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Date	9/29/2008
Title	Bi Le-Khac Retirement Announcement
Region	All Employees
Department	R&D Chemicals
From	Robert N. Cochran, Mgr., New PO Reaction Technology
Announcement	<p>Bi Le-Khac, currently Research Advisor in Chemicals R&D, has elected to retire at the end of September. Bi has had a distinguished 33 year career with LyondellBasell and its predecessor companies, resulting in 74 issued U.S. patents and eight pending patent applications. Most notably, Bi is the inventor of Impact catalyst for producing polyether polyols used to make polyurethane foam. Impact catalyst revolutionized the manufacture of polyether polyols; it has a catalyst activity 1000 times that of the potassium hydroxide catalyst it replaced. Lyondell sold its polyols business, including Impact catalyst technology, to Bayer in 2000. Bayer has since licensed BASF, DOW, Shell and Asahi Glass to use Impact catalyst technology.</p> <p>Please join me in wishing Bi well in his retirement and in thanking him for his many technical contributions.</p>
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