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# Mission brought to completion

Dear colleagues,

We are leaving behind the year 2019 which holds record of many remarkable events for SOCAR Polymer, the brightest of which is the launch of the HDPE plant by Azerbaijan Republic's President Ilham Aliyev who once again emphasized SOCAR Polymer plants' significant role in Azerbaijan's social and economic wellbeing, thus, reaffirming our being on the right track and inspiring us to reach for further achievements.

This year has seen plenty of productive collaboration and tasks fulfilled jointly with all our stakeholders, partners, contractors, consultants and team members. We have remained true to the 4-years-old tradition of participating in annual international exhibitions, and this year our company has aptly exhibited its products to potential customers at the 26th International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and broadly declared its "zero harm" environmental policy at the 10th Anniversary Azerbaijan International Ecology exhibitions. We readily joined the "Make Azerbaijan greener" project held at the initiative of Azerbaijan Republic's first vice-president Mehriban Aliyeva and in its framework our employees planted 1500 trees in support of our republic's clean environment policy. Furthermore, in November, we shared several thousand Sumgayit residents' pride and joy at the

70th anniversary of the city celebrated with a festive parade of uniformed SOCAR Polymer employees duly representing our company as a new proud resident of the Sumgayit city.

Irrefutably one of the most successful of our educational projects, the Summer Internship Program once again gave bright youths an opportunity to dedicate 8 weeks of their graduate year or career path to gaining experience directly from professionals in a real production facility setting. A total of 29 interns – a record number so far – have benefitted from this opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills in different plant sections and company departments. 21 of them subsequently received a job offer to make best use of their qualifications and contribute to our company's sustainable development.

It has been a fruitful year and I would like to thank you all for your commitment to this year's goals of the SOCAR Polymer company. My best hopes call upon the upcoming year to bring plenty of success and achievements to the company as a whole and to each of you personally!

**Happy New Year!**

**Farid Jafarov  
General Manager**



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# YEAR IN **REVIEW**



2019



HDPE plant launched by president Ilham Aliyev



Diplomatic corps representatives at SP plant



Monthly award instituted for HSE risk recognition



SP contributed to Students' 1st Scientific Conference at BHOS



Bringing Novruz joy to poor families



HDPE export initiated to Turkey and Russia



SP mentioned in the context of Azerbaijan-Russia cooperation



Caspian region's and Central Asia's business representatives at SP plant





SP mentioned in the context of the non-oil sector's development



Serial production of a PP grade for fiber/carpet manufacturing launched



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# Lyondellbasell

LyondellBasell's new 5th-generation polymerization catalyst applied in PP production



Serial production of a PP grade for BOPP film production launched



Blown Film Extruder training held for laboratory staff



Interns visit a buyer company, EI-Plastic Ltd



Interns' starring hour with presentations



'Green Energy Management' Summer School members at SP plant



US Embassy delegation at SP plant



Wood scrap donation initiative approved



Contribution to the Eid al-Adha celebration for the elderly



Charity contribution to the blood bank



Certificates to SP employees for contribution and achievements



Corporate celebration of reached milestones



SP representatives at K 2019 Dusseldorf exhibition





SP at Tecnimont Seenergy Meeting



SP in Sumgayit's 70th anniversary parade



SP at an annual Ecology Exhibition



Family Day festivities



A gift of 1500 trees to nature



Contribution to the Red Crescent charity event



# Plant employees marching in honor of Sumgayit's 70th anniversary



**O**n November 19, SOCAR Polymer participated in the festive celebrations organized by the Sumgayit city Executive Authorities on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Sumgayit's receiving the status of a city.

Pursuant to President Ilham Aliyev's decree on "Celebration of Sumgayit city's 70th Anniversary" as of 14 February 2019, the Executive Authorities organized city-wide celebrations and a festive parade in front of the municipality office building to mark the 70th anniversary of the Sumgayit city.



SOCAR Polymer was represented in the event by hundred plant employees in uniforms who marched in the parade line with banners, flags and flowers.

The event was attended by the Head of the Sumgayit city Executive Authority Zakir Farajov, the Head of the State Border Service colonel general Elchin Guliyev, other officials,

parliament members, representatives of foreign embassies, and thousands of Sumgayit residents. The industrial enterprises, companies and organizations, too, did not stay



aloof from the event and were well represented by their teams.

It is worth mentioning that Sumgayit received the status of a city by decision of the Azerbaijan SSR's Higher Council Presidium on 22 November 1949. The past 70 years have seen rapid development of Sumgayit which turned into a famous industrial hub. The implementation of such infrastructural projects as the Sumgayit Technology Park and the Sumgayit Chemical Industrial Park has boosted the city's role as an industrial hub.

# SOCAR Polymer General Manager delivered a keynote speech at 'Seenergy-2019' event



**O**n 18 November 2019, our General Manager, Farid Jafarov attended the Maire Tecnimont company's important annual "Seenergy" event as a keynote speaker. The event at its third edition dedicated to Supply Chain issues was a chance for Maire Tecnimont and its key partners to meet and build a new way to compete in the market, leveraging on synergies and creating value through industrial cooperation. It involved over 100 top managers from Italian and foreign multinationals, representing more than €900 billion of revenues and a workforce of almost 4 million people from all over the world.

In previous years, guest speakers were Mr. Luca Cordero di Montezemolo, former Chairman of Fiat Group, Ferrari,





Maserati and Alitalia, and Mr. Andrea Guerra former CEO of Luxottica.

