

Japan's Asahi Kasei shuts No 3 SM unit for 40-day maintenance

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Japan's Asahi Kasei has shut its 390,000 tonne/year No 3 styrene monomer (SM) plant on 26 September for maintenance, a company source said on Thursday.

The unit, located in Mizushima, is expected to be down for around 40 days. The date for restart is scheduled on 4 November.

The company also operates a 320,000 tonne/year No 2 SM unit at the same location. The unit is running at typical rates.

The company's No 1 plant was mothballed in 2007. Other Japanese SM makers include Idemitsu Kosan, Nihon Oxirane and Denka.

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