

Thailand's PTTGC starts new BD, butene-1 unit

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PTT Global Chemical (PTTGC) has start operations at its new butene-1 and butadiene (BD) facility in Map Ta Phut, Thailand. The facility, which will begin commercial operations in 1Q 2014, has a capacity of 75,000 tonnes/y of BD and 25,000 tonnes/y of butene-1.

"The plant is now under trial runs and if it goes well and the product is on-spec, we may be able to start commercial production in February," the source said.

The company does not have downstream plants for BD. Most of the production from the new plant will cater to its domestic customers in Thailand.

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