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### **Chandra Asri appoints FEED contractors for 2nd petrochemical complex**

IDX-listed PT Chandra Asri Petrochemical Tbk through its subsidiary PT Chandra Asri Perkasa has appointed four contractors namely Toyo Engineering Corporation, Samsung Engineering Co., Ltd., Wood, and PT Haskoning Indonesia to work on the Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) for its second world-scale petrochemical complex in Indonesia (CAP2). The company said in a statement that the appointment was marked by a virtual signing ceremony of the agreement with the four international and leading contractors on Tuesday, held across Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, and Thailand. FEED is a key stage for the detailed planning of the CAP2 project, and will be followed by the selection of engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contractors. A Final Investment Decision (FID) will be taken by shareholders after EPC bidding is complete, the company said.

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### **Makassar govt plans tender of waste-to-energy project in December**

The Makassar City administration is currently finalizing preparation to hold tender to select investor for the development of a waste-based power plant project at the Tamangapa Manggala landfill in Makassar, South Sulawesi Province. "It's currently at the finalization stage," said Aryati Puspasari Abady, head of the administration's Environmental Office on Tuesday as quoted by Antara. Makassar Mayor M. Ramdhan Pornanto earlier said that the tender is expected to be opened at the end of December of this year in the hope that design process can start in 2022, trial operation in 2023, and full-scale operation in 2024.

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### **US wants more oil, but OPEC+ cannot turn up tap much harder**

United States pressure on OPEC+ to pump more oil and cool red-hot crude prices has shone a spotlight on a relatively new problem for the producer group: It does not have much extra capacity to hike output faster, even if it wanted to. OPEC and its allies, known as OPEC+, are unwinding record supply curbs made in 2020 when demand cratered, but not fast enough for Washington, which is fretting about prices near three-year highs. OPEC+, which includes Russia, has resisted pressure for swifter hikes, sticking to its plan of gradually raising output by 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) each month

	since August, saying it worries a faster increase will lead to a glut in 2022.
Petromindo.com, 23 November 2021	<p><b>Three rooftop solar PV projects signed at renewables conference</b></p> <p>Three rooftop solar panel projects were signed on Monday at the opening of the 10th Indo EBTKE ConEx 2021 renewables conference and exhibition. TotalEnergies and tobacco company PT Bentoel Group signed a cooperation agreement for the development of a 2.5 MWp rooftop solar PV in Malang, East Java Province. The second is a cooperation agreement between PT Frina Lestari Nusantara and EPC company Utomo Juragan Atap Surya Indonesia (UJASI) for the development of rooftop solar panel with capacity of 518.4 kWp. And the third is cooperation between PT Engie Cipta Tenaga Surya and PT Mitsubishi Motor Krama Yudha Indonesia for the development of a 11.4 MWp rooftop solar panel in Cikarang, West Java Province.</p>
Bisnis Indonesia (p.7), 24 November 2021	<p><b>A Number of Upstream Oil and Gas Projects Are Uneconomical</b></p> <p>The Upstream Oil and Gas Regulatory Special Task Force (SKK Migas) announced some contractors have stopped developing a number of upstream oil and gas projects because these projects proved to be uneconomical. SKK Migas Planning Deputy Benny Lubiantara said most of these projects, either oil or gas projects, do not appeal to investors because they still come with terms and regulations that are unattractive. If an oil and gas project does not meet a contractor's economic value, then the project would be delayed. "In order to meet this in a number of projects, incentives are required. Without incentives, we would not be able to meet the target of 1 million barrels a day (of oil)," he said.</p>
Kompas (p.10), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Dilemma Over Funding for NRE Projects</b></p> <p>The development of new renewable energy (NRE) power plants requires an investment of some Rp195 trillion or US\$13.6 billion a year in order to meet the target set for the year 2050. However, Indonesia also needs some Rp3,500 trillion to shut down coal plants with at total capacity of 5.5 GW by 2040. So far, realized investments have only reached around \$2.4 billion a year. Climate Policy Initiative Indonesia (CPI) Associate Director Tiza Mafira conveyed this data during a discussion held by the Institute for Development of Economics and Finance (INDEF) and Greenpeace held in Jakarta, Tuesday (23/11/2021).</p>
Koran Sindo (p.9), 24 November 2021	<p><b>RI Underscores Commitment to Mitigating Climate Change</b></p> <p>Indonesia announced it is strongly committed to playing a role in mitigating climate change. The government has underscored its commitment by coming up with a number of policies, especially policies in the energy sector, said Secretary at the Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Ministry's Directorate General of New Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation, Sahid Junaidi, yesterday. This commitment was also made during the COP26 held in Glasgow, Scotland. "For us at the Energy Ministry, and the Indonesian people, the conference (COP26) was very important because it fuels our ambition and strengthens our commitment to transform to using new</p>

