



## Resuming the Operation of Meta-xylene Production Equipment

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Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc. (MGC; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Toshikiyo Kurai) will resume the operation of a line of meta-xylene (MX) production equipment in March 2017.

Purified isophthalic acid (PIA), a major application of MX, has been growing by four to five percent every year, leading to good prospects for future growth in MX demand.

Since November 2013, MGC has stopped one line of its MX production equipment (comprising two lines with 220,000 ton annual capacity in total). The stopped line has an annual capacity of 70,000 tons. Meanwhile the shutdown of MX production equipment by competitors has been tightening the supply and demand balance for MX.

To coincide with the completion of the turnaround of the line currently in operation (annual capacity: 150,000 tons), MGC will accordingly resume the operation of the stopped line of MX equipment in March 2017.

With the restart of the production line, MGC will help accommodate the growing demand for MX.

### Details

Capacity of the production line now in operation	:	150,000 T/Y
Capacity of the production line to be restarted	:	70,000 T/Y
Total production capacity after restart	:	220,000 T/Y



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