

Showa Denko to restart Oita VAM plant on 22 April after overhaul

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Japan's Showa Denko plans to restart its 175,000 tonne/year vinyl acetate monomer (VAM) plant at Oita on 22 April following the completion of maintenance, a company official said on Monday.

The VAM plant was shut on 12 March in line with the turnaround schedule of its cracker.

The official added that it will probably export one or two VAM shipments for May but cautioned that the domestic VAM market will remain tight until the end of 2014.

"After our restart, we see (VAM supply) tight balance will be prolonged until end 2014 because Denka will shut in end April so it is not easy to increase VAM export volumes," he said.

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