	renewable energy as soon as possible,” he said.
Kontan (p.1), 24 November 2021	<p><b>IBC Reevaluates Plan to Acquire StreetScooter</b></p> <p>Indonesia Battery Corporation’s (IBC) plan to acquire German electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer StreetScooter has entered a new chapter. IBC’s shareholders are evaluating this plan. Some shareholders even reject the notion of acquiring StreetScooter. On 9 November 2021, Kontan reported IBC is ready to acquire StreetScooter, a subsidiary of Deutsche Post DHL Group, for up to US\$170 million or some Rp2.42 trillion. Pertamina President Commissioner Basuki Tjahaja Purnama said this acquisition would not be worth it.</p>
Kontan (p.13), Republika (p.9), 24 November 2021	<p><b>NRE Projects</b></p> <p>State power firm Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) will start to offer 21 new renewable energy (NRE) projects in 2022. Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Minister Arifin Tasrif said this offering would be offered under the company’s 2021 – 2030 electricity procurement plan (RUPTL). Aside from offering a number of NRE projects, Arifin said PLN will also be launching 21 hydropower, solar and biogas projects with a total capacity of some 312 MW and one biodiesel factory with a capacity of 580,000 kl a year.</p>
Bisnis Indonesia (p.14), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Oil Prices Weaken Again</b></p> <p>World crude oil prices were corrected again on Tuesday (23/11) following news that Japan, India, South Korea and the US plan to release strategic reserves in a coordinated manner to reduce the already high prices. On trading Tuesday (23/11) at 15:35 Western Indonesia Time (WIB), Brent oil fell 0.79% to US\$79.07 per barrel. Meanwhile, West Texas Intermediate oil fell 1.22% to US\$75.81 per barrel.</p>
Kompas (p.9), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Industry's Roadmap Revised</b></p> <p>The current national battery-based electric motor vehicle industry roadmap needs to be adjusted to make it more attractive to investors. Therefore, the Industry Ministry has revised the Regulation of the Minister of Industry Number 27 of 2020 concerning Specifications, Development Roadmaps, and Provisions for Calculation of Domestic Component Levels for Domestic Motor Vehicles. The new regulation will relax a number of frameworks related to import time targets, production targets, and procedures for calculating the level of domestic components.</p>
Investor Daily (p.9), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Indonesia Starts Using Biohydrocarbon Next Year</b></p> <p>Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry will introduce a new variant of biofuel from palm oil next year, namely biohydrocarbon. Biohydrocarbon not only can be used as a mixture of diesel fuel, but can also be used for gasoline and aviation fuel. The biofuel that is currently used as a diesel mixture is based on fatty acid methyl ester (FAME). FAME mixing has reached 30% so it is called biodiesel 30 (B30). Director of Bioenergy at the Ministry of Energy</p>

	<p>and Mineral Resources, Andriah Feby Misna at The 10th Indonesia EBT-KE Conference and Exhibition in Jakarta (23/11) said biohydrocarbon products will be available in 2022 or 2023. And its production will continue to increase until 2040.</p>
<p>Media Indonesia (p.10), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>PLN Must Prepare a Business Model to Maintain Sustainability</b></p> <p>PLN is encouraged to prepare the right business model to maintain sustainability as an Indonesian electricity service provider. Because of the 64 gigawatts of electricity in Indonesia, almost 90% of it managed by PLN, maintaining the reliability of electricity services is considered very important. PLN has been implementing a transformation program that is focused on green, lean, innovative and customer-focused as PLN's efforts to maintain its business sustainability. PLN has also prepared a Business Plan for the Provision of Electricity (RUPTL) 2021-2030 as a green RUPTL and its execution innovation so that the target of 23% new and renewable energy in 2025 can be achieved.</p>
<p>Media Indonesia (p.A1), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>The Largest Biodiesel Factory in Eastern Indonesia Built in South Kalimantan</b></p> <p>A largest biodiesel factory in eastern Indonesia begins its operations. The factory has a capacity of 1,500 tons per day and is located in Tanah Bumbu Regency, South Kalimantan. On October 21, 2021, President Joko Widodo accompanied by SOEs Minister, Erick Thohir, inaugurated the factory owned by PT Jhonlin Agro Raya (JAR). This factory has an investment value of Rp2 trillion and is divided into two, namely Rp1 trillion for the construction of factories and the factory's infrastructure. The rest is for port construction. PT JAR produces biodiesel 30 (B30) and is able to absorb a workforce of 2,230 people.</p>
<p>Media Indonesia (p.A2), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>South Kalimantan Can be Indonesia's Main Supplier of Biodiesel</b></p> <p>The presence of PT Jhonlin Agro Raya (JAR) which produces the largest amount of B30 in Eastern Indonesia has made South Kalimantan Province one of the main suppliers of national biodiesel absorbed by Pertamina. Head of the South Kalimantan Plantation and Livestock Service, Suparmi said South Kalimantan could become the main supplier of national biodiesel. Especially in the face of preparing the province to be the country's new capital city. However, cooperation from other CPO producing regions is needed because investment in the palm oil plantation sector in South Kalimantan is facing land limitation. The biodiesel industry has bright prospects because it is supported by the availability of huge potential for palm oil plantations, the technology for making biodiesel is relatively simple, and the availability of infrastructure is also adequate.</p>
<p>Kompas (p.B), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>Considering Nuclear in Emission Reduction Efforts</b></p> <p>Leaving coal-based energy is believed to be able to reduce emissions and contain the increase in Earth's temperature, although the transition to new low-emission energy, particularly nuclear, will face public pros and cons</p>

