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In Case You Missed It: **Business News from the Field**

DowDuPont to Expand Texas Facility

Midland, Michigan, USA: Chemical maker DowDuPont Inc. is planning to spend approximately US\$100 million over the next two years to expand the production of specialty plastic materials at its site in Orange, Texas, USA. The company is also evaluating longer-term plans to invest in a new facility. The joint investment will support customer growth of both the packaging and specialty plastics business of DowDuPont's materials science division, as well as the transportation and advanced polymers business of its specialty products division.

GE Awarded Contract for Qualification of 3D Printed Parts

Niskayuna, New York, USA: GE Global Research, the technology development arm for GE, has been awarded a four-year, US\$9 million contract from the Office of Naval Research. They are tasked with developing a framework to enable the rapid qualification and certification of 3D printed replacement and newly designed parts for ships, aircraft, and other critical military assets.

China to Reduce Iron and Steel Production

Shanghai, China: China announced plans to shut down more outdated steel plants and bring total capacity to less than 1 billion tonnes by 2025. The statement was issued by the president of the China Iron and Steel Association who noted that national demand for the metal is set to decline gradually and that the association would aim to keep utilization rates at around 80 percent. They fell to less than 70 percent in 2015.

Exxon Takes Measures to Reduce Greenhouse Emissions

Irving, Texas, USA: ExxonMobil has announced measures to improve its emissions performance by 2020 through a 15 percent decrease in methane emissions and a 25 percent reduction in flaring compared with its 2016 rates. The company also intends to improve the energy efficiency of its refining and chemical manufacturing facilities.

India Examines Potential of Scrap Steel Processing Plants

New Delhi, India: The government of India has announced its interest in setting up at least two new integrated plants for the processing of scrap steel in the north and south of the country through private partnerships. This push is expected to occur after the finalization of a new vehicle scrapping policy which would also require the construction of at least 50 steel shredding plants across the country. The scrap policy is intended to reduce dependence on scrap imports and meet new demands through recycling.



Skipton, United Kingdom: Fibrelite and Trenwa launched their strategic partnership in 2014 with the offering of Trenwa's heavy-duty precast concrete road crossing trenches topped with Fibrelite's traffic rated composite trench covers. The partnership has recently expanded to accommodate retrofitting covers to previously installed trenches through the development of custom molded composite trench covers (photo left) to fit Trenwa's existing line of precast multi-duty trench systems. (Image courtesy of Fibrelite.)