

## News Release

### **Oxea launches Oxlube L9-TMP lubricant as C8/C10 Trimethylolpropane replacement**

**Oberhausen, Germany, October 12, 2015** – The global chemical company Oxea launches the new lubricant Oxlube L9-TMP. It is a direct one-to-one replacement for the conventional C8/C10 (caprylic/capric) acid based TMP (Trimethylolpropane) ester that is widely used as a lubricant in engine oils, gear boxes, and other demanding applications. Oxlube L9-TMP offers the same performance, but provides a more constant and better availability than C8/C10 TMP. The main raw material of the conventional product, mixed C8/C10 acid, has been in extreme short supply for the last two years. Driven by high demand and limited supply, mixed C8/C10 acid is expected to continue to be tight structurally, whereas Oxea's feedstock is produced on purpose and has no availability constraints. Oxlube L9-TMP is based on Oxea's own n-Pelargonic Acid. The new product is immediately available in commercial quantities.

"Oxlube L-9TMP is being manufactured in Oxea's Amsterdam Ester Plant. This plant formerly used to produce the exact same molecule which we are now replacing with Oxlube L9-TMP. Because of this history, Oxea has extensive experience and the required know-how to deliver the quality that the lubricant industry is demanding," says Jacco de Haas, Commercial Business Director Specialty Esters at Oxea.

"Oxea did recently launch cost effective alternatives for hardly available C8/C10 molecules. Besides offering linear C9 alcohol (n-Nonanol) and linear C9 acid (n-Pelargonic Acid), Oxea is now also offering esters based on these raw materials," says Cristobal Ascencio, Vice President Derivatives. "All these new products are produced on purpose and have no capacity constraints to fulfill market demand globally," he continues.

#### **About Oxea**

Oxea is a global manufacturer of oxo intermediates and oxo derivatives, such as alcohols, polyols, carboxylic acids, specialty esters, and amines. These products are used for the production of high-quality coatings, lubricants, cosmetics and pharmaceutical products, flavorings and fragrances, printing inks and plastics. Oxea employs more than 1,400 people worldwide. Oxea is owned by Oman Oil Company S.A.O.C. For more information about Oxea, visit [www.oxea-chemicals.com](http://www.oxea-chemicals.com)

#### **About Oman Oil Company**

Oman Oil Company S.A.O.C. (OOC) is a commercial company wholly owned by the Government of Oman. It was established in 1996 to pursue investment opportunities in the wider energy sector both inside and outside Oman. The Company plays an important role in the Sultanate's efforts to diversify the economy and to promote domestic and foreign investments.

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