	<p>regarding its environmental and social impacts. Former Head of the National Nuclear Energy Agency (Batan), Djarot S. Wisnubroto, at a webinar "Is Nuclear Energy Ready to Support Indonesia's Net Zero Emissions", Tuesday (16/11), says nuclear power is the safest energy compared to coal, oil, biomass, and gas with a much higher power per area rate than other energies, and he believes a combination of renewable energy and nuclear is the best way for the future of Indonesia and the world. Nevertheless, Greenpeace Southeast Asia believes nuclear power plants carry high risk of environmental and social impacts. If there is a maloperation or natural disaster, to which the NGO expects the government to focus on clean and renewable energy with abundant supplies such as solar power.</p>
<p>Bisnis Indonesia (p.2), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>Making Clean Energy more Economical</b></p> <p>The government is preparing a transition road map from fossil fuels to new renewable energy to achieve a 23% energy mix target by 2025, in which it specifically pursues the contribution from hydroelectric power plants (PLTA) in Papua and Kalimantan. The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources notes the new renewable energy mix at around 11% in the national energy supply, while the additional new renewable energy generating capacity is only 376,04 MW from the target of 875,78 MW this year, amid high investment costs and more expensive selling price over conventional power sources. The government also supports the transition through fiscal policies, such as tax allowances for those investing in the new renewable energy sector and non-fiscal incentives for biofuels, to which the government needs to strengthen the capacity of government institutions in green energy development that is able to remove any obstacles in the industry towards a country that is capable of providing clean energy for its people and contributing to the global environment.</p>

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<p>The Jakarta Post (p.1), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>Investment applications all the rage in Indonesia</b></p> <p>Investment apps have received a big chunk of the capital poured into fintech companies in Indonesia lately as mutual fund investment has gained popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 edition of the "FinTech in ASEAN" report published by Singapore-based UOB, accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and the Singapore Fintech Association (SFA) shows that investment technology made up 24 percent of the US\$904 million fintech funding in Indonesia, second only to 36 percent that went to payment platforms. That is in stark contrast to last year, when the report mentioned no funding for Indonesia's investment tech segment, while payment platforms received 35 percent of around \$180 million invested in fintech in the country in 2020. "Investment tech is viewed by venture capitalist [VC] firms interviewed as the most interesting component within the fintech space," the report states. "VCs predict closer involvement between investment tech firms, digibanks and digital banks, with many digi-banking apps across ASEAN offering basic wealth advisory services."</p>
<p>The Jakarta Post (p.1), 24</p>	<p><b>Govt to table proposed changes to draconian cyberlaw soon</b></p>

