

GACL DRAWS UP BIG PLANS FOR EXPANSION

The Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL), India's leading Caustic Soda manufacturer has planned a string of expansion and new projects for Caustic Soda and other products entailing a big investment of Rs. 3500 crores.

The expansion projects involve augmenting the existing capacities of Caustic Soda, Chloromethane, and Phosphoric Acid besides Caustic Potash at its Dahej plant. The Caustic Soda capacity is being expanded by 1200 TPD, that of Chloromethane by 600 TPD, Phosphoric Acid by 300 TPD and the Caustic Potash to 120 TPD.

A 120 Megawatt coal-based power project will also come up at Dahej as part of the expansion plan.

The company is also exploring the possibility of setting up a new Caustic Soda plant at Bhavnagar, Gujarat with a capacity of 600 TPD and another new plant in Eastern India with a capacity of 300 TPD. Alternatively the company may also consider to acquire an existing Caustic Soda manufacturing plant with a similar capacity in Eastern part of the country.