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## JAPAN: Mitsui Chem starts Osaka IPA plant; HDPE, PP production ends at Chiba

Mitsui Chemicals, in announcing its financial results for the nine-month period ended 31 Dec. 2013, said that it started up its new 60,000-t/y acetone-based isopropyl alcohol (IPA) plant in Osaka, Japan.

Due to predicted shortages in propylene, Mitsui decided to switch its production of IPA to acetone feedstock. It suspended its 28,000-t/y IPA facility in Osaka and built the new acetone-based IPA plant at a cost of about ¥3-billion.

Also during 2013, the Prime Polymer joint venture of Mitsui and Idemitsu ended the production of 130,000 t/y of high density polyethylene (HDPE) and 90,000 t/y of polypropylene (PP) in Chiba, Japan.

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