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May 1, 2007

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Re: CVR Energy, Inc., Registration Statement on Form S-1 File No. 333-137588 (the "Registration Statement")

Dear Mr. Schwall:

This letter sets forth the response of CVR Energy, Inc. (the "Company" or "CVR Energy") to the comment letter, dated February 27, 2007, of the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the "Staff"). In order to ease your review, we have repeated each comment in its entirety in the original numbered sequence. All references herein to page numbers are to page numbers in Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement"). This letter is being filed with Amendment No. 6 to the Company's Registration Statement. With this filing, we have also supplementally provided the artwork in response to a previous Staff comment.

# Form S-1/A-4 filed February 12, 2007

I. Please update your financial statements. Refer to Rule 3-12 of Regulation S-X.

Response: We have updated our financial statements as required by Rule 3-12 of Regulation S-X.

2. Please update your consents. Refer to number 23 of the Exhibit Table in Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Response: We have included an updated accountant's consent.

3. We note from your response to prior comment number 25 that "Until the reorganization event occurs, which is expected prior to or concurrent with the effectiveness of the registration statement, CVR Energy, Inc. will be a shell company with no assets or liabilities, no revenue and no activity to report." Based on your representation, please expand your prospectus summary disclosure under the heading Our History on pages five and six to clarify that the registrant, CVR Energy, Inc., has not commenced operations and has no (or nominal) assets or liabilities. Please also describe in sufficient detail any contingent liabilities or commitments attributable to the registrant. Finally, to aid investor understanding, please include a chart prior to the one shown on page seven that details the organizational structure prior to the reorganization event.

Response: The Company has revised the disclosure in response to the Staff's comment. See page 6. In addition, the Company had added a chart which reflects the organizational structure prior to the reorganization events in response to the Staff's comment. See pages 8 and 9.

# Our Competitive Strengths, page 3

# Regional Advantage and Strategic Asset Location

4. We note your statement that you are geographically advantaged to supply products to markets in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Texas because you do not incur intermediate transfer, storage, barge or pipeline freight charges with respect to those markets. You further state that the geographic advantage provides you with a distribution cost benefit over U.S. Golf Coast ammonia and UAN importers and that the "cost differential represents a significant portion of the market price of [the] commodities." Please quantify the cost differential vis-à-vis the market price of the commodities. Also disclose the source for supporting document number 18 (from the binder of supporting documents), which includes the costs incurred by your competitors.

Response: The Company discloses in the Form S-1 on page 3 that it has a geographic advantage over U.S. Gulf Coast importers because Coffeyville is located closer to its customers in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Texas (the Com Belt). As a result, the Company does not pay freight costs which importers need to pay, as indicated by the following data:

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture data (see attached), over 55% of imported ammonia comes to the U.S. from Trinidad and Tobago (3.0 million short tons in July-February 2006/2007). Importers must pay (1) the freight cost from abroad to Louisiana and then (2) from Louisiana to the Corn Belt. The freight cost for shipping ammonia from Trinidad to Donaldsonville, Louisiana is approximately \$20.73 per metric ton (or \$18.85 per short ton). See the attached Freight Rates of Alliance Marine Services, Inc. (a major shipping company). The pipeline tariff rates for shipping ammonia from Donaldsonville, Louisiana to Coffeyville's region of the country range from \$19.49 (to Missouri) to \$30.97 (to Nebraska). See the attached Kaneb Pipe Line Operating Partnership, L.P. Tariff (November 1, 2006) (Kaneb is the only ammonia pipeline that can ship ammonia

from the U.S. Gulf Coast to the Corn Belt). These are both costs that Coffeyville does not pay.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture data (see attached), over 50% of imported nitrogen solutions (such as UAN) comes from Russia, Lithuania or Romania. UAN shipped from Russia and Lithuania comes from the Baltic Sea; the freight rate for shipping UAN from the Baltic Sea to the United States ranges from \$35-37 per short ton. See the attached excerpt from Fertilizer Europe (January 27, 2006), at page 3. UAN shipped from Romania comes from the Black Sea; the freight rate for shipping UAN from the Black Sea to the United States ranges from \$40-42 per short ton. See the attached excerpt from Fertilizer Europe (January 27, 2006), at page 3. Alternatively, the freight cost for shipping UAN from Egypt to the United States is approximately \$47 per metric ton (or \$42.73 per short ton). See the attached Fertilizer Week America (April 20, 2007), page 7. These are costs that Coffeyville does not pay.

