

## **Indonesia's Chandra Asri considers major expansions over 2019-2025**

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Indonesia's Chandra Asri is considering a major expansion and debottlenecking of its naphtha-fed steam cracker at Cilegon and downstream derivative plants over 2019-2025, the company said Tuesday at the Indonesia Refining and Petrochemical Summit in Jakarta.

According to Suhat Miyarso, vice president of corporate relations, the company's ethylene production capacity will be increased from 860,000 mt/year to 2 million mt/year around 2025 while propylene production will rise from 470,000 mt/year to 1.09 million mt/year.

Its butadiene production capacity will be hiked to 137,000 mt/year in 2019 from 100,000 mt/year currently, he added.

Although the company is increasing its polyethylene capacity from 336,000 mt/year to 736,000 mt/year around 2020, Chandra Asri is considering plans to boost PE capacity by 800,000 mt/year to 1.536 million mt/year by 2025.

Via debottlenecking, its polypropylene capacity will grow from 480,000 mt/year to 560,000 mt/year by 2025.

The company is also studying plans to either build an aromatics plant or a benzene extraction plant so that it can use its 400,000 mt/year of pyrolysis gasoline to obtain benzene feedstock for its 100,000 mt/year styrene monomer plant.

Currently, the company imports all its benzene requirements while the pygas is fed to Pertamina for the gasoline pool.