

India's OPaL starts commercial production of Butadiene

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India's ONGC Petro additions Ltd (OPaL) has started commercial production of its butadiene (BD) after achieving on-spec production in early January, a company source said on Thursday.

The company has a 115,000 tonne/year BD extraction unit at its new mixed-feed Dahej cracker. The cracker has a 1.1m tonnes/year of ethylene capacity.

OPaL began operations at the mixed-feed cracker in Dahej in mid-September 2016 and was initially aiming to attain on-spec ethylene production in early October, but this was delayed as operations had yet to stabilise.

Other units at the Dahej complex include two 360,000 tonne/year high density polyethylene (HDPE)/linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) swing units; a 340,000 tonne/year stand-alone HDPE facility; and a 340,000 tonne/year polypropylene (PP) unit.

OPaL is a joint venture between Gujarat State Petroleum Corp (GSPC), GAIL and Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC).

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