In his speech, F.Jafarov touched upon the long history of Italian-Azerbaijan relations, gave brief yet broad information about SOCAR as a fully integrated oil and gas company, and listed the projects implemented with Tecnimont, including Baku Oil Refinery's Modernization. Further on, he underscored the strategic role played by SOCAR and SOCAR Polymer in the economic growth of Azerbaijan, the SOCAR-related companies' expectations of an EPC contractor, and Maire Tecnimont's advantages as a skillful and reliable EPC partner in the light of its cooperation with SOCAR Polymer within the framework of the SOCAR Polymer Project in Sumgayit. The General Manager also touched upon the expectations of a primary EPC contractor to play a pivotal role in the engagement of the Supply Chain considering a plant's long-term lifecycle, and making the right long-term equipment choice, as well as to lead a partnership with key vendors at the lowest capital/operational/service costs, at the best quality, at the shortest plant delivery time, with availability of replacement parts, maintenance facilities, and readiness of an equipment supplier to enter into service contracts.

"With MET we saw an opportunity to develop a relationship of trust to establish a win-win strategy. Mixing our know-how in construction of plants could increase the number of projects and our expectations", - F.Jafarov said.

Among the potential projects for future cooperation with

Maire Tecnimont, F.Jafarov mentioned the Methanol Project and the Antipinsky Refinery in Russia, the SOCAR GPC Project in Azerbaijan, and Expansion of the STAR Refinery in Turkey. In conclusion, he underlined Azerbaijan's role as a regional hub, and its advantages including effective time-saving routes, multilingual population, favourable investment and legal environment, major privileges for taxes and customs, low transportation costs, availability of industrial parks, and transport corridors passing Azerbaijan.



# Exploring the world of plastics at K-2019



**T**hree SOCAR Polymer representatives visited the K-2019 Dusseldorf exhibition held in Germany on 16-23 October and known as “The World's No. 1 Trade Fair for Plastics and Rubber”, the performance barometer for the entire industry and its global marketplace for innovations. Over 3000 companies from more than 60 countries are represented in the fully booked fair to demonstrate the industry's capabilities, discuss current trends and set the course for the future. The exposition occupied the entire Düsseldorf exhibition grounds with some 175,000 m<sup>2</sup> of net exhibition space, and more than 200,000 trade visitors from all over the world attended the event, 71% coming from abroad.

SOCAR Polymer's Deputy Operations Manager Alexander Lazarev, Lead Process Engineer Orkhan Hasanov, Technology Manager Vadim Gaifiyev, and Production and Sales Analyst Javad Aghayev have shared the outcomes of their visit, their impression of the event, and considerations on the topic.





**Vadim Gaifiyev**  
**Technology Manager**

- The purpose of our trip was to participate in the event as visitors. I aimed at meeting counteragents, finding alternative suppliers of chemical products, discussing relevant issues with our current suppliers of catalysts and chemicals, and making note of the new trends in the polymer

industry. Familiarization with polymer waste processing equipment was another target of mine.

The K-fair is a world scale exhibition that helps follow the development trends of the global plastics industry. Held only once in three years, it is an exhibition to be attended by decision- and policy-makers.

This year, our delegation did not aim at promoting our products, as this objective was pursued by the delegation of SOCAR Marketing and SOCAR Russia companies on the first three days of the fair.

In fact, the mode of our participation as a company depends on our current targets which can incorporate exploration,

synchronization, meetings, discussions, networking, or exhibiting as well. We have plenty of time to plan out our next visit by autumn of 2022, and depending on the format of our participation, we will come up with ways to enhance the benefits to be gained from the event.

Speaking of this year, I have achieved the results I was aiming at. I met with our current suppliers of packaging materials, catalysts, and polymerization chemicals, meanwhile exploring other available alternatives. I also met with our products distributor from Turkey, who re-confirmed readiness for cooperation. The quality of our products was highly estimated, while the quality of packaging still arouses concern and demands immediate improvement solutions. To this end, we have made some prior arrangements to test chemicals and packaging materials proposed by some alternative suppliers. Another outcome of our visit has been an expanded list of proposed alternative suppliers, but the final decision on this issue is to be facilitated by our Procurement Department.

On the whole, the exhibition has given us plenty of food for thought, as the demonstrated overall trend in the industry largely involves environmental protection, and production companies' use of recycled polymers under the slogan of "circular economy".



**Alexander Lazarev  
Deputy Operations Manager**

SOCAR Polymer delegated to the exhibition a group of representatives from the operations, technology, and sales teams. We held several useful meetings. Such, in particular, was the meeting with the head of LyondellBasell company's catalyst business, Jochem Pater,

with whom we discussed key issues of cooperation towards application of new catalyst types, as well as optimal solutions to the problems encountered in the course of polymer production.

The K-2019 exhibition largely presented the topic of state-of-the-art technology for waste recycling. Thus, for example, the Dow Chemical company (USA), a global leader in polymer production, demonstrated products manufactured from

pellets of recycled polymer materials. The Pure Loop company presented a progressive integrated technological solution for processing polymer wastes generated in the process of HDPE and PP production. They also exhibited consumer products manufactured from such feedstock. This technology solution can be successfully applied at our polymer plants in Sumgayit.

The Dreher company presented a range of different integrated solutions for waste processing. Another company demonstrated production lines for manufacturing end products from polymer wastes. They displayed large plastic containers produced from three different types of polymers.

The Engel company offered one of its numerous solutions for production robotization, namely, a robot for injection molding. Among other interesting exhibits were a robot and a concept car fully produced from polymeric materials, the latter equipped with an engine on lithium-oil batteries.



