Global Ethylene Market Outlook: Low Cost Feedstocks Fuel The Next Wave Of Investments In North America and China

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Ethylene Market Outlook
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The Chemical Industry is a key enabler of modern living: Medical, Transportation, Construction, Packaging, Food Processing, Water Distribution, Fuel, etc…

- Investments driven by cost advantage and/or proximity to demand centers
- Demand growth is accelerating outside of the developed regions
- Strategy development requires complete understanding of the value-chain
Companies that have long term success in the chemical industry are able to leverage technology and low-cost supply strategies for meeting demand at the right cost with the right products using for the right go-to-market strategies.
Energy & Feedstocks

...make up 60-70% of the costs of chemical production. Investments seek a competitive advantage.

Demand Growth

Proximity to demand growth essential without distinct cost or technology advantage. Trade access also key.

Technology

Technology to enable efficient and competitive production costs and high performance products. First to market is important.
Agenda

- Chemical Building Blocks
- Changing Demand Trends
- Impact of Energy
- Shift in New Capacity
- Evolving Trade Patterns
- Profit Cycle is Mixed
Ethylene, Methanol and Propylene Expanding At A Rapid Pace

- Ethylene is the largest of the basic chemical building blocks
- Ethylene, propylene and methanol are expanding at a rapid pace…driven by shale in North America
- Benzene and chlorine showing more modest growth
Ethylene, Methanol and Propylene Expanding At A Rapid Pace

2020 Global Capacity:

- Ethylene: 200 Million Tons
- Methanol: 160 Million Tons
- Propylene: 140 Million Tons

![Bar chart showing basic chemical capacity for different years with Ethylene, Chlorine, Propylene, and Methanol as categories.](chart.png)
Demand for Basic Chemicals Driven By Durable/Non-durable Goods

- Strong economic growth supports basic chemical demand growth
- Modest growth in 2012/13 suggesting lower consumer spending
- Emerging markets are driving tomorrow's demand growth
- China dynamics are changing, but remains critical to most markets
The Rise of the Emerging Market Consumer

- The share of Global GDP related to consumption is converging in noted markets
- Emerging market’s share will match that of U.S. & Europe within the next 7 years
- Message to producers is clear: *do not ignore the absolute size of U.S. and European market, but for rapid growth you need to look to the emerging world GDP*
Production growth continues to be supported by rapid growth in real demand...
Challenging economic conditions & threats of imports continue to weaken outlook…
New capacity is necessary to return this region to historical production levels…
Capacity Expansions' Driven By Low Cost Feedstock & Integration Strategy

- Cost of production is closely tied to cost of hydrocarbon feedstock's
- Location of advantaged feedstock's play key role in capital investment decisions
- North America prepares for a surge in capacity
- Asia and Middle East continue to build as planned
Hydrocarbon Feedstock Costs: Key Driver In Chemicals Manufacturing

- Natural Gas
- Crude Oil
- Refinery
  - FCC
  - REFORMER
  - BTX Extraction
  - Pygas
  - Benzene
  - Toluene
  - Xylene
  - Fuel Oil
  - Methanol
  - Methane/Hydrogen
  - Butadiene
  - Propylene
  - Ethylene

- Gas Processing Unit
  - Naphtha
  - Gas Oil
  - Propane
  - Ethane
  - Butane
  - Condensate

- Ethylene Unit
  - Steam Reformer
  - SynGas
  - Methanol Synthesis
  - Methanol
Brent Crude Oil and USGC Energy & Feedstock Prices

Constant 2012 US Dollars Per Million Btu

- Brent Crude
- USGC Light Naphtha
- Henry Hub Gas
World Ethylene Cash Costs – 2013 Forecast

US Dollars Per Metric

Ethane cracking advantage forecast to exceed $600 per ton
Ethane Cash Cost Advantage Is Significant and Sustainable

US Dollars Per Ton, Ethylene

- U.S. Ethane
- WEP Naphtha
- SEA Naphtha
Energy Dynamics In North America Are Changing The Global Landscape

- **Abundance of New Hydrocarbons**: Shale gas and unconventional oil has ushered in a new era of hydrocarbon production in North America.
- **Additional Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs)**: Ethane, propane, and butane production to increase sharply in conjunction with rapid growth in gas production.

- **New Competitive Chemical Investments**: To leverage the supply of advantaged feedstocks, chemical producers have initiated plans to invest over $20 billion in new chemical assets and infrastructure.
China: Scarce in Oil and Gas Reserves, But Plentiful in Coal

- China has limited crude and natural gas reserves, but a large coal reserve
- Majority coal reserves are in the west region
- Logistic bottleneck leads to “Stranded” coal

Source: China National Bureau of Statistics
Coal Chemical Product Chains

COAL

- Calcium Carbide
  - Acetylene
- Syn Gas
  - Crude Methanol
    - MTO/MTP
      - PVC
      - Ethylene
      - Propylene
    - Methanol
  - Methanol
  - Acetyl
    - Oxalate Intermediate
- Ethanol
- MEG
China Coal Chemicals Projects – A “Black Gold” Rush Opportunity

- State owned, private and foreign companies all participating
- Numerous projects were announced however fewer will be actually built due to:
  - Tight government control
  - High capital cost
  - Water availability
  - Carbon emissions and waste disposal issues
Global Chemicals Investment Focused In Three Regions With Varying Strategies
Strategies & Advantages Will Vary By Region Or By Country

