

## Natural Gas Liquids Market Future Scope, Opportunities with Strategic Growth by 2030

Natural Gas Liquids Market Expected to Reach \$28.5 Billion by 2030—Allied Market Research

PORTLAND, OREGON, UNITED STATES, April 5, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Natural gas liquids (NGLs) are a group of hydrocarbons that includes ethane, propane, butane, isobutane, and natural gasoline. NGLs are differentiated from one another by the number of carbon atoms in their molecular chain. They have a wide



variety of applications from specialized fuels (e.g., propane, butane) to petrochemical feedstocks for making products like plastic and fertilizers. The <u>natural gas liquids market</u> was valued at \$16.9 billion in 2020 and is estimated to reach \$28.5 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 5.4% from 2021 to 2030.

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NGLs are extracted as byproducts in the production of natural gas and oil. In addition, of these two sources, natural gas processing is by far the most significant, contributing over 90% of NGL production in 2018. When extracted from a well, natural gas is mixed with other hydrocarbons and various impurities. In order for the natural gas to be marketable, the NGLs and impurities must then be removed. The separated NGLs may then be discarded or undergo further processing in order to be sold. The relatively high value of NGLs combined with the rise in natural gas production has led to a rapid rise in NGL production as it has become more economical for processors to sell the separated NGLs. The U.S. is by far the largest producer of NGLs in the world, accounting for more than a third of global production. Domestic NGL production has more than doubled in the 10 years since 2008, reaching 1,381 million barrels in 2017. Ethane and propane are the two most prevalent NGLs, and together they account for more than 70% of all domestic production. Canada, Japan, and China are currently the largest importers of U.S. NGLs.

The key factors responsible for driving natural gas liquids markets are an increase in demand in petrochemical plants; a surging demand in refineries, and high demand from industrial & residential consumers. Some of the other factors responsible for driving the natural gas liquids market are developments in the natural gas business; and the increased utilization of associated gas.

Restraining factors to this market is the lack of infrastructure to handle NGLs, and tough competition from other energy-producing products such as methane gas, biogas, and many more. The opportunity lies in developing the infrastructure for NGLs.

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The natural gas liquids market is segmented on the basis of product and application. By product, it is classified as ethane, propane, isobutene, and natural gasoline. By application, it is categorized as Industrial, residential, and commercial. By region, the market is analyzed across North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and LAMEA.

The key players profiled in this report include BP P.L.C., Chevron Corporation, ConocoPhillips Company, Devon Energy Corporation, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Lukoil, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Range Resources Corporation, Saudi Arabian Oil Co., and Shell Plc.

The report focuses on the global natural gas liquids industry and the major products and applications where Natural gas liquids are deployed. It further highlights numerous factors that influence market growth, such as forecasts, trends, drivers, restraints, opportunities, and roles of different key players that shape the market. The report focuses on the overall demand for Natural gas liquids in various countries, presenting data in terms of both value and volume. The revenue is calculated by proliferating the volume by region-specific prices, considering the region-wise differentiated prices.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE GLOBAL NATURAL GAS LIQUID MARKET

- Natural gas liquid has a significant share in the chemical & material industry. The chemicals and materials sector spans applications from automotive to medical devices to institutional cleaners. 96 percent of manufactured goods contain products of the chemical industry. A sector with such broad economic exposure is expected, therefore, to be affected by the initial and sustained changes resulting from COVID-19. Depending upon the course of the pandemic and the impact on economic conditions, chemicals, and materials companies can expect threats to vulnerable business models and significant opportunities for growth and transformation.
- Sales of natural gas liquids are directly proportional to the demand for oil & gas production. Oil & gas production got limited impact by the lockdown imposed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and recorded a huge decline in crude prices in 2020 due to less storage and resumed overflow production, However, the continued upstream activities have not impacted the production of

natural gas liquids but there is the sluggish impact on sales of natural gas liquids

- COVID-19 impacted almost all industries by hindering various industrial operations and disrupting the supply chain. Maximum companies halted their operation due to less workforce. However, there is a sluggish decline in the global natural gas liquids market due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Furthermore, import and export activities were significantly impacted, which, in turn, adversely affected the industries using natural gas liquids and thereby affected the global natural gas liquids market.
- According to the UNIDO, 30.0%–70.0% of the pre-COVID-19 workforce of various industries, such as electrical and other third-party vendors migrated to their hometowns, due to uncertainties and loss of income during the lockdown. This unavailability or less availability of workforce is expected to directly affect the production and manufacturing activities, thereby resulting in a decline in the petrochemical industry which in turn to a decline in the growth of the natural gas liquid market during the forecast period.

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Key findings of the study

- On the basis of product, the ethane segment emerged as the global leader in 2020 and is anticipated to hold the largest natural gas liquids market size during the forecast period.
- On the basis of application, the industrial segment emerged as the global leader in 2020 and is anticipated to be the largest market during the forecast period.
- On the basis of region, the natural gas liquids market share is highly attributed to North America and is projected to maintain the same during the natural gas liquids market forecast period.

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