

China's Anqing Petrochemical shuts Acrylonitrile plant on power issues

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China's Anqing Petrochemical had to shut down its 130,000 tonne/year acrylonitrile (ACN) plant in Anqing city of Anhui province on 14 May due to interruption in power supply, a company source said on Wednesday. The power failure in the morning of 14 May also caused the shutdown of upstream refinery, the source added.

The company had begun the restart of the refinery plant but the 130,000 tonne/year ACN plant may restart around 18-19 May, the source said.

The company also had to delay the restart of its other 80,000 tonne/year ACN plant which was taken off line on 25 April for a period of 20 days, the source said. Now the restart date has been pushed back to the successful restart of the 130,000 tonnes/year ACN plant, the source added.

The 130,000 tonne/year ACN plant had been running at 100% after the 80,000 tonne/year ACN plant shut down on 25 April, the source said. A downstream 70,000 tonne/year acrylic fiber (AF) plant was also shut down because of the power failure but it was restarted soon after electricity was restored. The AF plant was running at 85% at its capacity due to the poor downstream demand, the source added.

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