

# Ellba Eastern restarts Singapore SM/PO plant after force majeure

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Ellba Eastern has restarted its styrene monomer (SM)/propylene oxide (PO) at Jurong Island, Singapore, on 25 September, market players said on Thursday.

The company declared force majeure <http://www.icis.com/Articles/2013/09/18/9706932/ellba-eastern-declares-force-maj-eure-at-singapore-smpo-plant.html> on Shell with effect from 16 September 2013.

Ellba Eastern's Singapore plant has a nameplate SM capacity of 550,000 tonnes/year and a PO capacity of 250,000 tonnes/year.

The SM/PO plant was heard to be unable to restart successfully on 24 September, but was subsequently restarted on 25 September, market players said.

However, the exact operating rates at the plant could not be confirmed.

Shell could not be immediately reached for comments.

The company is a 50:50 joint venture of Anglo-Dutch energy major Shell and German chemicals giant BASF.

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