**Orkhan Hasanov**  
**Lead Process Engineer**

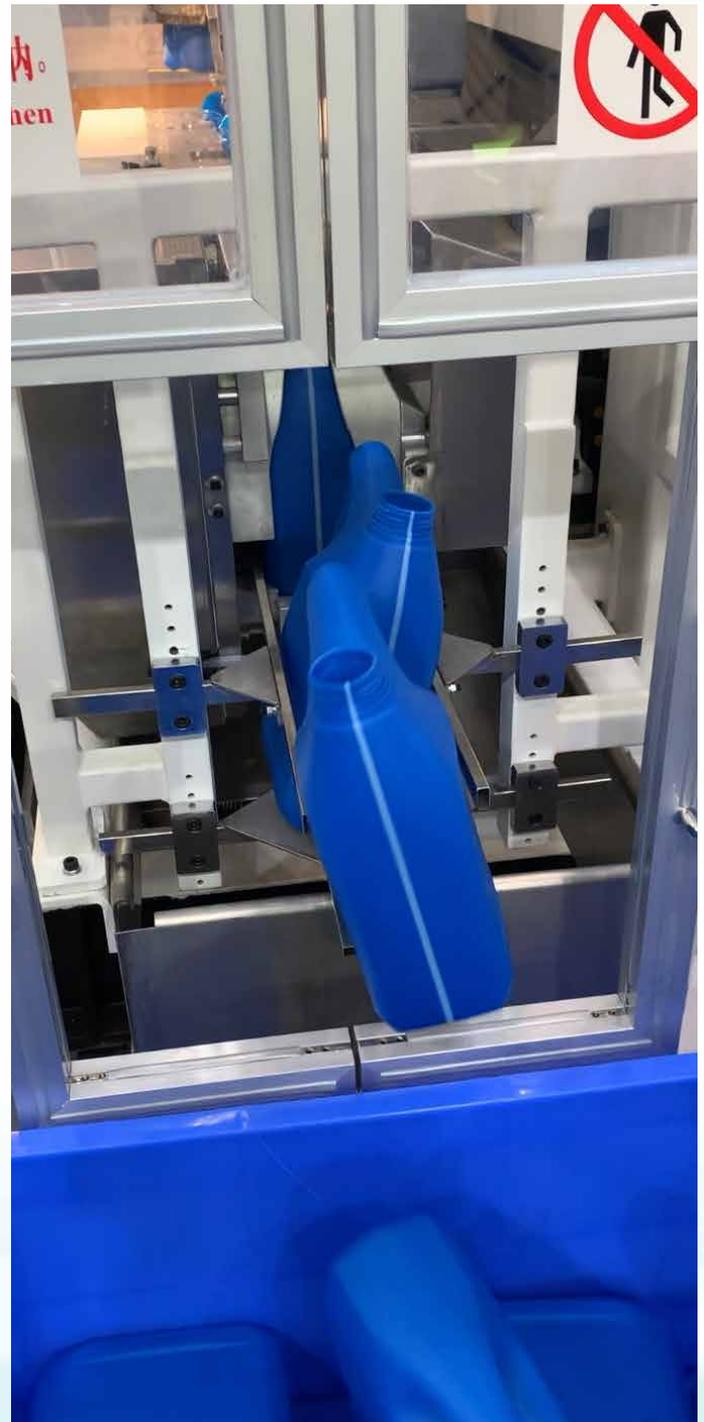
By visiting the exhibition, we updated ourselves on the latest developments not only related to PP and HDPE, but also to the industry in general. New technologies developed by different companies were presented to participants. I was particularly impressed by the

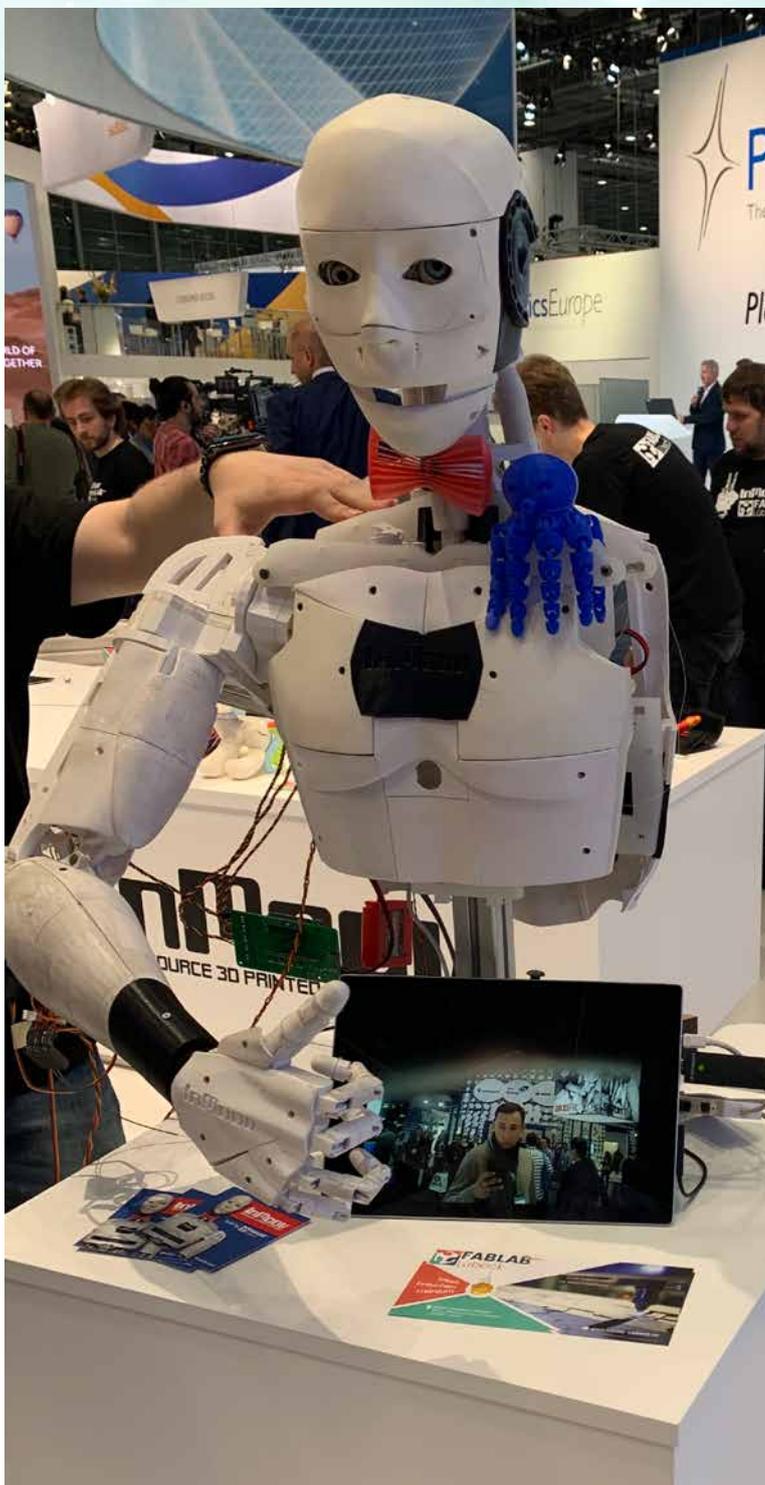
VR simulator developed by AZO. The simulator uses plant isometrics and laser scanning tools to model a plant in a software. Once a plant is built into the software, it is possible to access any point of the plant and even look inside a piece

