

PetroChina to start up Sichuan naphtha cracker in mid-2013

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PetroChina is planning to start up its 800,000 tonne/year naphtha cracker at Pengzhou in China's Sichuan province in June or July this year, a company source said on Monday.

The company's 200,000 bbl/day refinery at the same site is expected to come on stream in April, according to the source.

The refinery will produce naphtha feedstock for the cracker.

Downstream plants of the cracker include a 600,000 tonne/year polyethylene (PE) plant, a 300,000 tonne/year polypropylene (PP) plant, a 350,000 tonne/year aromatics unit **and a 150,000 tonne/year butadiene (BD) unit** .

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