

NEXTCHEM (MAIRE) AWARDED A LICENSING AND PROCESS DESIGN PACKAGE IN CHINA BASED ON ITS PROPRIETARY NX CONSER™ MAN AND NX CONSER™ DUETTO TECHNOLOGIES

- **NEXTCHEM will apply its NX CONSER™ MAN and NX CONSER™ Duetto technologies to enable the co-production of BDO and DMS, optimizing feedstock use and downstream integration for biopolymers, and allowing the production of biopolymers at a more competitive cost**
- **NEXTCHEM reinforces its technological footprint in advanced polymers and chemical intermediates, leveraging solutions that combine and streamline multiple process steps that enhance performance and energy efficiency**

Milan, 18 February 2026 — **MAIRE** (MAIRE.MI) announces that **NEXTCHEM**, through its subsidiary **CONSER**, a technology licensor for high-value chemical derivatives and biodegradable plastics, has been awarded a licensing and Process Design Package for the deployment of its proprietary **NX CONSER™ MAN** and **NX CONSER™ Duetto** technologies for the co-production of Dimethyl succinate (DMS) and 1,4-Butanediol (BDO) by a major state-owned chemical player in China.

The agreement covers the integrated BDO and DMS production, enabling downstream applications such as PolyButylene Succinate (PBS) and other specialty polymers, supporting the transition toward bio-based and circular materials. Subsequent tenders for catalyst and proprietary equipment supply are expected.

These technologies deliver exceptionally high conversion efficiency and product purity, reduce feedstock usage to enhance overall sustainability, and offer seamless integration with downstream units enabling flexible, diversified production pathways for advanced biopolymers.

Fabio Fritelli, Managing Director of NEXTCHEM, commented: “This achievement reflects the growing market confidence in our innovative approach to combine adjacent technologies and advanced process integration, capable of delivering competitive advantages in terms of cost, energy efficiency, and product quality. This result reinforces our technological excellence and competitiveness in the bioplastics sector in a strategically significant industrial market such as China.”

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