

Japan's Nippon Steel Chemical restarts No3 SM after maintenance

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Japan's Nippon Steel Chemical restarted its 230,000 tonne/year No 3 styrene monomer (SM) facility on 13 April after maintenance, a company source said on Monday.

The unit, located in Oita, was shut in end February for a scheduled turnaround.

The company also operates a 190,000 tonne/year No 2 SM plant at the same location. The unit was shut for maintenance in mid-March and will be restarted next week.

The units were not affected by the 6.3 magnitude earthquake on 14 March at Japan's southern Island of Kyushu near the city of Oita.

Other SM producers in Japan include Idemitsu Kosan Co, Asahi Kasei Chemical, Denka and Nihon Oxirane.

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