of the plant equipment by using just a VR headset. It is a great tool to use for different purposes including training of new team members.

Other than that, I met with vendors who had been involved in the SOCAR Polymer project and clarified several technical issues with them. In addition, I contacted a few companies that manufactured equipment for cast film and blown film production, and for injection molding from such feedstock as PP and HDPE grades. By purchasing such equipment, we could extend SOCAR Polymer's production line.

For the next event it would be better to arrange our participation not only as a visitor, but also as an exhibitor in order to attract new customers.





**Javad Agayev**  
**Production and Sales Analyst**

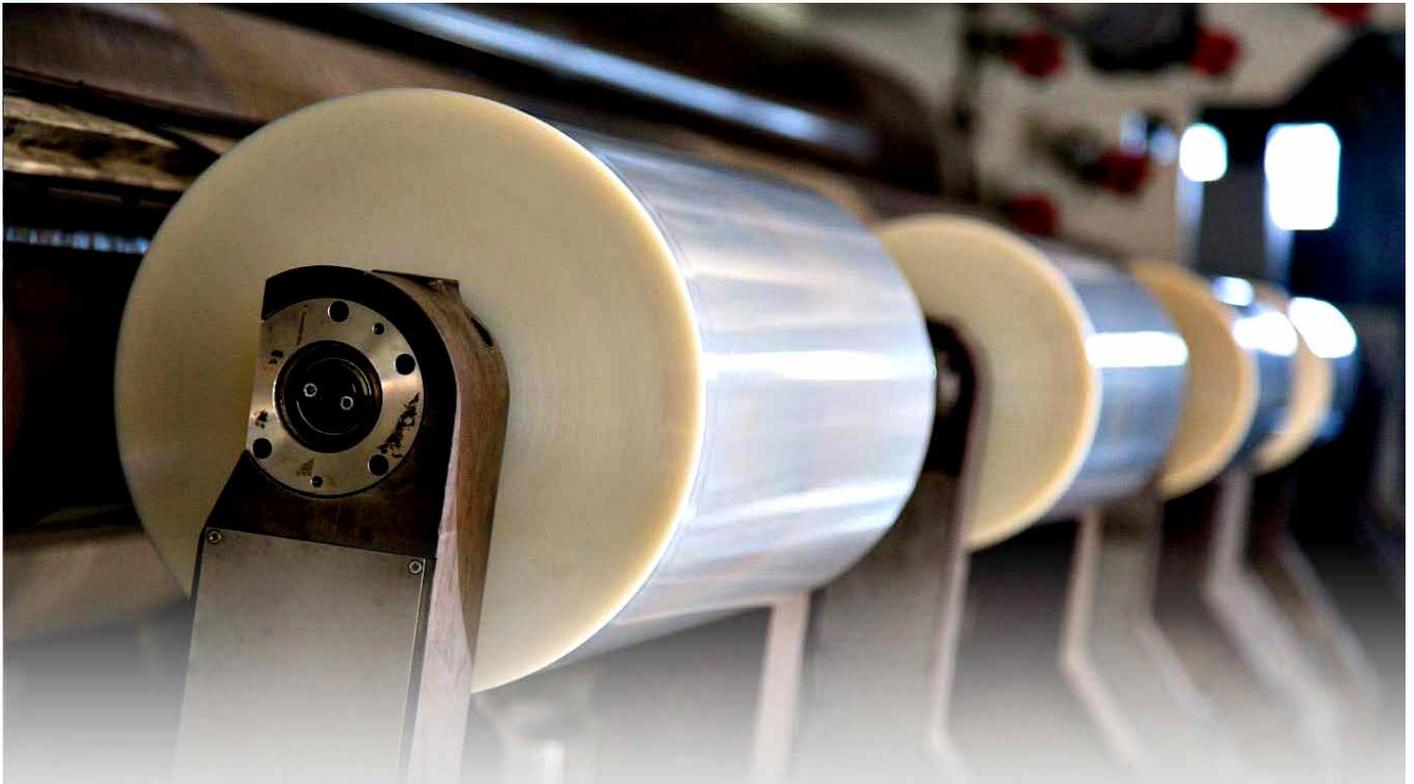
My role as a visitor of the exhibition was to get to know new clients and to check what might be useful for our company. I met some potential clients from Russia and Ukraine and sent the information to offtakers. Visiting this exhibition has given my technical colleagues a few fresh

ideas. Several chemicals were ordered to be tested in our production process.

