

## PPE: Market Dynamics - Aromatics 2016

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**This report provides an in-depth analysis of the benzene and *para*-xylene market, along with an overview of the toluene and mixed xylenes industry.**

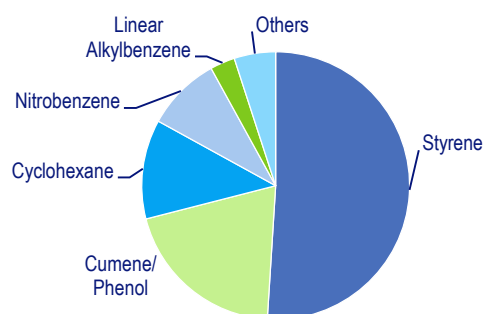
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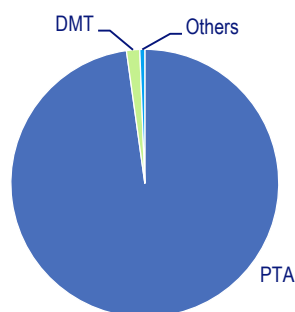
The complexity in aromatics supply dynamics continues to provide a challenging environment for aromatics producers to optimise their production of each BTX molecule. With major production disruption in China, the global market tightened moderately in 2015, with an improvement in global operating rates. The market has continued to improve through the first three quarters of 2016 as no new grassroots production complexes started up, supporting higher profitability for Western European and Asian producers.

Asia Pacific will continue to drive the development of new aromatics capacity from all major sources, while major developments in South America and Eastern Europe in the short term are unlikely after recent domestic issues. Following recent expansions in 2015, another step change in Middle East capacity is expected in the next few years, following developments by Saudi Aramco in Saudi Arabia. There is unlikely to be any major investment in North America or Western Europe.

**Global Benzene Demand, 2016-e**



**Global *para*-Xylene Demand, 2016-e**



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