

BASF and Linde collaborate for butadiene

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BASF and Linde are to collaborate on the development of new production process for butadiene from butane via butenes. Butadiene is currently produced as a by-product of ethylene in steamcrackers using naphtha feedstock. However, the increased importance of ethane as a feedstock, particularly in the US due to shale gas supplies is likely to put pressure on butadiene supplies. BASF will develop extraction technology with Linde contributing its expertise in optimization and marketing.

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