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PetroChina Liaoyang Petrochemical Company to Add Additional *Para*-xylene Capacity Using UOP Technology

Des Plaines, Ill., USA -- UOP LLC has been selected by PetroChina Liaoyang Petrochemical Company (LIAOHUA) of Liaoyang, Liaoning, China to supply technology, basic engineering services, and equipment for a second *para*-xylene train for their facility in Liaoyang, Liaoning, China. The new plant is planned to start up in 2006 and produce 350 KMTA of *para*-xylene.

UOP's project scope includes a new Parex™ process unit for *para*-xylene purification and a new Isomar™ process unit for xylene isomerization.

PetroChina Liaoyang Petrochemical Company of Liaoyang, Liaoning, China is a leading producer of polyester products in China. LIAOHUA has been operating a *para*-xylene production plant based on UOP technology since 1996.

UOP LLC, headquartered in Des Plaines, Ill., USA, is a leading international supplier and licensor of process technology, catalysts, adsorbents, process plants, and consulting services to the petroleum refining, petrochemical, and gas processing industries.