Based on this data, Coffeyville avoids approximately \$40-50 of freight costs compared to U.S. Gulf Coast ammonia importers and approximately \$35-42 of freight costs compared to UAN importers. The source for this data is published freight rates and tariffs, as indicated in the Form S-1 on page 3. While the Company believes that this data alone supports the statement that it has a geographic cost advantage over importers, the Company notes that the cost advantage is actually higher because there are additional costs which importers pay and which Coffeyville does not pay (such as port transfer, terminal storage and load-out) but which are harder to verify with publicly available data.

The prior versions of the Form S-1 stated that the cost differential between the Company's costs and competitor's costs (eg, the \$40-50 cost advantage for ammonia and the \$35-42 cost advantage for UAN) represents a significant portion of the market price of UAN and ammonia. The Company has elected to remove this disclosure from the Form S-1. The Company notes that during 2006 the average price per ton for ammonia was \$379 and during 2005/2006 the price of UAN ranged from \$175-\$272—therefore, the cost advantage for ammonia represented 10-13% of its market price and the cost advantage for UAN represented approximately 13-24% of its market price. Out of an abundance of caution, we have removed the statement from the S-1 that the cost differential "represents a significant portion of the market price" in order to avoid an interpretative question as to whether or not these percentages would be deemed by a reasonable investor to constitute a significant portion of the market price of ammonia and UAN.

# Use of Proceeds, page 45

We note that the proceeds of the offering will be used to pay indebtedness 5. incurred in connection with the acquisition of assets from the Immediate Predecessor. As required by Item 504 of Regulation S-K, please expand to describe how the proceeds from such indebtedness were used or provide a crossreference to a section that describes the use of proceeds.

Response: We have revised the disclosure on page 46 in response to the Staff's comment.

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# Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, page 50

6. We note from your response to prior comment number 19 that, "concurrent with the consummation of the Subsequent Acquisition in accordance with the change of control provision contained in agreements related to the plans," you immediately terminated the compensation plans of Immediate Predecessor on June 24, 2005. As such, you reported an adjustment to reverse share based compensation associated with plans of Immediate Predecessor and an adjustment to recognize share based compensation under the Successor plans instead. Based upon your response, we are unable to concur that these adjustments are directly attributable to the Subsequent Acquisition effected through the stock purchase agreement. Instead, these adjustments appear to be the result of the terms of the share based payment arrangements. As such, it appears that you need to revise your proforma presentation to remove these adjustments. In addition, please expand your note disclosure to identify the nature of the change of control provisions.

Response: The Company has replaced the pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005 with a pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006. The Company is not making this adjustment in the pro forma statement of operations for 2006 and therefore this comment is no longer applicable.

7. You state in your response to prior comment number 20 that "Successor entered into a refinancing transaction pursuant to which Successor entered into new first lien and second lien credit facilities and all debt outstanding under the Immediate Predecessor's then outstanding credit facility was repaid as required by the change of control provision in such facility." We note from your revised disclosure, however, that you were required by the stock purchase agreement to enter into a refinancing transaction. Please confirm, if true, that you were required to refinance your debt agreement as a result of the Subsequent Acquisition effected through the stock purchase agreement or otherwise advise. In this regard, it is unclear whether the debt refinancing was the result of a change of control provision in the debt agreement or required by the stock purchase agreement. Please advise.

Response: The Company has replaced the pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005 with a pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006. The Company is not making this adjustment in the pro forma statement of operations for 2006 and therefore this comment is no longer applicable.

