

Americas Styrenics at reduced rates ahead of force majeure

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Americas Styrenics said on Wednesday that its St James, Louisiana facility was at reduced rates as it was on force majeure.

The St James facility has a combined styrene capacity of 950,000 tonnes/year.

Americas Styrenics sent a letter to customers on 22 July announcing that effective 1 August until further notice, it is declaring force majeure for all styrene sales, because of reduced feedstock ethylene supply and a force majeure from a critical supplier.

Americas Styrenics said its supplier's ethylene force majeure was declared on 11 July, and its own current ethylene supply was also limited because of this. The company added that it is working to minimize the impact on all customers and is looking to return to full production values as soon as possible.

Most North American styrene producers are at reduced rates because of weak demand.

Styrolution also confirmed today that its Texas City, Texas, facility is undergoing routine maintenance this week and that the facility would be back online in a few days.

The company said the Texas City facility, which has a styrene capacity of 450,000 tonnes/year, began the maintenance on Monday.

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