

LyondellBasell under phishing attack

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The chemical group learned of several fraudulent “phishing” communications circulating via e-mail using the LyondellBasell and Lyondell Chemical brands.

One message falsely claims Lyondell Chemical Company is looking for payment agents who will be compensated for receiving payments from our customers and clients. The e-mail states a salary and asks the recipient to provide additional personal details by contacting the sender who claims to be affiliated with Lyondell.

Another e-mail falsely states the recipient is a beneficiary of the non-existent Lyondell Chemical Online Endowment Fund Award (LYOEFA). The message is signed in the name of a former employee of Lyondell and urges the recipient to reply to an e-mail address for additional information.

“LyondellBasell and its subsidiaries (including Lyondell Chemical Company) are in no way associated with these e-mails, letters or programs – the company warns the industry - We do not advertise for employment by sending messages to personal e-mail accounts, and we will never ask you for personal information via e-mail. Our name is being used without permission. We are currently investigating the situation”.

Phishing is a scam where Internet fraudsters send e-mail or pop-up messages to lure personal and financial information from unsuspecting victims. In an effort to appear legitimate, these messages usually contain logos, images, names of high-ranking employees or other references to the company mentioned in the e-mail.