# Investments in Coffeyville Acquisition LLC, page 184

8. We note your response to comment 24 but still do not concur. Given the role of the agreement in the formation of the issuer and the fact that it was with a related party, we do not concur with your assessment that this agreement is not material. We reiterate our comment that you file the agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement.

<u>Response</u>: We have filed the agreement as an exhibit to Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement.

Should you have any questions or comments with respect to this filing, please call me at (212) 859-8735 or Stuart Gelfond at (212) 859-8272.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Levitt

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# KANEB PIPE LINE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP, L.P.

# LOCAL TARIFFS

Applying on

# ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

As Defined in Item No. 1
TRANSPORTED BY PIPELINE
FROM AND TO POINTS NAMED HEREIN

The rates named in this Tariff are expressed in dollars per ton and are subject to change as provided by law, also to regulations named herein.

Rates, Rules and Regulations applying on Louisiana Intrastate Traffic issued on Authority No. 24.274-M of the Louisiana Public Service Commission (L.P.S.C.).

Rates, Rules and Regulations applying on Interstate Traffic issued on authority of the Surface Transportation Board (S.T.B.).

L.P.S.C. No. 7 and S.T.B. No. 15 make the following changes:

- Item No. 55 and Item No. 60 changed both the "start" and "end" of the defined "day" and
  "calendar week". The new start time is 12:01 a.m. verses the previous start time of 8:00 a.m.
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- 2. Item No. 135 and Item No. 140 were added, at the request of at least one non-affiliated shipper, to establish a temporary proportional credit program, which shall automatically terminate June 30, 2007. This temporary proportional credit program is being established to compete with alternative modes of transportation and has been requested by at least one non-affiliated shipper.

The rates published herein will have no effect on the quality of the human environment.

Issued: October 13, 2006	S.T.B.	Effective Date:	November 1, 2006	١.
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Issued By: Mary F. Morgan, Vice President Compiled By:
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# SECTION 2 [U] ALL RATES ON THIS PAGE ARE UNCHANGED

LOCAL RATES

for the

TRANSPORTATION OF ANHYDROUS AMMONIA
(as defined in Item No. 1)

BYPIPELINE

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# US AN industry depends on import limits

Dwindling demand for ammonium nitrate means US production is at an increasing risk of being driven out of business if the US relaxes import restrictions on AN from the Ukraine, according to representatives for US producers. See page 2.

# Rail woes continue to bedevil Canada

Canadian fertilizer, agriculture and other industrial interests are facing the threat of another potentially disruptive rail strike, just as the federal government has intervened to end work stoppages by a union. See page 2.

# Yara reports demand up, some costs down

Yars reported strong results for the first quarter of 2007. Results improved as the European fertilizer market recovered, global fertilizer prices strengthened and energy costs were fell slightly, the company said. See page 3.

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OB Central Florida \$/st	37M	37M	370
OB Midwest - East & West \$/st	425-430	425-430	425-430
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See pages 10 and 11 for complete price listings.

#### Honduras

Ameropa has banked a further tree cargo for Puerta Cartes, selling 18-20,000 are to Perties just below \$740/mt CFR.

#### Peru

Two buyers are each in the market for 20-25,000 mt cargos for May loading.

# internationai

The April 19 Fertilizer Index for international prilled area was \$286.75! on FOB Yinghays up \$4.75! on from April 12. The Aparil 19 Pertilizer Index for Middle East grounder were wear \$511.50! on FOB up \$12.25! on from April 12.

# Black Sea

The news from India on current and forward purchases by IPL on the 'nellan greverop enr's behalf sparked a p assive surge in Yuzhayy Fl B values, as traders rushed to cover in short positions. Market sentiments that had sent verhays prices to \$273/mr FI B runned completely, and sales were made at \$279-\$280/art Fl B within minutes of the news hitting the market. Prices were subsequently raised on an hourly basis, and culminated via a d othorka rale to a trader, presumably h cytrade, at \$297/mt Pl lt d orlovka disposed of a total of 35,000 me for May lifting throughout the day. It is estimated that close to 100,000 mt were sold for April and May shipment April 18. La April 19, traders returned for additional volumes, and a further 30,000 me were sold by 1 PZ, 2 niepmAzot and Cherkassy. Residual availabilities are now at a mere 90-100,000 one for May, with one, possibly two cargos still in producer hands for April. To reflect the substantial volatility, Vuzhoyy prices are assessed April 19 in an exceptionally wide \$273-\$300/mt range, representing the high and low end of business concluded. The paper market also reflects the current strength. Firm bide for vuzhnyy positions for May at FIP Cash Pended People were at \$390/me FI B against offices at \$310/me FI B at press time.

