

# Austria's OMV declares force majeure on Butadiene from Burghausen, Germany plant

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Austrian petrochemicals producer OMV has declared force majeure on butadiene (BD) supply from its Burghausen, Germany plant, a company source confirmed on Thursday.

"I can confirm that we have had to declare force majeure in Burghausen," the source said, adding that all of its customers had been informed. The BD unit is currently running at reduced rates but will need to be fully shut down in order to resolve the problem, the details of which were not disclosed.

The source said that the shut down would occur around 20 January at the earliest, with production expected to be back online by mid-February.

The BD unit which has the capacity to produce about 70,000-80,000 tonnes/year, according to market sources, started up in June 2015.

OMV also has BD extraction capacity at its Schwechat, Austria petrochemical site.

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