

# Japan's Nippon Shokubai eyes 80,000 tonne/year AA line restart

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Japan's Nippon Shokubai is likely to restart its 80,000 tonne/year acrylic acid (AA) line at its Himeji facility by the end of June, a source familiar with the matter said on Wednesday. The company recently restarted its 160,000 tonne/year AA line at the same site in early June after receiving approval from the government.

The company has not decided on the exact date for the restart of its acrylate esters facility and plans to resume operations at the Himeji site on a step-by-step basis, the source added.

Nippon Shokubai's total AA capacity at the site is 460,000 tonnes/year. According to several market participants, the company is likely to restart its acrylate esters facility in the next one to two months.

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