Vuzhryy nominations for April are now at an impressive 371,000 mt, with further nominations expected to clear off balance quantities for Latin rearkets, and the Teamno sale to India.

#### Baltic Sea

Following sales in the early part of the week in the very low \$270s/mt Fl B, Baltic prices also shot up April 18, and were at \$290-\$300/mt Fl B by the end of the week, up from the \$272-\$273/mt Fl B level achieved in sales at midweek. Trades concluded April 18 include a sale by Acron, presumably to V sea/Balderton, at \$288/mt Fl B for early May. Prior to the surge, a major trader with short Latin positions booked 20,000 mt with Carbamex at \$273/mt Fl B for April lifting, and subsequently added 10,000 mt from Phosagro at about \$274/mt Fl B.

Fresh dumand for May shipment also is in evidence from Latin America, with importers in Peru, Brazil and Central America secking cover. As in whether, Baltin prices also are assessed in a wide range at \$273-\$258/mr Fl B, to reflect the high and low end of business concluded throughout the week.

# Saudi Arabia

Following the sale of three cargos from other Arab of suppliers to India, Public is expected to book a cargo with IPL some. The prior is unlikely to device from the levels achieved by the other regional producers, for a volume of 50,000 mt.

April granular exports include: 60,000 mt for the 1 P. 2x20,000 mt for Thailand: 25,000 mt for APFC/fran; 30,000 mt for Australia: 25,000 mt for k ew Zealand; and 20,000 mt for Fouch Africa.

# Kuwait/Bahrain

PIC April 18 sold a granular cargo to IPL of India at \$302/mt Fl B bulk for May-Sune shipment, for account 2 pF. PIC is believed to have committed for a rotal 100,000 mt granular ures to IPL via a pre-tender agreement. I ranular shipments by PIC/BPIC include: 35,000 mt for the f P; 40,000 mt for Australia (from Bahrain); and 20,000 mt for Thailand.

#### Oatar

n afco sold a granular cargo to IPL/India this week at \$502/mt Fl B bulk for May-Sune shipment. In afco is rumered to have booked a further 50,000 cut with IPL in private negotiations ahead of March 25 tender. It ranular exports this month include: 10-15,000 cut for Pouth Africa; 50,000 cut for the F P. 40,000 cut for Thailand via Vata; 10,000 cut for the Philippines; 25,000 cut for Peance; and 35-40,000 cut for Australia.

#### China

Pales to Pouth horea and Taiwan via tenders this week and last week reflect weaker FI B prices for prilled and granular urea. Traders that holding April-early May urea were attempting to liquidate long positions purchased at \$310-\$315/mt FI B below \$300/mt FI B for prills, and well below \$305/mt for granular. Adding insult to injuty, tender awards in Pouth horea (2 ongbu and k arnhae) and Taiwan (IFC) at low CFR values combined with firmer freights to push prilled and granular prices well below \$290/mt FI B bulk.

# uan-

The April 19 Fertinger Index for New Orleans LAN-32 was \$261.50f it FOB up \$2.75/st from April 12.

#### New Orleans

Pome players with up-river positions to fill continue to bid below \$260/st i?] B for \* Ak -32, but importess especially are demanding \$260/st F! B or more.

# Midwest

Ak prices are moving up, especially east of the Mississippi River. Large buyers in Indiana and Illinois have paid as much as 59.28/unit Fl B. 1 unter are a little lower in farther west indications around \$9/unit Fl B.

