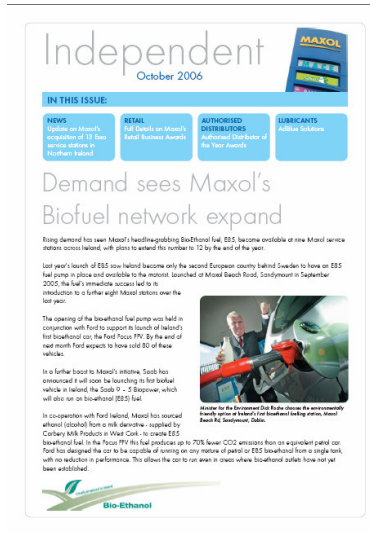


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**A word from the publishing team:**

This is the last Independent we plan to publish in this form. It has served its purpose well over the years, but we think it's time to move forward.

In the coming months we'll be launching a magazine style publication with more news and comment about the Maxol Group, its members, partners, and related industries.

As you will see in this issue, Maxol is becoming bigger. We're expanding into new areas, and have a greater range of products and services that you and your customers will need to know about. We think a magazine is needed in order to provide an in-depth look at what's happening locally and globally in our business and our industry.

To bring you the most interesting and useful publication possible, we'd like to know what you want to see in your new magazine. Perhaps you would like to hear about industry innovations around Ireland, or even around the world. Maybe you want to know more about the big picture - how economic, social and environmental trends are changing your business. Or you could be interested to see what other Maxol retailers and partners have been up to. We warmly welcome your contributions to the next issue of the Independent in its new form.