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Clients of ADI Chemical Market Resources are familiar with our Polyolefins & Elastomers (PO&E) newsletter. We are re-launching 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

- U.S. and India are growing in terms of GDP but other regions are struggling
- Construction spending is growing but auto sales have slowed down considerably around the world

Americas

- ExxonMobil plans to increase elastomer capacity in Texas while Indorama is nearing completion of its ethane cracker in Louisiana
- M&A activity includes INEOS entering the U.S. pigments market by acquiring Cristal-Tronox

Europe

- MOL (Hungary) and Irkutsk Oil (Siberia) to build PP and PE plants, respectively, while Grupa Azotv (Poland) to begin construction for a turnkey PDH and PP complex
- Research projects are also planned such as Versalis and Montello to develop a new range of plastic products based on recycled packaging



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Asia-Pacific

- Lots of activity in India such as GAIL building its first PDH and PP complex and McDermott being awarded a PP technology contract by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) and ...
- ... China where BASF-SINOPEC are starting a second propionic acid plant and Wison completing construction of MTP and butadiene plants

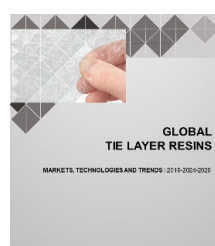
Rest of the world

- INEOS makes its first investment in Saudi Arabia
- Wood secured a FEED contract from DRPIC (Oman) and an engineering contract for SABIC's (Saudi Arabia) new technology center

U.S. Monthly Average Commodity Prices (Cents per pound from [PolymerUpdate.com](#))

Ethylene: 13 ▼	Polyethylene (HDPE): 45 ▲
Propylene: 25 ▲	Polypropylene: 57 ▲
Styrene monomer: 44 ▼	Polystyrene: 67 ▼
Vinyl chloride monomer: 28 ►	Polyvinyl chloride: 44 ▲
Ethylene dichloride: 16 ►	Polystyrene (HIPS): 72 ►

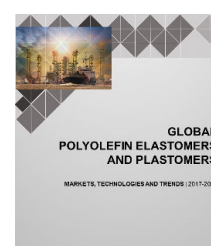
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