# Egypt

Ameropa was again ahead of the competition in the Abu <sup>11</sup> ir sales under of April 16. The teader purchased a total of 25,000 mt <sup>2</sup> Ak 32% to be shipped in two partiels of 10,000 mt and 15,000 mt by

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\$47 + 1.1 = A43.73 short ton

the first days of May. Prices finalized were similar to those achieved by the seller in March, at an average of \$216-\$217/mt FOB. The larger earge (15.000 mt) was purchased at \$211/mt FOB, and will be loadened the US on the Clipper Trojan with freight fixed at about \$47/mt. The smaller 10.000 mt parcel will be loading for France or Spain.

# amsul/hitrate-

The April 19 Fertilizer lades for New Orleans ammonium nitrate was \$265.50/st FOB up \$2.75/st from April 12.

## Scuthern Plains

Ammonium nitrare is in very short supply, with spot ourages continuing and price demands of \$310-\$320/st FOB.

# Argentina

The PetroBras tender for 20,000 mt was awarded to Toepfer, purportedly with Acron support. The parcel was awarded at \$250/mt CFR, with freight expinated in the low \$50s/mt, for a tentra just above \$195/mt FOB, before costs and margin to the trader.

# AMMONIA.

# Ammonia Fertilizer Index April 19

Tampa \$360/mt CFR

Unchanged from April 12

In the US Gulf, buyers claim sellers are going to have a tough time finding space for all of the ammonia they would like to boing to the US from the FSU and the Caribbean. While demand at Tampa is sready, US demand for direct application ammonia has been delayed. Ultimately less ammonia than expected probably will be consumed by farmers for direct application. As a result, inland prices have fallen about \$10/st over the last two weeks, and barge ammonia values fell over \$20/st basis New Orleans this week.

Overseas paice assessment remains difficult, with the lack of business out of the Black Sea and Arab Guil. However, the short-term nuthook is beaush. Price levels are indicative at \$260-\$270/mt FOB Black Sea, down \$5/mt from last week, while Arab Guil levels are assessed at \$300-\$315/mt FOB, lower by \$10-\$20/mt from last week TURWESTATE.

# Americas

#### New Orleans

At least 15,000 st of barge ammonia was sold by Musaic this week at \$308/st FOB New Orleans. The product is expected to load promptly for an end user on the river system. The price tag is \$22/st below the last confirmed spot business at the end of last month.

#### Midwest

Ammonia prices from reminals along the pipeline system and from river points are reported again at around \$460/st FOB this week. Delivered prices to inland retailers are higher, but retailers would rather pay higher prices for track volumes than also espears

at this point. It appears weather conditions are improving on both sides of the Mississippi River, and direct application work should be underway in most areas within a couple of days, according to market sources.

#### Aleska

Agrium said late last week that it is restarting one of its ammonia trains and the granular urea plant at Kenai. Both units should be running this week. The restort was delayed due to cold weather boosting natural gas demand from other consumers. The ammonia train can make as much as 50,000 mt of ammonia per month.

#### **US** Imports

Ammonia imports have fallen during July-February to 5.24 million at from 5.82 million at during the prior year period, according W CDS LRVICFGby W48 6 DISTRIVE PWY CROP FIFTH) (PURITY imports were 604.236 at down from 667,877 at during February 2006. (Details on imports, including a nation-by-nation breakdown of suppliers is attached to the back of this issue.)

# International

The April 19 Ferilizer Indux for international animonia was \$267.50/mt FOB Yughny, dawn \$4/mt from April 12.

# Black Sea

The Ukrainian government on April 18 agreed to the KIP price of \$260/mt FOB. Prices are indicative as few, if any, deals are being made, as most players are waiting to see if prices will head down further, i evels are indicated at \$265-\$270/mt, down \$5/mt from last work.

i ocal sources now expect April shipments to total only 350,000 mt. One reason for the decline in product shipped is that produce is have been utilizing the amountain in the production of urea, amountain natrate and UAN, for which domestic demand is attong. However, some sources expect amounta shipments out of Yuxhnyy to increase by around 50-70,000 mt in May as more of the product is freed up for export.