November 2021	<p>The government is finalizing a draft revision of the controversial Electronic Information and Transactions (ITE) Law that is often used to silence critics, and is planning to send it to the House of Representatives this week so it can start deliberating it this year. The plan to revise the draconian law has been listed as a priority in the 2021 National Legislation Program (Prolegnas) since September, following a push by the government as a result of public outcry. But its deliberation has still not started, pending a submission of proposed changes from the government, according to lawmakers. Communications and Information Minister Johnny G. Plate told The Jakarta Post on Sunday that the proposed changes to the law were already at the State Secretariat and expected to be finalized at a meeting on Tuesday. He said the government was also expected to prepare a presidential notification for lawmakers to start the deliberation. Johnny said the government expected the revision to the law would be passed this year, if not next year should policymakers fail to reach consensus before lawmakers go into recess in mid-December.</p>
The Jakarta Post (p.2), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Indonesia, Denmark affirm commitments on green cooperation</b></p> <p>Indonesia and Denmark signed on Monday a four-year plan of action that outlined environmental cooperation between the two countries, including support for mangrove rehabilitation, the green energy transition and waste management. Danish Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod, in his first official visit to the country, signed the document with Foreign Minister Retno LP Marsudi in Jakarta. “We want the world to become greener and more sustainable,” he said at the joint statement after the signing of the document. “In the post-pandemic recovery, we agree that the world should focus on building back better and greener.” The plan contains 86 points of action that aim to expand the two countries’ existing cooperative focus on energy, waste management, the circular economy and food and agriculture, he said.</p>
The Jakarta Post (p.5), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Tax incentives to cost state more than budgeted</b></p> <p>The Finance Ministry plans to raise the allocation for tax incentives in the national economic recovery (PEN) budget as demand exceeds expectations. Deputy Finance Minister Suhasil Nazara said on Monday that the government had disbursed more than Rp 62.47 trillion (US\$4.37 billion) for tax incentives as of Friday, which was 99.4 percent of the full-year budget, as economic activity had recovered. With the end of 2021 still more than a month away, he said he expected an additional allocation to be necessary as more claims and applications for the incentive come in. The prevailing stimulus measures include a temporary luxury tax break on the sale of smaller cars, reduced value-added tax (VAT) on new houses, lower corporate income tax, personal income tax exemptions for employees in certain sectors and more. The measures are meant to alleviate the economic pressure on businesses and employees during the pandemic.</p>
Bisnis Indonesia (p.1), 24 November 2021	<p><b>Corporate Credit Flows On</b></p> <p>The rate of corporate credit for the first time returned to the green zone</p>

	<p>after a year of contraction due to the Covid-19 pandemic, where the business sector believes the trend will continue into next year. Chairman of Board of Commissioners at the Deposit Insurance Corporation (LPS) Purbaya Yudhi Sadewa, Tuesday (23/11), says the current corporate credit rate indicates an expansion of the business sector driven by optimism for economic improvement, in which he believes various policies issued by the government, Bank Indonesia, Finance Service Authority (OJK), and LPS under the Financial System Stability Committee (KSSK) have shown positive impacts on economic recovery efforts. Bank Mandiri notes total credit growth at 8.54% as of October mainly from the corporate segment, where it estimates six industrial sectors that could receive high credit disbursement: health services and social activities, electricity procurement, gas, and mining and quarrying, financial and insurance services, manufacturing industry, real estate, leasing business, and corporate services.</p>
<p>Kompas (p.10), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>Govt to Sanction Governor Not Following Minimum Wage Rules</b></p> <p>Several regions have announced the increase of provincial minimum wage next year, in which 28 of the total 34 provinces follow the current minimum wage regulations, four provinces set it higher than the initial simulation, and two provinces have not set the amount. Secretary-General of the Manpower Ministry, Anwar Sanusi, Tuesday (23/11), says there are sanctions for regional heads who set minimum wages outside the provisions, from written warnings, temporary dismissals to permanent dismissals. Separately, Deputy Chairman of the National Wage Council (Depenas) Surnadi says the government will have more firm sanctions as the wage system is included in the national strategic program, where the setting of minimum wages is influenced by various factors, including political interests and economic conditions in the respective region.</p>
<p>Kontan (p.2), 24 November 2021</p>	<p><b>Fitch Maintains Indonesia's BBB Debt Rating</b></p> <p>Fitch Ratings maintains Indonesia's sovereign credit rating at BBB (investment grade) with a stable outlook after it maintained a stable BBB outlook on March 22. Fitch in a report published on Tuesday (11/23) says the rating shows Indonesia's debt growth is still attractive in medium-term and it is still in the low category, although the government must watch the dependence on external financing to cover the State Budget as government indicators and Indonesia's income per capita is lower than other countries in the BBB category. Fitch mentions several factors that affect Indonesia's debt rating: economic recovery after the second Covid-19 wave, a proper level of government debt, sufficient foreign exchange reserves, to which Indonesia remains more vulnerable compared to many peer countries as it still depends on portfolio inflows, commodity exports, and foreign debt ratios above the median of peer countries.</p>

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