

Polychim restarts production of polypropylene from France: source

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Supply of polypropylene from Polychim's plant in Dunkirk, France, has resumed, a company source said Wednesday.

"Production is running but force majeure has not yet been lifted," the source said.

Polychim, which operates a single 230,000 mt/year polypropylene plant, declared force majeure mid-November following technical difficulties that emerged restarting from maintenance.

Scheduled maintenance at the Dunkirk PP plant began in September and had been planned for completion within two months.

The company source declined to comment on when the force majeure may be lifted.

Polychim is supplied feedstock propylene from the neighboring Versalis cracker which has a propylene capacity of 180,000 mt/year.

Versalis's Dunkirk cracker returned from maintenance between the end of October and beginning of November, olefin and polymer market sources said last month.