K is the world's premier fair for the plastics and rubber industry. It is where the industry trends are set for the next

three years. So, the purpose of our visit was also to learn all the latest news and see the latest technology in PP/PE production. For me personally, too, it was very interesting to see such a huge fair. It was so big that three days of non-stop walking from stand to stand turned out not enough to see all that was exhibited and drew our attention. We definitely should make our participation in this fair regular and certainly set up our own stand to satisfy the interest taken in our products. Most interest in our polymers was expressed by Russian and Ukrainian end-users of PP and PE pellets. As to entering the German market, we have a long way to go to set such targets. It will be difficult to offer competitive prices due to the delivery costs involved. Besides, we haven't worked with Europe much yet and some certificates are to be obtained for the purpose. However, it is a good milestone to look forward to and move towards.

# Taking a closer look at BOPP



In September, SOCAR Polymer launched serial production of the HB0322BF grade of polypropylene designated for high-speed production of BOPP film. What is BOPP and what applications is it good for?

## 'BOPP' stands for biaxially oriented (BO) polypropylene (PP)

The abbreviation is used to describe films produced by stretching PP in two different directions. Biaxial orientation brings about several changes in the film, such as lower elongation (harder to stretch), higher tensile strength for a given thickness, greater stiffness, improved optical properties, and improved barrier to water or gases. When barrier and sealing properties are required, they can be obtained by using either of two methods: coating the film, or co-extruding layers of different materials.

## Co-extrusion is a more efficient process and makes BOPP film totally recyclable



BOPP film is recycled and reprocessed into products for many different applications. When incinerated, only carbon dioxide and water vapor are produced, with no pollution. The resulting energy released is twice the heat of coal. However, unlike paper and cellulose products, co-extruded BOPP is not biodegradable. But when used in landfill sites, plastic waste has the positive benefit of stabilizing the ground without producing unpleasant or harmful by-products.

BOPP film has been developed over the last 35 years and is now widely used in place of cellophane, waxed paper, and



aluminum foil, not to mention that PP is the world's second most produced synthetic plastic, after polyethylene (PE). The polymer used in PP manufacture – polypropylene – consists only of carbon and hydrogen atoms. PP is economical to produce while offering incredibly useful performance characteristics. The production of polypropylene is safe and energy efficient, and the product is easily and cleanly handled.

BOPP shares the properties of other PP plastics, including ruggedness, fatigue resistance, moisture resistance, very low toxicity, flexible finishing options, as well as a controllable transparency.



**BOPP film can be made into labels and stickers, as well as textiles and a host of different plastic parts and materials**

**BOPP film offers significant advantages for food packaging, including non-toxicity, and resistance to solvents and acids.**

Labels made from BOPP are extremely tough. The material offers exceptional resistance to fatigue compared to other common label materials and has an unusual resistance to common solvents, bases, and acids. It is an ideal printing surface. With the appropriate inks and adhesives, BOPP labels can also be waterproof. BOPP labels can be immersed in ice-water or subjected to high-humidity without deteriorating. These qualities are perfect for long-lasting, food-safe labels and other common BOPP film applications.

For food labels, BOPP film offers significant advantages. It's non-toxic. The material is also resistant to solvents and acids. Many food and beverage items, such as those containing tomatoes, citrus, or coffee, are quite acidic. Even when the items don't directly touch the labels, there can be some off-gassing or limited contact during the manufacturing process that can stain or cause deterioration in other label materials. Using BOPP film for labels can help mitigate this issue. These same properties make BOPP well-suited for bottle labels, jar labels, and canning labels.



Manufacturers can make BOPP clear, non-transparent, or of any translucency in between. BOPP film can be white, metal-colored, or clear. They can also be matt, pearlescent, heat sealable, non-sealable, anti-fog, etc.





**The ability to make clear BOPP film allows the creation of transparent labels to show off the contents of clear containers**

**The issue of recycling and sustainability has, in certain applications, favoured BOPP film over other polymer films**



According to Wood Mackenzie's latest 'BOPP Film Global Supply Demand Report', the global BOPP film market has seen demand grow by just under 5% per annum over the last five years. The main driver of growth is said to have been the demand for flexible packaging, particularly in China and South East Asia. Global demand for BOPP film is expected to grow at a healthy rate of 4.7% p.a. over the next five years to 2023.

"Global BOPP film demand continues to see healthy growth despite the backlash against plastic packaging. In fact, the issue of recycling and sustainability has created a favourable set of circumstances for the BOPP film sector. As part of a circular economy, brands are being pressured to find more environmentally-friendly ways of packaging their products. This has caused a shift in focus from multi-material and multi-layer laminates, which are currently non-recyclable, to mono-material laminates. The fact that BOPP film is part of the wider polyolefin chemical family means it can be laminated, with polyethylene film for example, and still be widely accepted in today's recycling waste stream. Our research indicates that, in certain applications, the consumption of BOPP film has benefitted from this sustainability drive at the expense of other polymers," Head of Films & Flexibles for Wood Mackenzie said.

