

August 31, 2009

Dear Customer,

Equistar Chemicals, LP is pleased to communicate our decision to continue production at the Chocolate Bayou High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) facility beyond the previously announced closure date of September 30, 2009.

The implementation of Chocolate Bayou cost reductions, the recovery in the global HDPE markets, and the improvement of North America's global cost position have driven us to reconsider the previously announced shutdown.

Your Account Manager will be in contact with you shortly to discuss opportunities to meet your companies HDPE needs through continuing supply from Chocolate Bayou or an alternative LyondellBasell asset.

We appreciate the trust you place in us as a supplier of your polyethylene needs and look forward to continuing our relationship with you and your company into the future.

Sincerely,



Vaughn Deasy
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