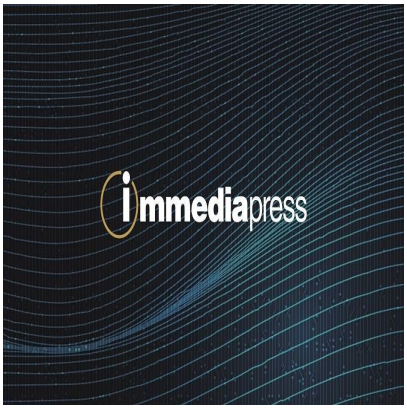


MAIRE: Nextchem (MAIRE) to acquire LNG process technologies from Chart Industries for $220 million

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NEXTCHEM (MAIRE) TO ACQUIRE NATURAL GAS LIQUEFACTION (LNG) PROCESS TECHNOLOGIES FROM US-BASED CHART INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING OVER 90 PATENTS AND PROPRIETARY KNOW-HOW THE TWO MAIN TECHNOLOGIES ARE MID-SCALE INTEGRATED PRE-COOLED SINGLE MIXED REFRIGERANT (IPSMRÂ®) AND MODULAR SMALL-SCALE LNG LIQUEFACTION SOLUTIONS ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDE THE UPGRADED IPSMRÂ®+ (SINGLE MIX) AND IPDMR (DUAL MIX) THE ACQUISITION WILL ENABLE NEXTCHEM TO ENTER THE FAST-GROWING LNG MARKET WHILE STRENGTHENING THE GROUPâ??S FOOTPRINT IN THE U.S.A. THE DEAL INCLUDES A 10-YEAR COLD BOX SUPPLY AGREEMENT NEXTCHEM WILL PROVIDE THE MARKET WITH AN INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM INCLUDING COLD-BOX AND PROCESS ENGINEERING SERVICES THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE ACQUISITION IS USD 220 MILLION THE LICENSING BUSINESS IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE AN EBITDA OF AT LEAST USD 25 MILLION IN 2027, WITH A POTENTIAL UPSIDE FROM THE CONTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLY AND THE POTENTIAL REVENUE SYNERGIES WITHIN THE GROUP

MILAN, Nov. 17, 2026 /PRNewswire/ â?? MAIRE (MAIRE.MI) announces that Nextchem, through its subsidiary Nextchem USA Inc., has entered into a binding agreement to acquire Chart Industriesâ?? mid-scale Integrated Pre-Cooled Single Mixed Refrigerant (â??IPSMRÂ®â?•) and small-scale LNG process technologies for a cash consideration of USD 220 million. Chart Industries is a fully owned subsidiary of Baker Hughes (NASDAQ: BKR).

The transaction represents a major step in the continued expansion of Nextchemâ??s proprietary technology portfolio. It will enable the company to enter into the LNG process licensing market by providing immediate access to proven liquefaction technologies, established customer references, an existing backlog and a solid project pipeline, as well as an experienced specialist engineering team.

The transaction perimeter comprises IPSMRÂ®, its advanced versions IPSMRÂ®+, early-stage IPDMR, as well as small-scale LNG process technologies. It also includes over 90 patents, proprietary know-how and processes, and IPSMRÂ® trademarks. A team of 12 professionals, including process engineers, business development and commissioning specialists, is expected to join Nextchem.

IPSMRÂ® is an integrated pre-cooled single mixed-refrigerant process designed for mid-scale LNG applications, covering capacities from approximately 0.5 to 2 MTPA per train, with a sweet spot between 1.4 and 2 MTPA. The early-stage IPDMR technology is designed to extend the offering to larger-scale applications, covering capacities from approximately 2 MTPA to over 4 MTPA per train.

The technology combines high thermodynamic efficiency with a compact and flexible configuration, supporting lower energy consumption and competitive capex/opex costs. These characteristics make the technology particularly suitable for modular multi-train developments and floating LNG applications.

The portfolio is complemented by small-scale LNG technologies, addressing applications below 0.5 MTPA, including peak-shaving, remote and stranded gas, alternative fuels and locations without pipeline infrastructure.

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Once acquired, the platform will bring a proven operating track record with leading energy majors. IPSMRÂ® has approximately 14 MTPA of historical operating references, while approximately 57 MTPA is under construction, of which 30 MTPA is the residual backlog[1]. In addition, IPSMRÂ® has already been selected for approximately 90 MTPA of pre-FID projects, providing Nextchem with exposure to a sizeable future opportunity set.

The acquisition will also provide specific capabilities across the project lifecycle, from feasibility studies and process design through licensing and detailed engineering support to commissioning, start-up and performance testing. The perimeter is complemented by a dedicated 10-year cold-box[2] supply agreement with Chart Industries supporting IPSMRÂ® projects.

The transaction will further strengthen Nextchemâ??s asset-light and technology-driven business model and expand its offering from gas treatment and purification into proprietary LNG liquefaction technologies. It will also create a platform for the further development of IPSMRÂ®+, IPDMR and integrated low-carbon LNG solutions.

The acquisition is also expected to create synergies across MAIREâ??s integrated platform. Nextchemâ??s proprietary LNG technologies and process licensing capabilities will enable earlier engagement with clients during project development, while engineering, procurement and execution capabilities can support potential opportunities in the subsequent phases.

The combination therefore expands MAIREâ??s ability to provide clients with an integrated offering, from technology selection and process design through engineering and project delivery, while broadening gas-based opportunities. This integrated approach broadens MAIREâ??s customer proposition from gas treatment and purification through liquefaction and monetization.

The USD 220 million consideration will be paid in cash at closing and funded through dedicated credit facilities granted to Nextchem and currently fully underwritten by BPER Banca S.p.A. The purchase price implies a high-single-digit valuation multiple based on 2027E EBITDA.

The licensing business is expected to generate an EBITDA of at least USD 25 million in 2027, with a potential upside from the contribution of equipment supply and the potential revenue synergies within the Group. The acquisition is expected to be EBITDA margin accretive for MAIRE Group.

Closing is subject to customary regulatory approvals, expected by year end/early January 2027.

Alessandro Bernini, CEO of MAIRE, commented: â??This acquisition represents a major step in the continued development of our technology-driven growth strategy and delivers on the ambition we set at our Capital Markets Day to expand into the LNG market. By adding proven proprietary LNG technologies, established references and highly specialised capabilities to Nextchem, we are expanding into an attractive market with a strong and flexible technology platform. At the same time, technology ownership allows us to engage with clients earlier in the project development cycle and creates further opportunities across MAIREâ??s integrated model. The transaction strengthens Nextchemâ??s asset-light business profile while expanding the addressable market, thanks to the Groupâ??s engineering and execution capabilities.â?•

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[1] As of early November 2026.[2] The cold box is a core component of the liquefaction train, where gas is cooled to extremely low temperatures until it becomes liquid (LNG). It houses key equipment, including heat exchangers and piping, within a highly insulated structure.

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MAIRE S.p.A. is a leading engineering group providing technology solutions and project execution in the downstream segment of energy services, as well as in the chemicals and fertilizers industries. The Group operates through two business units: Integrated E&C Solutions and Sustainable Technology Solutions, the latter active in sustainable fertilizers, low carbon energy vectors, and innovative materials and circular solutions. With operations in around 50 countries, MAIRE employs over 11,500 people. MAIRE is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (ticker â??MAIREâ?•). For further information: www.groupmaire.com

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