

Press Release

ASTER DOUBLES ETHYLENE EXPORT CAPACITY, ENHANCES PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY



Singapore, 27 November 2025 – Aster, a leading provider of energy and chemical solutions in Southeast Asia, announced an agreement with Hitachi Asia Ltd (Hitachi) to acquire advanced compressor solutions to double its ethylene export capacity at Aster Bukom island facility. This investment strengthens Aster’s ability to meet rising regional and global demand for ethylene, a vital petrochemical building block for products spanning plastics, textiles, and specialty chemicals.

Under the agreement, Hitachi, through its factory in Japan operated by Hitachi Industrial Products, Ltd., will deliver two new compressor units for scheduled delivery in January 2027. The investment will enable installation of a parallel ethylene chiller system, expand outbound ethylene logistics and enhance operational flexibility and efficiency. The project will also deepen synergy between Bukom and the Chandra Asri cracker facility on Cilegon, unlocking further integration and optimisation across the regional C2 derivatives value chain.



Mashhad Dohadwala, Aster’s Director for Projects & Technology, said, “With the installation of a parallel chiller to double ethylene export capacity, Aster is strengthening the regional supply network while supporting Singapore’s position as a key petrochemical export hub, backed by 1.1 million metric tons of cracker capacity annually. This project complements Aster’s continued focus on efficiency, reliable supply, and innovation as outlined in our recent investments, including enhancement of crude and product logistics, renewable operations, and the expansion of sustainable packaging solutions. Our partnership with Hitachi is a clear demonstration of how we are expanding our assets with trusted global partners to build a resilient and integrated chemicals ecosystem.”

Chew Huat Seng, General Manager of Industrial Products Business Unit, Hitachi Asia Ltd., said “We are honored to be part of this critical expansion project led by our valued customer. Building on a long and deep-rooted partnership with Aster, Hitachi Asia and Hitachi Industrial Products will ensure smooth project execution, delivery, commissioning and further our long working term relationship with Aster. We remain focused on delivering meaningful goals and shaping a sustainable future together.”

About Aster

Aster is a leading provider of energy, chemical, and infrastructure solutions in Southeast Asia, supplying products and services to various manufacturing industries in both domestic and international markets. It is a Chandra Asri-led joint venture with Glencore. Since Chandra Asri Group’s establishment in 1992, the Group has grown from strength to strength to build its reputation as a reliable growth partner, with strategically well positioned assets in Indonesia and Singapore. The Group’s total asset base includes a refinery with a capacity of more than 300,000 barrels per day with ongoing asset rejuvenation, alongside a 1.1 million metric ton naphtha cracker on Bukom Island, 2.5 million metric tons of downstream chemical assets on Jurong Island, and a 0.9 million metric ton naphtha cracker in Cilegon. The company's business is supported by core infrastructure assets, including energy, electricity, water, jetty, and tank farm facilities. For more information, visit www.aster.com.sg.

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