Gordovka is undergoing maintenance work for 45-days at one of its ammonia plants starting in June.

## Baltic Sea

b uroChem subsidiary, Nevinnomysaky Azot produced Rbl3.8 billion worth of products and services in first quarter 2007. The total output of ammonia was 287,000 mt for first quarter, up 8% from the prior year period, buroChem said.

#### UK

Term still has an ammonia cargo of 8-11,000 mi on offer for May, but has yet to formulate price ideas. The last cargo that the company sold was in April to Transmo for France. A dip in the UK gas price has allowed the company to run its ammonia plants flat out.

#### Algeria

All plants are tunning as normal and snipments continue out of Ararw and Annaba.

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# BELGIUM

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BELGIUM

CAN 27% fot ex-store"	164-168
TSP fot bulk	171-173
KCI (G) fot bulk	183-184

\* or ex-port warehouse

#### CAN market stagnant

CAN - Nitrates trade and movement in Belgium have slowed nearly to a halt. The spread between industry postings for February (+62 to 170 pt cif inland) and the current retail market is too wide to stimulate business for fresh producer tonnes. There is not even much in the way of reported resals of lower priced Q4 tonnege. It remains to be seen whether demand from the French market, typically earlier than in Belgium, will remove any of the current Belgian CAN inventory.

DAP - Prices at Gent and Terneuzen were heard pointing south of \$285 pt fot/fob, in a demand vacuum with substantial tonnage at port storage. Baltic exporters are working to limit the flow of fresh tonnes coming into the region. In this climate some local sellers are reluctant even to cut prices with demand apparently not particularly price sensitive. Everything depends on movement through the supply pipeline inland to thin out the existing inventory. The cold snap and high barge freights have proved major obstacles.

TSP - Prices were heard softer around \$208-210 pt fot/fob Gent. The recent marginal Euro strength intensifies the cost cut down into the low €170s pt fot equivalent.

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# FRANCE

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FRANCE	_
AN 33.5% delivered bulk	218-222
AN imported fot bgd	198-202
Urea (G) fot bulk	238-245
Urea (P) fot bulk	210-215
UAN 30% N fot	148-149
DAP fot bulk	232-234
DAP TOLDUK	470 479
TSP fot bulk	
0-25-25 bulk delvd	190-185
17-17-17 bulk delvd	226-230
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#### Nitrogen market slow to start

AN .The French Granular AN market is stable at £220-222 pt franco bulk, with producers having announced a price hike of €3-5 pt for Feb. Not much fresh business was booked in Jan, and producers are still delivering even cheaper Dec tons, so this is considered a pretty virtual Increase. The first N application has started in one/two areas, but it's not expected to take off for another 10-14 days. Many areas are reporting high levels of soil Nitrogen, which could lead to farmers cutting back or even skipping a first N application. Buyers believe they will encounter little difficulty in buying at Jan levels in Feb if they will require more AN. Francefert has a cargo of Abu Qir AN to arrive shortly at Sete which has been offered at €216-217 pt ldb in big bags. Francefert is now quoting Abu Qir AN at 6218-220 pt ex warehouse Nantes in big bags. Abu Qir is still waiting to learn if it will receive authorization from the new Egyptian Govt to export AN in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 06.

Prilled AN has increased ever so slightly to €199-201 pt in early Jan in the N. French/French Atlantic markets up from €197-200 late Dec N. France, while producers have been pushing for €5-6 pt more, or €203-205 pt. It looks like just Unifert will import a cargo of Polish AN in Feb, while Helm will probably pass on a Feb Polish AN cargo. Two traders are offening Bulgarian AN for Feb survival Sete at €203-205 pt Idb. The EU has announced the opening of a sunset review on imports of ammonlum nitrate from the Ukraine — ref (C/18/02, 26.01.2006 (see news for more Information).

