

# **BASF's Antwerp 155,000 tonne/year BD unit mechanically complete**

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BASF's new 155,000 tonne/year butadiene (BD) extraction unit in Antwerp, Belgium, is mechanically complete and remains on track to start up within the third quarter, a company source said on Friday.

"The equipment is there, its mechanically complete," the source said without disclosing more specific timing.

BASF announced the BD capacity project in July 2012.

BASF already operates a 105,000 tonne/year BD unit in Mannheim, Germany, which is due to go into planned maintenance in September, according to market sources.

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