Construction Projects: Heavy Oil Upgrading

The following table lists the heavy oil upgrading projects, both upstream and downstream, that have been recently completed or are in the planning, engineering, or construction phase.

Please note that the project statistics here do not include any units under negotiation, in captive markets, or not yet disclosed to the public. Hydrocarbon Publishing engages in an intensive search for correct and accurate information, but the lack of company notice or publication regarding the conclusion or cancellation of construction projects may result in inaccuracies. Also, due to sometimes conflicting and/or incomplete information from different sources, it is possible that some of the projects listed are duplicates. The total additional capacity listings are merely estimates since some companies report only the added capacity while others list the total after new capacity has been established.

[Note: The construction projects listed were gathered from recent issues of Oil & Gas Journal, Hydrocarbon Processing, and Worldwide Refinery Business Digest Weekly.e. Additionally, information for some of the Canadian projects was assembled based on the latest Alberta Oil Sands Industry Quarterly Update (Fall 2010).]

| Company | Location | Status (capacity note) ^a | Licenser— engineer— constructor (other contractor) | Est. cost, \$MM | Additional capacity, K b/da | | | |
|--|------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | | | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 & beyond |
| | United States | | | | | | | |
| BPc | Milne Point, AK | U (New, heavy oil upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 100 | | | N.A. (May) | |
| BP/Husky | Toledo, OH | P (Ex, heavy oil processing) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 120 ('15) |
| CononcoPhillips/ Encana | Wood River, IL | P (Ex, heavy oil processing, coker) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 4K | | | | 55 (N.A.) |
| Marathon | Detroit, MI | U (Ex, refinery heavy oil processing) | N.A.—Fluor—Fluor | | | | | 80 ('12) |
| REGIONAL TOTAL | NUMBER OF PROJE | CTS = 4 | | | 0 | 0 | N.A. | 255 |
| | | | Canada | | | | | |
| BA Energy (Heartland Upgrader) ^c | Edmonton, AB | P (Ex) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 1.5K ^b | | | | 185 ('11) |
| | | U (New) | N.A.—Jacobs—N.A. | 1.5K ^b | | | | 75 (N.A.) |
| Canadian Natural Resources (Horizon Upgrader) ^c | AB | C (New) | N.A.—Technip—N.A. | 10K ^b | 135 | | | |
| | | U (Ex To 270K b/d) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | 135 | |
| Cenovus Energy ^c | Christina Lake | U (Ex To 98K b/d, oilsands) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 80 ('13) |
| | Foster Creek | P (Ex, oilsands) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 25 ('19) |
| | | P (Ex, oilsands) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 90 (N.A.) |
| North West Upgrading/Canadia n Natural | Sturgeon County, AB | P (New, bitumen upgrader) | Lurgi (gasification)/Chevron Lummus Global (LC- | 3.9K | | | | 50 ('13) |

