

Petrokemya to expand capacity

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Petrokemya, a wholly owned Sabic subsidiary, plans to expand its butadiene extraction plant at Jubail, Saudi Arabia. KBR has been awarded a front-end engineering design contract by Sabic for the debottlenecking and expansion of the plant. The existing butadiene extraction plant was built in 1993 with a capacity of 123,000 m.t./year. Petrokemya plans to expand significantly the capacity of the plant. Sabic's consumption of butadiene is rising. Sabic Innovative Plastics is building a 140,000-m.t./year acrylonitrile butadiene styrene plant within the Petrokemya complex. It will be supplied with butadiene by Petrokemya and with acrylonitrile by Saudi Japanese Acrylonitrile (Shrouq), a jv in which Sabic has 50%, Asahi Kasei 30%, and Mitsubishi Corp. 20%. Shrouq is building a 220,000-m.t./year acrylonitrile plant at the Ibn Zahr facility at Jubail, due online at the end of 2015 or first half of 2016.

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