Flexible packaging will continue to be the key end-use sector for BOPP film. The need for transparent commodity film, which is often used in food packaging, is expected to drive future demand. With a positive short-term outlook, investment opportunities within the sector are becoming more attractive.

# SOCAR Polymer presented its stand at “Caspian Ecology 2019”



**O**n 13-15 November, SOCAR Polymer participated in the "Caspian Ecology 2019" exhibition held at the Baku Expo centre.

The main objective of the 10th Anniversary Azerbaijan International Ecology Exhibition was to bring environmental issues to the attention of broad public and appropriate official bodies, as well as to call upon companies to optimize their activity in the ecological point of view.

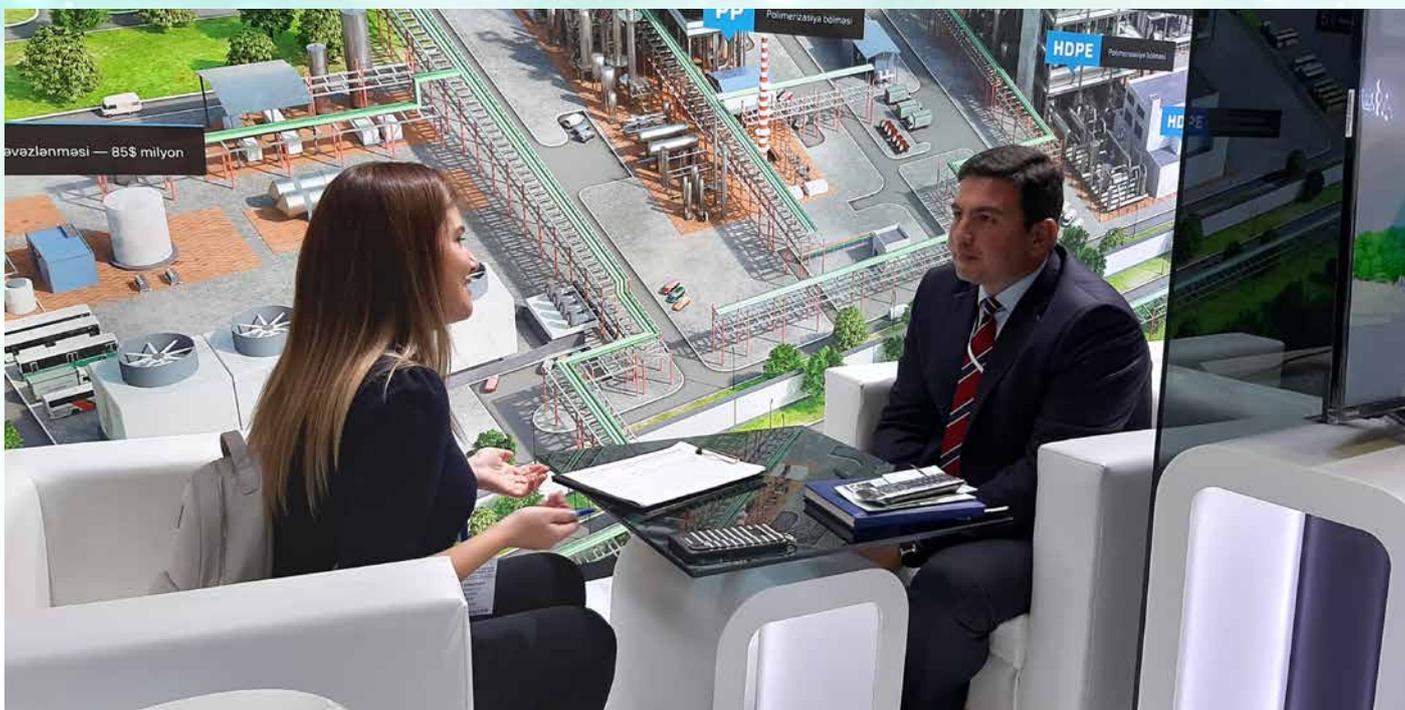
Our stand presented at the exhibition drew many visitors whose questions were answered by our company representatives. The visitors took the opportunity to get broad information about the measures taken by SOCAR Polymer to minimize the environmental impact, including a third-party laboratory's monitoring of air, soil and water purity, application of underground

and on-ground facilities for wastewater processing, sorting of wastes and dispatching to appropriate disposal polygons, and regular arrangement of ecological awareness raising events. It is noteworthy that approximately 60

companies and organizations from 10 world countries were represented at the exhibition.

In previous years, guest speakers were Mr. Luca Cordero di Montezemolo, former Chairman of Fiat Group, Ferrari,





**Kamran Babayev  
Environmental Team Lead**

Held under the auspices of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan Republic, the “Caspian Ecology” exhibition is a significant event for ecology and environmental protection in the Caspian and Caucasus regions. The main aim of this year’s expo was raising awareness about the environment,

facilitating research & development for new environmental protection technology and use of technology for environmental protection, and providing business opportunities to manufacturers of environment technology and equipment. As finding of solutions to protect the environment is an imperative for both private and public sector organizations, the exposition showcased the latest strategies that promote environmental protection, and specifically waste recycling, and

management of contaminated land, water, air, etc. SOCAR Polymer is operating under constant ethical, social and environmental regulations, attaching specific importance to the environmental component of the plants’ operation. That’s why such events give us an opportunity for keeping up the continuous assessment process meant to enhance the day-to-day operations to prevent, minimize, mitigate or compensate any adverse environmental impact.



