

Toward World Class Plant Availability

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The Evolution of “World Class”

In the past, the “world class” label was awarded to a facility based on solely on its scale – the 150,000-200,000 BPD refinery, the 900 KMTA ethylene complex, or the 700 KMTA PTA plant. More recently, another definition of “world class” has emerged – one based upon relative performance. There are recognized leading performers in our industries, and their performance has earned them the prized “world class” label. What does the “world class” label mean today? And how – in today’s environment of often-conflicting objectives – can it be achieved?