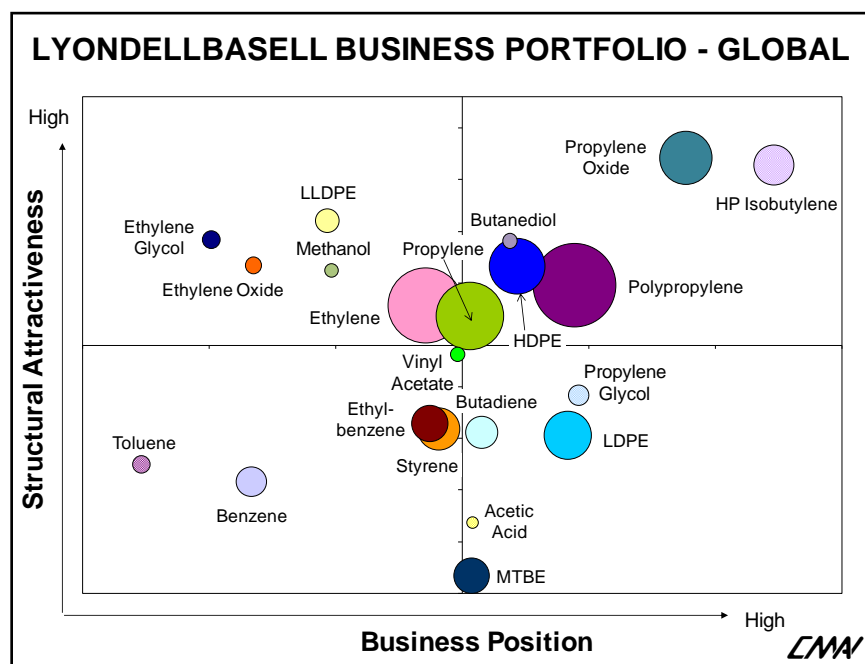


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CMAI Outlines LyondellBasell Industries Strategic Business Position

Houston – Chemical Market Associates, Inc. (CMAI) recently completed the Chemical Company Analysis (CCA) on *LyondellBasell Industries*, the first company report of the 2009 Edition. The report includes strategic direction and corporate overviews, global chemical business operations/positions, chemical manufacturing site descriptions and chemical product material balances for the chemical businesses of LyondellBasell Industries. An added feature of this report is CMAI’s financial performance analysis that provides a historical analysis and forecast of the future direction and magnitude of a company’s revenue and cash margins for petrochemicals.



Basell’s acquisition of Lyondell in December 2007 created the fourth largest chemical company based on estimated revenues of around \$55 billion in 2008. Headquartered in Rotterdam in the Netherlands, *LyondellBasell Industries* is one of the world’s largest polymer, chemical and fuel producers and a global leader in polyolefin and propylene oxide technology. In 2008, the company operated 60 manufacturing sites in 19 countries with sales in over 100 countries and approximately 16,000 employees.

Significantly higher cost reduction targets and a forthcoming reorganization plan, following the recent chapter 11 filing of the U.S. operations and two of the European holding companies, are expected to accelerate the streamlining of operations. In April 2009, the company announced the ongoing closure of 14 plants and 25 offices as well as headcount reductions of about three thousand employees and 1.8 thousand contractors. Divestitures, particularly of non-core assets, are likely being considered as well.

LyondellBasell nonetheless will continue to leverage its leading position in polyolefins and propylene oxide technologies. Projects currently under consideration include an integrated polypropylene complex in Trinidad & Tobago and an integrated olefins/polyolefins complex and gas separation unit in Kazakhstan.

The *Chemical Company Analysis (CCA)* is a planning advisory service aimed at analyzing the structure, dynamics, competition and strategic issues of global and regional chemical industry participants. The 2008 Edition includes company reports on Chevron Phillips Chemical, Braskem, PetroChina, Total (Chemicals), Borealis and Mitsubishi Chemical; and a supplemental report on Dow Chemical. Company reports that will be published as part of the 2009 Edition of the CCA are LyondellBasell, Ineos, Nova Chemicals, Sumitomo Chemical, Sasol and SABIC.

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