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All Aboard the Green Wave: Global Shipping Set to Hit Net-Zero by 2050

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has approved a landmark set of regulations aimed at achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from global shipping by 2050. Key measures include setting emission reduction checkpoints in 2030 and 2040, introducing a global fuel standard, and implementing a new pricing mechanism for carbon emissions. These steps mark a major shift toward sustainable maritime transport and align the industry with global climate goals.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

Shell Considers U.S. Partnerships and European Closures to Streamline Chemical Assets

Shell is evaluating strategic options to enhance the performance of its chemical assets, including forming partnerships in the U.S. and closing select facilities in Europe. This initiative aims to improve returns and reduce capital expenditure in the chemical sector by 2030. The company has previously rationalized its portfolio by selling its Singapore refinery and petrochemical assets and closing certain European operations. Specific assets under review have not been disclosed.

Source: ICIS

DCM Shriram Enhances Chemical Production with 850 TPD Caustic Soda Expansion in Jhagadia

DCM Shriram has successfully commissioned an 850 Tons Per Day (TPD) caustic soda expansion project at its chemical complex in Jhagadia, Gujarat. This development increases the company's total installed caustic soda capacity to 1,860 TPD, reinforcing its position in the chemical industry. The expansion aligns with DCM Shriram's strategy to meet growing market demand and strengthen its footprint in the sector.

Source: Manufacturing Today India

Nippon Shokubai Powers Up: New LiFSI Plant to Boost EV Battery Supply in Japan

Nippon Shokubai has announced plans to construct a new plant in Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, dedicated to producing Lithium bis(fluorosulfonyl)imide (LiFSI), marketed as IONEL™. LiFSI is a crucial electrolyte component in lithium-ion batteries, enhancing electric vehicle (EV) performance by enabling longer battery life, faster charging, and improved output in low-temperature conditions. The facility aims to strengthen Japan's domestic battery supply chain and support the growing demand for EVs. Kitakyushu was chosen for its logistical advantages, disaster resilience, and proximity to automotive and environmental industries. This initiative aligns with Nippon Shokubai's commitment to carbon neutrality by 2050 and contributes to building a sustainable society.

Upcoming Events

The **ILMA Annual Meeting** is scheduled on **October 4-7, 2025** in Beach Club at The Boca Raton, Boca Raton, FL.

The **Chemical Summit** is scheduled on **Sept 30-Oct 1, 2025** in Houston Texas.

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