

Development of Novel Deep Eutectic Solvents for the Extraction of Aromatics for Production of Food Grade Hexane and Straight run Kerosene using Cosmo-SAC Screening – Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

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COSMO-SAC screening and adoption of appropriate DES and or co-solvents for the reduction of aromatics from hexane to produce food grade hexane and Pharma-grade Hexane with less than 100 and 10 pm benzene content respectively. Benchmarking of the results using single stage batch multicomponent Liquid Liquid Equilibria experiments for DES(1)-Benzene(2)-Hexane(3) and DES(1)-Benzene or Model Aromatic(2)-Model Kerosene(3) systems.

- ❖ The nanofluid was prepared by mixing DES (Methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide salt and ethylene glycol in the molar ratio of 1:4) and 0.02 weight% of MWCNT.
- ❖ A significant increase in thermal conductivity and specific heat for MWCNT-DES nanofluid.
- ❖ Better thermophysical properties of nanofluid suggests that, it can replace the traditional commercial HTFs for use as an advanced Heat Transfer Fluid in Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) and Multi-Stage Flash (MSF) column plants.