- **North America**
  - Surge in new investment driven by shale oil & gas
  - Stagnant domestic growth shifts focus to exports
- **Middle East**
  - Moderated investment pace
  - Seeking domestics/regional supply options along with exports
- **China**
  - Strong domestic investment focused on reducing import dependencies as domestic demand evolves from “re-exports” to domestic needs
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- **Brazil**
  - Surge in demand near term as Brazil prepares for World Cup and Olympic Games
  - Pause in the COMPERJ investment as they assess Americas landscape

- **Europe**
  - Defensive assessment of assets and future position.
  - Seeking to add competitive feedstocks, idle high-cost capacity

- **India**
  - Domestic focus, with investments at Jamnagar. High energy is an issue.
  - Remain short of key products like PVC
Consistent And Strong Growth In Asia Seen In Ethylene Investments
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Percent of Total Capacity Growth

Regional Ethylene Capacity Growth


North America Europe Middle East Asia Pacific Others
## North America Ethylene Capacity Expansions From 2012 through 2020

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**Announced but not firm**

**First new unit to start-up**

**Total** ~ 12,000
After declining to 33 million tons in 2010, ethylene capacity in North America could reach 45 million tons by the year 2020.
Coal Chemicals Will Play A Bigger Roles in China’s Chemical Supply

Million Metric Tons

Coal-based and Non Coal-based Capacity

Percent, Coal-Based

- Olefins (Non-coal)
- Olefins (Coal)
- Olefins (Coal) %
Investment In Capacity Away From Demand Centers Will Drive Exports Higher

- North America returns as a competitive supplier with increasing capacity
- Accelerating demand growth in developing regions outpace capacity growth requiring increasing imports
- Assume low cost Middle East and North America suppliers grow market share
- Logistics infrastructure investment must keep pace to support expanding trade patterns

By 2020, as much as 40% of low cost ethylene capacity will be based in North America and the Middle East
Tomorrow’s Global Chemical Market is more Globally Interconnected

- Trade will continue to accelerate, connecting resource-rich geographies with high growth markets
- Supply-chain expertise and well-crafted go-to-market strategies will increase in importance
- Pressure on high-cost producers servicing high-growth markets will be especially intense
World Ethylene Equivalent Trade

Net Exports

Net Imports

Million Metric Tons

-40.0
-30.0
-20.0
-10.0
0.0
10.0
20.0
30.0
40.0

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N. America
West Europe
Middle East
Ethylene Derivatives From Ethane Cracking Will Dominate International Trade

Ethylene Net Equivalent Exports (million metric tons)

- **2010**
  - USA: 6.2
  - Canada: 6.2

- **2015**
  - USA: 14.5
  - Canada: 14.5

- **2020**
  - USA: 27
  - Canada: 27

- **2025**
  - USA: 5.0
  - Canada: 5.0

- **2010**
  - Saudi Arabia: 5.1
  - Iran: 7.6
  - Qatar: 7.6
  - Kuwait: 7.6

- **2015**
  - Saudi Arabia: 3.0
  - Iran: 5.0
  - Qatar: 5.0
  - Kuwait: 5.0

- **2020**
  - Saudi Arabia: 16.5
  - Iran: 27
  - Qatar: 27
  - Kuwait: 27

- **2025**
  - Saudi Arabia: 5.0
  - Iran: 7.6
  - Qatar: 7.6
  - Kuwait: 7.6
Profit Cycle Dynamics Vary By Feedstock & Region

- Overall market recovery delayed on slower demand and acceleration of capacity
- “Gas-based” producers see steady high margins and no “downturn”
- Market fundamentals suggest high-cost producer margins will struggle; shutdowns likely
- Capacity additions likely to be moderated versus current forecast; influenced by capital costs, resource limitations
Cyclicality In The Market Makes Investment Timing Critical To Sustainable Returns

Dollars Per Metric Ton  Global Base Chemicals & Plastics
Weighted Average EBIT
U.S. & West Europe Integrated Polyethylene Cash Margins

Cents Per Pound Polyethylene

Dollars Per Ton

US Ethane to PE Chain Margin

Inaugural Ethylene Forum
Trends In Ethylene Are Impacting The Propylene Supply Scenario

Propylene

- On-Purpose production will continue to rise
  - Technology related to region and feedstock
  - Propane Dehydro increasing
- Steam cracker and FCC supply trends also vary by region
- Demand growth trending towards ethylene (GDP) due to higher price relative to ethylene
BTX Supply In Transition And Impacted By Many Factors

Benzene
- Supply trends complicated by ethylene, gasoline, and paraxylene and shifting environmental regulation
- Refinery operations and renewable fuel trends are critical to supply
- Shale crude oil results in lower benzene yield
- Growth in demand and capacity migrating to Asia
Conclusions

- Improving economic fundamentals are expected to enhance pace of demand growth
- Economic Megatrends shift demand to developing world at an ever-increasing pace
- Unconventional feedstocks play a larger role in shaping the global industry
- High-cost supply reacts to more competitive pressure by stepping up rationalization/conversion
Conclusions

- Supply & demand dislocation increases need for sound supply-chain strategies
- New competitors slowly emerge as markets expand west in China in distinct products
- Unconventional resource owners enter the stage for certain product offerings
- Level of success defined by right cost for the right product for the right market strategies
Thank you!

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