

Japan's Nippon Steel restarts No2 SM unit after maintenance

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Japan's Nippon Steel Chemical on 21 April restarted its 190,000 tonne/year No 2 styrene monomer (SM) facility after a turnaround, a company source said on Tuesday.

The unit, located in Oita, was shut in mid-March for scheduled maintenance.

"We are ramping up after the restart and will likely reach 100% output by the end of this week", the source added.

The company operates another 230,000 tonne/year No 3 unit at the same location. This unit was restarted on 13 April after a maintenance shutdown that started in late February.

Other Japanese SM producers include Asahi Kasei Chemical and Idemitsu Kosan Co.

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