| Company | Location | Status (capacity note) ^a | Licenser— engineer— constructor (other contractor) | Est. cost, \$MM | Additional capacity, K b/da | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------|-------------|------------------|
| | | | | | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 & beyond |
| Resourcesc | | | Fining)—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | |
| | | P (Ex To 150K b/d, bitumen upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 17.6K | | | | 100 (N.A.) |
| Northern Alberta Oil ^c | N.A. | P (New, heavy oil upgrader) | WaveChem—N.A.— N.A. | | | | | 5 (N.A.) |
| OPTI/Nexen (Long Lake Upgrader) ^c | Ft. McMurray, AB | C (New) | N.A.— Fluor/Propak/Air Liquide— Fluor/Ledcor/Air Liquide/Flint PCL | 5K | | 72 | | |
| Royal Dutch Shell (Scotsford Upgrader 1) ^c | Ft. Saskatchewan, AB | U (Ex To 155K b/d) | Shell/Uhde— Bechtel—na | 14.3K | | | | 100 ('11) |
| Suncor (Voyaguer Upgrader ^c | Ft. McMurray, AB | S (Ex To 550 K b/d, upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 5.9K | | | | 200 ('12) |
| Total E&P Canda (Total upgrader) ^c | Edmonton, AB | F (New) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 150 ('15) |
| Total E&P Canada (Northern Lights Upgrader) ^c | Fort Hills, AB | S (New) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 50 ('11) |
| | NUMBER OF PROJE | CTS = 15 | 1 | | 135 | 72 | 135 | 1,460 |
| | | Latin Americ | ca and the Caribbean | | | | | |
| Petrobras | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | F (To 150K b/d, heavy oil processing) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 8.4K | | | | N.A. ('13) |
| Reficar | Cartegena, Colombia | F (Re Ex To 165K b/d, refinery heavy ends) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 1.4K | | | | 85 ('12) |
| Petronas/PDVSA/O NGC/Repsol/IOCL ^c | Anzoategui, Venezuela | P (New, heavy oil upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | 200 ('14) |
| PDVSA/JGC | Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela | F (Heavy oil upgrader) | N.A.—KBR—N.A. | | | | | N.A. (N.A.) |
| REGIONAL TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS = 4 | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 285 |
| | | Wes | stern Europe | | | | | |
| SONHOE | Teesside, England | F (New, heavy oil upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 4K | | | | 200 ('14) |
| REGIONAL TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS = 1 | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 |
| | | CIS and Cer | ntral/Eastern Europe | | | | | |
| Sonic Technology Solutions ^c | Albania | U (New, heavy crude upgrading) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | | | | 1 (June) | |
| TANECO | Nizhnekamsk, | S (Refinery heavy ends) | CLG—N.A.—N.A. | | | | | N.A. (N.A.) |

| Company | Location | Status (capacity note) ^a | Licenser— engineer— constructor (other contractor) | Est. cost, \$MM | Additional capacity, K b/da | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------|---------|------------------|
| | | | | | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 & beyond |
| | Russia | | | | | | | |
| REGIONAL TOTAL | NUMBER OF PROJE | CTS = 2 | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | N.A. |
| The Middle East | | | | | | | | |
| Saudi Aramco | Manifa Bay, Saudi Arabia | E (New, heavy oil processing) | N.A.—FW—N.A. | | | | | 900 ('11) |
| REGIONAL TOTAL | NUMBER OF PROJE | CTS = 1 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 900 |
| | | | Africa | | | | | |
| SAMIR | Mohammedia, Morocco | P (Bitumen; 270K t/y) | Porner—Porner— N.A. | | | | | 4.5 ('11) |
| ENIc | Republic of Congo | P (New, bitumen upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 1.56K (€1K) | | | | N.A. ('13) |
| REGIONAL TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS = 2 | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 |
| Asia-Pacific | | | | | | | | |
| Chennai Petroleum Corp | Manili, India | P (New, residual upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 4.3Kb | | | | N.A. ('13) |
| GS Caltex | Yosu, South Korea | U (New, heavy oil upgrader) | N.A.—GS Engineering & Construction—GS Engineering & Construction | 564 | | | 113 | |
| Hyundai Oilback | Daesan, South Korea | U (New, heavy oil upgrader) | N.A.—N.A.—N.A. | 1.58K | | | | 52 (June '11) |
| REGIONAL TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS = 3 | | | | 0 | 0 | 113 | 52 | |
| WORLDWIDE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS = 32 | | | | 135 | 72 | 249 | 3,156.5 | |
| WORLDWIDE TOTAL NEW CAPACITY | | | | 3,612.5 | | | | |
| aCapacity is given in thousands of b/d; if capacity was given in other terms, it has been converted to K b/d for the Additional capacity columns, but given in the original denomination as a capacity note in italics. Cupstream HOU plant; i.e., primary product is synthetic crude rather than refined products. C: completed. E: engineering. P: planning. U: under construction. S: suspended. By: amount of capacity increase. Ex: expansion. Re: revamp. To: total capacity after project completion. Up: upgrade. | | | | | | | | |

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