

PRESS RELEASE

Agreement between Nexolub and Life for Tyres to supply advanced biofuels made from recycled tyres

- The Puertollano plant, which will start operating in January 2022, will be the most advanced and the first in Europe, from a technological and sustainability standpoint, to produce advanced biofuels from tyres at the end of their useful life.
- The production of this liquid hydrocarbon responds to the need and growing interest in the use of materials produced under the principles of a circular economy in the petrochemical industry.
- The value of the deal signed between Nexolub and L4T exceeds 100 million euros and will multiply over the next three years.

Barcelona, 14 October 2021. Nexolub, a Spanish company engaged in the international export of petroleum and chemical derivatives, as well as sustainable fuels, and Life for Tyres (L4T), which specialises in the recovery and recycling of end-of-life tyres, have announced an exclusive ten-year offtake agreement for the supply of the new renewable bio-oil to be produced at the new end-of-life tyre (ELT) recycling plant currently under construction in Puertollano, Spain.

Nexolub will acquire 100% of Life for Tyres' production, resulting in an expected volume of up to 10,000 tonnes per year of the new advanced hydrocarbon. The product will be sent to refineries to meet the growing demand for advanced raw materials in the petrochemical, marine and aviation sectors.

With an annual processing capacity of around 30,000 tonnes of used tyres, the plant will be operational early next year and will be the first in Spain and the largest in Europe capable of transforming used tyres into advanced biofuel and other high-quality secondary raw materials.

As explained by Marc Monllau, CEO of Nexolub, *"the current environmental challenges require the development of sustainable raw materials that can be successfully integrated into the supply chain of conventional petrochemicals, as well as in maritime transport. This agreement, the first with Life for Tyres, will be the ideal framework for building the expansion strategy of the next plants planned in Spain."* Monllau adds that *"it allows us to offer solutions linked to the circular economy, a product in growing demand due to the transition momentum that the hydrocarbon sector is going through."*



The new advanced biofuel is a renewable and circular liquid made by L4T that will be International Sustainable Carbon Credit (ISCC) certified. This proves compliance with the legal requirements for sustainability in the bioenergy markets and documents the sustainability and traceability of the supply chain from tyre recycling, processing and through to delivery of the end product to the customer.

For Tilen Milicevic, L4T delegate, *“the partnership with Nexolub guarantees the arrival on the national and international market of a high-value sustainable product that is in line with global efforts to eliminate waste and decarbonisation, both essential in looking towards the future. L4T is committed to supplying the global market with at least 80,000 tonnes per year of advanced biofuel from 2025 onwards and this strategic partnership for the first 10,000 tonnes per year results from a close working relationship with Nexolub, which extends far beyond simple commercial collaboration”.*

With L4T, Nexolub opens a channel of expansion and value-added to its national and international activity, this being the first time that the company has joined forces with a producer. At today's global prices for advanced biofuels, the value of the deal signed between Nexolub and L4T exceeds 100 million euros and will multiply over the next three years. Nexolub appears in the annual list of the Financial Times, which lists the 1,000 fastest growing European companies last year, occupying 82nd position.

Start of activity in 2022

Located in the La Nava industrial estate in Puertollano (Spain), Life for Tyres plans to start up the plant at the beginning of January 2022, where 38 direct jobs and 250 indirect jobs will be created and which has required an investment of almost 30 million euros.

In Puertollano, in addition to advanced biofuel, high quality raw materials such as green carbon black, the metallic fraction (steel) present in tyres, and Syngas will be obtained. These products will help multiple companies implement the circular economy in their processes and reduce their carbon footprint. Syngas will be used for energy self-consumption.

About Nexolub

Founded in 2008 and operating independently since 2011, the Spanish company Nexolub operates as a Trader of petroleum derivatives and chemicals. It focuses on the distribution of lubricant bases from Europe and is one of the main suppliers of this raw material to Latin America. In recent years, the company has expanded into new markets and products, such as sustainable and advanced raw materials in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Nexolub is also present in the market of chemical compounds, ethanol and methanol.

Based in Barcelona and with a global vocation, its team has more than 20 years' experience in the sector. Nexolub was positioned as one of the fastest-growing European companies in 2020 according to the FT-1000 ranking prepared by the Financial Times.



About Life for Tyres

Life For Tyres is a Spanish company based in Puertollano (Ciudad Real). It is part of the L4T group and seeks to provide innovative and sustainable answers to environmental and consumer risks. Based on this undertaking, it has developed and patented its own technology to recover 100% of tyre waste in secondary raw materials with high value-added, saving 52,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year for each plant. This enables the L4T group to contribute to the sustainable development goals (SDGs), solving the environmental problem caused by the generation of more than 26 million tonnes of tyres discarded annually worldwide.

L4T Group has its presence and operations developing in Europe, Latin America and Asia with a strong investment plan for the next 3 years, aiming to secure global scale production capabilities for advanced biofuels and other high-quality secondary raw materials.

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