UAN - The IAN market at Rouen is calm waiting for the first liquid application to start, expected about 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Prices are roughly €148-149 pt fot 30%N Rouen, €147 at Etunkirk and €145 pt at Sluiskil. Along the Atlantic Coast UAN is quoted €155-158 pt 30%N FOT, with scarce demand. Traders report slow activity at the moment. Reduced gas supplies have halted UAN. Urea and ammonia production at the Pulawy factory since 23 January. All fertilizer plants are shut down in Romanian due to lack of gas. The news of these shut downs has not sparked any increased buying Interest. The shutdown of GP's plant at Grande Quevilly has not

induced any concern either. Discussions between Achema and traders have dragged out with Achema pushing for levels above £135/\$166 pt. Achema should still have 40-45,000 t for Feb shipment to Europe.

# Cargoes for Europe:

- CMF has the MV Sichem Fenol to load 6,500 at Arzew this week for La Pallice
- The following cargoes have arrived at Rouen over the last month all from Poland;
- 28 Dec/MV Amundsen Wind with 15,900t
- 9 Jan/MV Amaranth with 2,370t
- 21 Jan/V Azurith with 5,530t

In the USA gas prices have weakened down at \$8.2-8.7 per MMBTU for the next 4-5 months, putting US producers back in picture. Gas stocks are 20% above the 5 year average level. Terra has restarted its Woodward UAN plant, which can produoce 340,000 spta, which will add about 120,000st to the current season for 2nd half Feb through June. Terra's Yazoo plant (558,000 spta) is due back from turnaround in Mld Feb, but the PCS Geismar unit is still not producing UAN. It seems increasingly likely that CF will ramp up UAN production in February. How low the US UAN market goes will depend to an extent, on CF's need to put on a forward order book on. At \$8.30 gas, CF's full cash cost for UAN is in the low 140's pst. These restarts are taking big buyers out of the market, and increasing availability of tonnage at the same time. Prices have spitened to \$177-178 pt fob barge 32% (roughly \$192 pt off) for those buyers who have barges to load. Prices further away from the US UAN plants have held up better with offers along the East Coast stable about \$200 pt cfr. In Romania, all nitrogen plants remain down after the recent cold snap caused a diversion of gas to domestic use and Gazprom reduced Russian deliveries, causing a 30% reduction in gas pressure at the border. This has caused the cancellation of two February loading positions ex Constanza. Fertalge has sold 20,000 t UAN to Conagra In the mid \$160s fob vsl Arzew for end Jan loading for the USA.

# Cargoes for USA/Australia:

- Harvester has fixed the MV Angren to low 33,000t 7-11 Feb for US Guif in the low 40's
- Transammonia cancelled the MV Chem Cosmos when it errived after its laydays at Constanza, and has postponed the search for another vessel to load ex Romania 2<sup>nd</sup> half Feb
- Conagra has fixed the MV Bow Neptun to load 20,000 t UAN ex Arzew late Jan for USEC at \$36-38 pt for USEC/US Gulf

# **FERTILIZER**

Today 2 Wks Freight rates are: 20 000 Baltic to Gent/Rouen \$14-15 \$14-15 \$35-37 \$35-37 20,000 Baltic to US EC 25-30,000 Baltic to US EC 531-32 \$30-32 \$42-44 \$42-44 20,000 t Black Sea to USEC \$40-42 \$40-42 30,080 t Black Sea to US EC

Urea - Granular Urea along the French Atlantic has dropped to ar 6240-241 pt for Venezuelan, Roughly 73,000t is booked to arrive in February for French Bay, but only for two companies Yara and Ameropa. Yara is holding out for €245 pt vdb, but no confirmation that Yara can still obtain this higher price. Yara is thought to have sold some of its Qater urea to a trader. Along the south coast prices have also dropped to €238-240 pt for 2<sup>nd</sup> half Feb/March, but Helm is claiming to obtained €248-248 pt for spot business for the tons remaining from the MV 4,100t EFC on the MV Skagginbank discharging this week at Sete. Interore has booked 2 x 3,500 EFC ures for France.