**Bakhtiyar Allahverdiyev  
Junior PR Specialist**

It is my pleasure to mention that our exhibition area aroused much interest in visitors. I have been able to establish contact between

our colleagues and companies interested in our products or offering their services. In the framework of the exhibition, I informed the visitors about our company’s overall activity, future plans, our environmental policy and zero-waste strategy. It is pleasant

to realize our company’s name is so popular with students. Taking the opportunity, they asked me questions about our corporate environmental policy, our company’s role in the oil and gas industry, and current or expected employment opportunities.

# A gift of 1500 trees to nature



Early in December, about a hundred of SOCAR Polymer employees gathered in a large unoccupied outdoor area of the plant territory to plant 1500 young trees. Participation in this charitable event with a very good cause demonstrates SOCAR Polymer employees' willingness not only to serve the goal of Azerbaijan's industrial and economic development, but also to preserve and enrich the nature.

The event was held in the framework of a broad project envisaging planting of 650,000 trees upon the initiative of Azerbaijan Republic's first vice-president Mehriban Aliyeva. The project joined by dozens of companies is dedicated to the 650th anniversary of Azerbaijan poet and philosopher Imadeddin Nesimi.

SOCAR Polymer is always ready and eager to join in initiatives aimed



at Sumgayit's landscape improvement and nature's protection. Since SOCAR Polymer plants' design development and the very first day of construction, environmental safety has been a priority issue to our company. To evaluate and tackle every factor posing risk to the environment or neighbouring communities, SOCAR Polymer cooperated with the world-famous Golder

Associates environmental company. Besides, the plants' state-of-the-art production technology secures repeated use of hydrocarbons with subsequent complete flaring and prevents harmful exhausts into the atmosphere. Having joined every tree-planting campaign in Sumgayit over the past years, SOCAR Polymer is always happy to contribute to nature's well-being.

# Advancement from intern to employee

For graduates facing the tough competition on the labour market, an opportunity to gain work experience is as important as joyous is reception of a job offer resulting from hard work and efforts. In continuation of the tradition started in 2016, SOCAR Polymer has brought into reality 29 youths' dreams of gaining useful experience at a modern chemical production facility. Assigned to appropriate departments and working in close contact with leading professionals, the interns got a chance to amply apply and improve their knowledge and skills over a period of eight weeks.

On the basis of the immediate supervisors' feedback and the

impression made by the interns' final presentation speeches, SOCAR Polymer's management extended job offers to 21 of the Summer Internship Program finalists, including two persons who will work part time to be able to continue attending university courses for their Master's degree.

On behalf of the entire SOCAR Polymer team we would like to welcome the new team-members on board, congratulate them on this achievement at the dawn of their career, and wish them success on the road leading to their goals for the future.



# Strengthening ties with Sumgayit State University



**O**n December 16, the Deputy General Manager of SOCAR Polymer, Fuad Ahmadov attended an event organized by the Economics and Management Department of the Sumgayit State University.

At the event held in the university auditorium, the vice-rector for Humanitarian Affairs Ramiz Huseynov greeted the assembled students and faculty, welcomed the honourable guest and spoke about the university's activities towards education development and quality improvement, the achievements made, the need for expanding effective cooperation with companies partaking in our country's industrial and economic development, and the importance of such cooperation and joint efforts in training young professionals for the country. Every established relationship, every

signed contract determines the future prospects of such mutual relationships, Mr. Huseynov said.

In his turn, Fuad Ahmadov thanked the assembly for their cordial reception and gave a broad presentation about the SOCAR Polymer company, its activity and achievements of significance for Azerbaijan's chemical industry. He emphasized that there was plenty of room for cooperation, as the need for well-educated and talented youths was high and their gaining good work experience right from the start was very important. In this connection, Mr. Ahmedov specifically mentioned the summer internship program, the admission stages, and the selection criteria. In conclusion, he answered the questions asked by the students.

After the mass event, Fuad Ahmadov was received by the rector of

SSU, Professor Elkhan Huseynov who underlined that the dynamic development of our country under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev, and the opening of state-of-the-art factories and plants not only in Baku but also in the regions, increase the responsibility of universities because efficient operation of newly launched factories wants well-trained and skilled staff. The rector mentioned that the university had established effective educational relationships with many institutions, and the potential cooperation opportunities between SOCAR Polymer and the SSU university were discussed to include arrangement of excursions, trainings, seminars, round tables, conferences and forums, determining of collaborative research areas, and provision of favorable conditions for the faculty to conduct researches, and write textbooks or monographs.

# Family Day festivities



On the threshold of the New Year, December 20, SOCAR Polymer organized a Kids' Party in its office premises to give employees' children a chance to see where their moms and dads go every workday and what a big and modern plant has been built through their joint efforts. The family-day event also aimed at bringing some holiday mood into families ahead of the festive season.

