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Market Insights: Polyisobutylene - 2020

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NexantECA's upcoming Market Insights report provides a comprehensive review of the global polyisobutylene market, and is segmented by

- Low molecular weight conventional-polyisobutylene (Low MW C-PIB)
- Medium/high molecular weight conventional-polyisobutylene (Medium/High MW C-PIB)
- Highly reactive-polyisobutylene (HR-PIB)

The report includes:

- Discussion regarding key market drivers and constraints for each region
- Supply, demand trade for nine regions: North America, South America, Western Europe, Central Europe,
 Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, and China
- Competitiveness analysis, including competitive landscape, who's who of suppliers and cost competitiveness
- Price forecasts with commentary regarding latest trends
- Forecast period: 10 years history and 15 year forecast to 2035

Along with the written report, data is provided in Excel including global capacity listings.

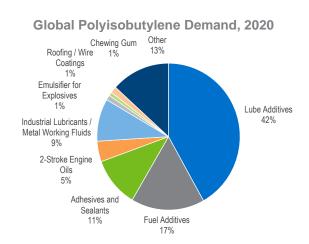
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Report Abstract:

Polyisobutylene (PIB) are a class of polymers/oligomers of various molecular weights. PIB is typically produced by the polymerization of high purity isobutylene or high concentration isobutylene. Product properties and grades are controlled by feed purity, catalyst type and concentration, and reaction temperature.

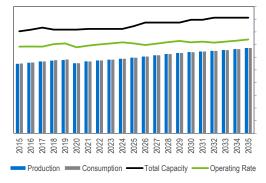
Conventional PIB grades occupied close to 60 percent of the market. Lubricant additive is the key end-use for conventional PIBs, though its share in overall conventional PIB demand is much lower than that for HR-PIB.

North America and Western Europe are the largest consumers of PIB, with mature value chains. PIB demand is driven by the development of automotive, construction, pharmaceuticals and consumer sectors that are all associated with economic growth. PIB finds growing demand in adhesives and sealants owing to its



tackiness and stability, which makes it ideal for various hot melt pressure sensitive adhesives. Additionally, moisture resistance, high degree of elongation and good adhesion properties to multiple substrates make it useful for sealants.

Global C-PIB Supply and Demand



Operating rates have been relatively low as various end-use demand forecast such as C-PIB replacing brightstock and increasing demand of fuel and lubricants has not materialised.

Operating rates have been gradually improving despite new capacity coming online mainly in the Asia Pacific (excluding China) region, as growing local demand quickly absorbed the new supply within the region. In the near term, no major new capacity addition is expected which will support higher operating rates. Longer term, additional speculative capacity is expected.

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