So far the only confirmed business, for the French Atlantic is a total of 73,000t is as follows:

- 1. Yara Qatar 25,000t Bordeaux 2nd Half Feb arrival
- 2. Yara Sluiskii 23,829t Bordeaux MV William ETA 30
- 3. Ameropa Venezuela 24,000 t MV Enforcer for Bordeaux and La Pallice to arrive 2º half Feb, fit about \$31 pt.

Ameropa is thought to have already sold about half of its 24,000t of Venezuelan on the MV Enforcer to buyers in France for discharge at Bordeaux and La Pallice. Transammonia (perhaps up to 30,000 t EFC) and Helm (ar 15,000t EFC) are now talking of March arrivals. So there may be less pressure on the French Granular market in February, for the tail end of the cereals markel, than previously expected. Abu Qir is still waiting to hear if it will receive authorization to export Urea in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Prilled urea has regained ground in France this season with lots of little vessels, 3-5,000 t ex Baltic, having been booked over the past two months. Prices for prilled have dropped to €210-215 pt vdb French Atlantic, so it is still €25 pt below granular. Prilled urea at Yuzhny has rebounded to \$203-207 pt late this week. Larger prilled sales bodes ill for big granular sales this season, as once distributors have allocated space to prilled in their warehouses, and pushed it in their listings, they will be more reluctant to return to granular. There are reports of a small prilled cargo for sale into the Sete region. Intercor has sold 3 x 5,000 t urea for French bay at \$192-193 pt fob vsl bulk St-Petersburg, with the first vessel under this contract, the MV Loiga, to load this week.

DAP - The French DAP market has slowed down for new business, and prices are weak, ranging between \$286-288 pt vdb/ex warehouse. Given these levels Tunisien prices would have to have been in the mid \$253-255 p fob val bulk for traders to have earned a profit on recent shipments. Several traders are battling it out for business at Rouen, all offering \$287 pt ex store. This is the same price traders quoted for direct discharge from vessel, so they are unable to recover the through warehouse costs. Along the French Atlantic offers have been reported \$285-288 for spot tons. There are reports that one trader cut prices this week down to \$283-284 for the last tons from a 9,000t Tunisian vessel discharging this week at St-Malo in order to avoid going into store. Arimex has a DAP vsl arriving next week at St-Malo. DAP is offered \$283-285 pt vdb French Med. CMF has taken small a Spanish DAP cargo for Sete. GCT would like to officially raise prices by \$2 pt taking Mediterranean destination cargoes to \$266 and the price to \$258-260 pt fob for French Atlantic/Europe.

At Gent prices have dropped to \$285, with \$283 probably achievable basis firm bids for barge loads. Low water and ice along the German Rivers and Canal systems, have meant that barges can only load at max half capacity. French buyers in the region of Strasbourg and Basel are badly affected as well. This has caused barge freights to double, and traders have held off shipping old sales to southern Germany. This has led to higher inventories Gent-Terneuzen.

TSP - TSP has softened slightly to \$208-210 pt ex warehouse at Gent. CMF should shortly import some North African TSP to Rochefort with prices there reported to have dropped to €170-172 pt vdb, following the dollar down.

PK/NPK - NPK prices have not budged from end Nov/Dec levels. NPK 17-17-17 was quoted about €226 pt franco in bulk in Nov, and real prices might have Increased just 62-4 pt since then. The prognosis for P and K consumption is gloomy with most expecting NPK consumption to drop between 10-15% this season. Yera has the MV Isidor to arrive 31 Jan 06 at Bordeaux with 4,265 t NPKs ex Norway.

Rumours are circulating more insistently that an important French NPK producer will close two or three of its NPKs plants this year. Before this company can publicly announce any plant closures, it must meet with its employees. A Comité d'entreprise meeting, which was scheduled for Jan 26th has been postponed two weeks to 10th Feb. After such a poor NPK season, and strong competition from Yare in the autumn, it would be logical to close NPK production units right after the end of the current season, particularly since the autumn PK season volumes decrease each year.

MOP - K&S SCPA is now applying the recent price increase for granular MOP to end Jan shipments, which means granular is officially at €181-182 pt vdb, with franco deliveries about €8-10 pt above this level. K&S