines in their turnovers.

Source: Reuters

Chemical Industry Pushes for TSCA Fee Reauthorization to Support EPA's Chemical Safety Work

The U.S. chemical industry is focusing on the reauthorization of fees under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to support updates to the nation's chemicals law. This

The Rise of Self-Optimizing Warehouses: AI & Automation Revolutionizing Fulfillment

AI-driven warehouse systems are replacing traditional WMS, using real-time data and machine learning to optimize tasks and boost efficiency. Automation reduces manual interventions, while AI-powered

effort includes establishing a steady source of funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to monitor and evaluate chemicals.

Source: CEN.ACS

WES improves productivity by 15-30%. Voice and visual workflows enhance accuracy and retention, making warehousing smarter, faster, and more adaptive.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

Adani Enters Petrochemical Sector with \$3 Billion Joint Venture with Indorama

Adani Enterprises Ltd has entered the petrochemical sector through a 50:50 joint venture with Thailand's Indorama Resources Ltd, forming Valor Petrochemicals Ltd. The venture aims to establish a refinery, petrochemical, and chemical business, with an initial project focusing on a 3.2 million-ton purified terephthalic acid (PTA) plant in Maharashtra, representing a \$3 billion investment. This move aligns with Adani's strategy to diversify its operations and capitalize on India's growing petrochemical demand.

Source: MaxDigi

Upcoming Events

- The Pharma Live Expo & Summit 2025, is scheduled on April 17th-19th, 2025, at Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai, India.
- The Vitafoods India, is scheduled on February 05th-07th, 2025, at Pavilion 1-2, Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai, India.
- The Dyechem World®, is scheduled on February 12th-15th, 2025, at IEML, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh India.

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