

Styron shuts down Terneuzen SAN plant for planned maintenance

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Styron's 35,000 tonne/year styrene acrylonitrile (SAN) plant in Terneuzen, the Netherlands, was closed for planned maintenance and improvement on 29 November, a company source confirmed on Tuesday.

The planned shutdown was scheduled for December because it sat well with typically low demand for the month, as buyers carefully manage inventories ahead of the year end, the source added.

Styron intends to commence start-up as soon as the work is complete to ensure it can meet the expected pick-up in demand in the first quarter of 2013. An exact restart date is not known at present.

The producer had been preparing for the outage for almost a year, building SAN stock levels accordingly, and expects any impact on SAN supply during the outage to be kept to a minimum.

SAN is used in a wide variety of end-use markets, including household and sanitary applications, office articles, cosmetic packaging, transparent covers, lighters, sanitary applications and battery housings.

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