

**South Korea's Lotte Chemical to shut Yeosu aromatics plant in Sep for maintenance**

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South Korea's Lotte Chemical plans to shut its Yeosu aromatics plant mid-September for maintenance, a source close to the company said Wednesday.

The shutdown is in line with plans to expand the naphtha-fed steam cracker at the Yeosu plant, and will last until early November, the source added.

The plant has a nameplate capacity of 240,000 mt/year of benzene, 120,000 mt/year of toluene and 72,000 mt/year of solvent-MX.