

Styrindo Mono Indonesia brings forward SM plant maintenance

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Styrindo Mono Indonesia has brought forward the maintenance for its 250,000 tonne/year No.2 styrene monomer (SM) facility by around a month, a source close to the company said.

The unit, located in Merak, was shut in early February for a turnaround which was initially set for the first half of March.

"The catalyst was performing poorly so we decided to start the turnaround sooner", the source said.

The unit is expected to restart in mid-March.

The company is running its 100,000 tonne/year No.1 SM unit at the same location after it emerged from maintenance shutdown in mid-January.

SM is a liquid chemical used to make plastic resins such as polystyrene (PS) and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS), as well as synthetic rubbers such as styrene-butadiene-rubber (SBR) and styrene-butadiene-latex (SBL).

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