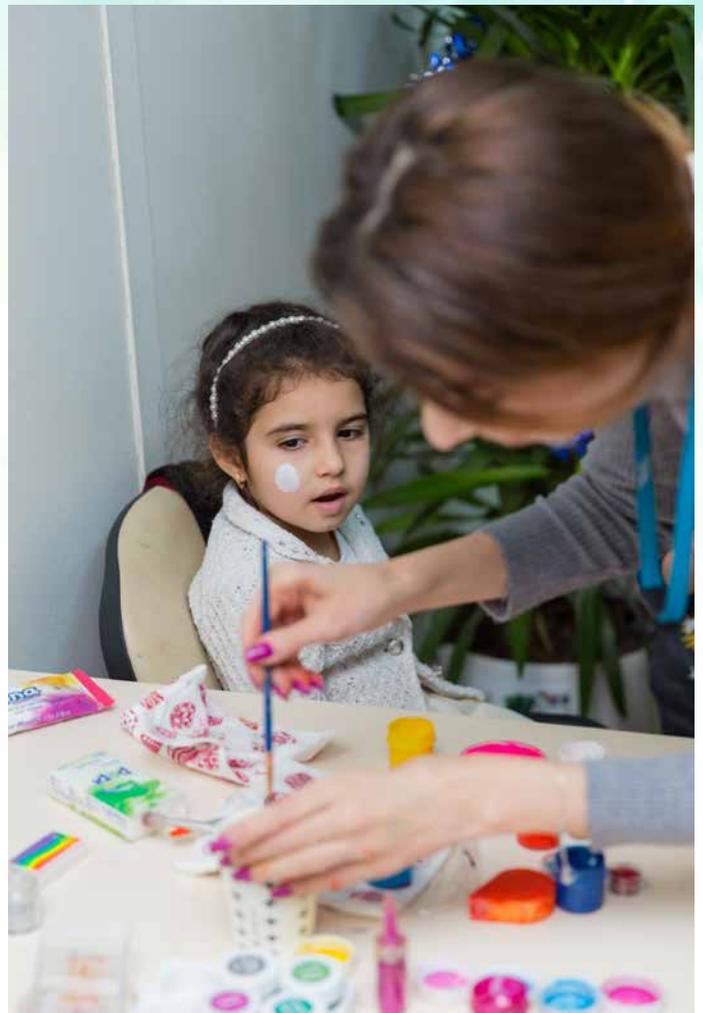
Shuttle buses were provided to pick parents with children up from Baku. Greeted at and escorted through the security gates, over 130 children up to 16 years of age assembled in the office lobby. SOCAR Polymer company's Deputy General Manager Fuad Ahmadov welcomed the inquisitive guests

and wished them enjoyable time during this family-day event. An HSE representative reminded the parent-employees of the safety rules and emergency guidelines. The parents escorted their children throughout the event, with permission to leave the office with their children afterwards. First, buses took the guests on a tour round the plant and the children marveled at the scale and size of the plant – a first one they have ever seen so close. Then, the children returned to the office lobby for two hours of entertainment by animators, with games, photo-shooting, music, dancing, small shows and actor performances, joined in the end by a Santa Claus and his lady assistant who gave out presents to all the children wishing them a happy new year.











This was a second family-day event organized by the SOCAR Polymer company for its employees, and it is now likely to become a good tradition to follow.

# Contribution to the ‘Hasten to be merciful’ charity action



To bring New Year joy and festivity to dozens of children from low-income families, SOCAR Polymer traditionally took part in the “Hasten to be merciful” action for charity jointly arranged by Azerikimya PU and the Sumgayit City Branch of the Red Crescent Society of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Presentation of gifts took place at the final festive event of the action held in the events-hall of the Azerikimya PU building on 29 December 2019.

The event participants included representatives of Azerikimya PU subdivisions, Sumgayit municipality, public organizations, a number of enterprises, private clinics, etc. The speakers at the event emphasized that about 15 companies and organizations had joined this year’s month-long charity action. Presents from sponsors included food baskets, clothing, and wheelchairs.

Established early in 1920, Azerbaijan’s Red Crescent Society is celebrating its 100th anniversary in the coming new year, and to mark the occasion the SOCAR Polymer company helped 100 children in this December charity campaign. Our company provided the children with warm coats and boots, sweaters, shirts and other requested winter necessities. The purchased items along with smiles and heart-felt wishes were presented to the children by SOCAR Polymer’s PR specialists Ilaha Hajiyeva and Bakhtiyar Allahverdiyev. For several years now, SOCAR Polymer has most gladly and actively joined such campaigns to gladden the children deprived of parental care, to meet their current needs, to lift their spirits and encourage them for a brighter life.





Speaking at the event, Azerikimya PU's Press Secretary Rafiq Oday, as well as the Chairman of the Sumgait City Branch of the Red Crescent Society of the Azerbaijan Republic Matanat Maharramova expressed their gratitude to the heads of departments, enterprises and organizations for their eager participation in this charity event held annually over the past decade to have become a good tradition.

The event organizers presented certificates of gratitude to the companies that joined in this charity action, but the best reward were the smiles of the children and realization of the fact that acting with kindness one can change somebody's life for the better; more so if it is a child's life.



# Congratulations to HSE prize winners!

Continuing the corporate HSE culture development tradition, our company has awarded 9 more prizes to SOCAR Polymer employees for the following merits:



Ruslan Ibadov



Parviz Isgandarov

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winners



### **Ruslan Ibadov**, Field Operator (PP)

Nominated for having reported a damaged concrete support under the valves of the Hexene Unit

### **Parviz Isgandarov**, Polymerization Unit Lead (PP)

Nominated for having stopped and reported unsafe and unauthorized lowering of the PSV

### **Rahman Zamanov**, Extrusion Unit Lead (PP)

Nominated for having stopped unpermitted work in a deep trench



Rahman Zamanov



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winners

**Kamran Ramazanzadeh,**  
HSE Advisor

Nominated for having stopped work at improperly erected scaffolding



Kamran Ramazanzadeh

**Ahmad Osmanov,**  
Forklift Supervisor

Nominated for having stopped and reported unsafe lifting of the generator at the railway construction site



Azer Soltanov

**Azer Soltanov,**  
Instrument Technician

Nominated for the having reported improper connection of the plant air pipe to the dedusting filter valve



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winners

**Gail Aliyev**  
Electrical Technician

Nominated for having reported observation of metal scrap left in the pedestrian area by the construction contractor



Ahmad Osmanov



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