

# Japan's Nihon Oxirane plans mid-October restart for Chiba SM unit

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Japan's Nihon Oxirane plans to restart its 425,000 tonne/year styrene monomer (SM) plant in mid-October after the completion of scheduled maintenance at the unit, a company source said on Thursday.

The facility, located in Chiba, was shut on 4 September. "We plan to start feeding on 14 October and the plant should be fully running a week later", the source added.

The company is a joint venture between US-based LyondellBasell and Japan's Sumitomo Chemical. Other SM producers in Japan include Asahi Kasei, Idemitsu Kosan and Denka.

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