

Tongsuh plans maintenance shutdown at ACN plants

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South Korea-based Tongsuh Petrochemical is planning to shut its No. 2 and No. 4 Acrylonitrile (ACN) plants for maintenance. The two plants located in Ulsan are likely to be shut in October 2013, a company official told fibre2fashion.

The maintenance work would take around one month to get completed, after which the plants would be restarted.

The No. 2 ACN plant has a production capacity of 70,000 mt/year, while the No. 4 ACN plant has a production capacity of 245,000 mt/year.

The official said the company does not have any plans to carryout maintenance at the No. 3 plant, which has an annual capacity to produce 245,000 mt of ACN. The No. 3 plant's maintenance is scheduled for next year.

Established in 1969, Tongsuh Petrochemical Corp., Ltd. became South Korea's first company to produce ACN. The company has contributed greatly to the development of Korea's petrochemical industry.

Tongsuh Petrochemical is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan's Asahi Kasei Corporation. Acrylonitrile is the key ingredient in acrylic fibers used to make clothing.

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