

## ICIS insight Asia launches the latest edition of the Middle East Petrochemicals Report

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ICIS insight Asia has launched its 6th Middle East Petrochemical Report, providing an in-depth analysis of what's happening in the world's most important petrochemical production region.

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Due to the recent surge of projects in the Middle East, multiple ripples have been witnessed throughout the industry, causing several key investors to take notice of the imminent debate over shortages of labour and contracting capacity. Plastics processing states within the Gulf Cooperation Council region have also begun to brace themselves as they consider how to measure up to their already booming Asian counterparts.

'The 6th Middle East Petrochemical Report looks into the continuing boom in GCC petrochemicals, amidst rising challenges,' said ICIS insight Asia director, John Richardson. 'Demand and supply numbers on the plastics processing sector are also discussed in our detailed analysis, as well as a first look into the methanol capacity.'

The ICIS insight Asia and International eChem team cover the following themes in this latest report:

- the global credit crisis and the implications for corporate funding and project finance
- an analysis of the plastics processing industry in the Gulf Cooperation Council region with consumption growth estimates
- the status of Middle East cracker projects with analysis of the competitive challenges facing producers who are more than 18 months away from start-up
- the role of Middle East methanol capacity in a global context, including trade flows to Asia

The Middle East Petrochemical Report has been produced in partnership with International eChem - a UK-based petrochemical consultancy with extensive experience in single-client work in the Middle East.

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### **About the Editors**

John Richardson, director of ICIS insight Asia, has ten years of experience in covering the Middle East and Asian petrochemical industries, and is a well-respected and established writer and commentator on the industry. He was formerly editor of Asian Chemical News and the Singapore bureau of ICIS news. John has 21 years of experience in journalism, during which he has worked for the BBC and the UK national press.

Paul Hodges, Chairman of International eChem, has been consulting on business strategy since 1995, and was previously Executive Director of a \$1bn turnover ICI division. He has consulted in most parts of the world, with a particular focus on the petrochemicals area and its interface with refining.

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ICIS insight Asia has launched an India petrochemicals report, which covers olefins, polymers and major downstream demand drivers with an Excel spreadsheet of projects and assessments of start-up dates. Working on scenario planning? Make use of the Asian Petrochemical Database CD-ROM, another new offering from ICIS insight Asia.

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