

## **Singapore Jurong Aromatics' plant restarts, output likely within the week**

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Singapore's Jurong Aromatics Corporation has started feeding feedstock into its plant system and is expecting output from the plant within this week, a source with JAC's receiver Borrelli Walsh said Thursday.

The suppliers, or tollers, gave their approval for the restart Tuesday and the transfer of condensate feedstock from the Jurong Caverns to JAC's tanks occurred Wednesday, the source said, adding "feeds are circulating."

Market sources had earlier said the tollers involved in the restart of the plant were BP and Glencore, but neither company would comment on the matter when contacted recently.

The complex has remained shut since December 2014, after running for only three months.

A fire at an oil tank belonging to JAC in late April delayed the restart, according to market sources.

The plant, which revolves around a 100,000 b/d condensate splitter, can produce 800,000 mt/year of paraxylene, 400,000 mt/year of benzene and 200,000 mt/year of orthoxylene.

It can also produce 783,000 mt/year of jet fuel, 647,000 mt/year of light naphtha, 662,000 mt/year of gasoil, 283,000 mt/year of LPG, 35,000 mt/year of fuel oil, 46,000 mt/year of hydrogen and 18,000 mt/year of heavy aromatics.

JAC filed for receivership in September last year after debt restructuring talks broke down. Borrelli Walsh was appointed receiver.

The startup of the plant, in August 2014, came amid volatility in crude prices.