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Clients of ADI Chemical Market Resources are familiar with our Polyolefins & Elastomers (PO&E) newsletter. We recently re-launched this newsletter in a new format and with a new name -- PO&E Plus -- reflecting its legacy and now expanded coverage of polymer and chemical markets.

Key chemical industry drivers

- Economic uncertainty continues globally with auto markets declining
- Purchasing manager's index in the U.S. and China continued to decline amid ongoing trade disputes

Americas

- Ineos Styrolution will begin operation of its new 100 ktpa ASA plant in Bayport, TX by 2021
- Vinmar, the US based petrochemicals' distributor has chosen the TALKE Group to manage logistics at its Houston site
- Entergris acquired MPD Chemicals for approximately \$165 million

Europe

- Domo Chemicals to acquire Solvay's performance polyamides business in Europe
- Rain Carbon commissions \$67 million hydrocarbon resins plant in Germany
- ExxonMobil expands low-viscosity PAO production in France



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Asia-Pacific

- Haldia Petrochemicals to invest \$10.9 billion on naphtha cracker and polypropylene units in Odisha, India
- Japan Polypropylene will permanently shut one line at Kashima plant by April 2020 amid cost concerns
- Lanxess will divest its chrome chemicals business to Chinese leather chemicals producer Brother

Rest of the world

- Sumitomo Chemical has acquired major Turkish plastics compounder Emaş Plastik and its affiliated companies

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U.S. Monthly Average Commodity Prices

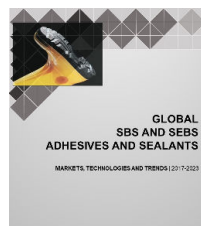
(Cents per pound from [PolymerUpdate.com](#))

Ethylene: 13 ▲	Polyethylene (HDPE): 43 ▼
Propylene: 25 ▲	Polypropylene: 54 ▼
Styrene monomer: 44 ►	Polystyrene: 61 ▼
Vinyl chloride monomer: 29 ►	Polyvinyl chloride: 43 ►
Ethylene dichloride: 16 ▼	Polystyrene (HIPS): 66 ►

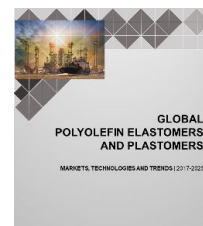
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