Chemical applications to grow the fastest

Growth in the Africa/Mideast and Asia/Pacific regions will drive salt demand in chemical applications, which will expand at the fastest pace of any major market for the mineral through 2020. New caustic soda production facilities in the United Arab Emirates, among other places, will boost output capacity and upstream demand for salt. On the other hand, global chemical salt demand will be offset to a certain extent by a European Union regulation set to take effect in December 2017 that will ban mercury-based chlorine production. The high cost involved in converting to membrane-based capacity will cause a number of plants to close, dampening output and therefore salt consumption.

Solar evaporation most common salt extraction method

Solar evaporation will remain by far the most common method for extracting salt in 2020, accounting for over two-fifths of worldwide output. This method's low costs relative to the more energy intensive rock salt mining and brine extraction processes will support gains. In addition, a number of countries located in the two fastest growing regional markets -- the Africa/Mideast and Asia/Pacific regions -- possess climates that are ideally suited for the production of solar salt, further aiding output increases. The vacuum evaporation process will also record robust gains, supported by healthy growth in China, where higher purity standards are growing in importance in both the chemical manufacturing and food processing industries.

Food salt demand increasing with convenience foods

Increases in salt consumption by food processors across the globe will remain steady. Advances in food salt demand will be driven by rising personal incomes worldwide, which will boost the consumption of packaged and convenience foods in a number of countries. Sales to livestock feed producers and distributors will accelerate from a low 2015 base, as livestock populations in North America, the Asia/Pacific region, and Eastern Europe recover from a number of diseases that devastated herds in 2014 and 2015.

Study coverage

This study analyzes the world salt market. It presents historical data (2005, 2010, 2015) plus forecasts (2020, 2025) for supply and demand, as well as demand by market, in six regions and 18 major countries. The study also considers key market environment factors, assesses the industry structure, evaluates company market share and profiles 33 global industry competitors such as Cargill, China National Salt Industry, Compass Minerals and K+S.
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Consumption of salt in India is projected to rise 3.8 percent per year through 2020 to 22.5 million metric tons, valued at $619 million. This will represent fair volume growth compared to the pace of the 2010-2015 period and will be one of the fastest paces of advance worldwide. The utilization of chlorine in PVC, alumina, and textiles will stimulate advances in the chlor-alkali industry and therefore fuel salt demand, making chemical manufacturing the fastest growing major market for salt, with the largest gains in volume terms. For example, in December 2015 Skipper, a regional pipe manufacturer opened a new facility in Guwahati. The facility possesses a capacity of 4,000 metric tons per year for the manufacture of agricultural and plumbing pipes. Demand for salt in livestock applications will also record healthy gains, rebounding from a drop recorded from 2010 to 2015, as cattle, goat, pig, and sheep populations recover from a decline that occurred during that span. On the other hand, the widespread use of grazing basic feed mixtures, rather than commercial feeds that feature higher salt contents, will restrain growth in salt sold to the livestock market. The fastest increases, however, will be posted in other, smaller markets, rising personal incomes and advancing economic development spurring consumption in the water treatment and pharmaceutical industries.

India will also continue to be a leading supplier of processed foods, representing just under one-third of national salt consumption in 2020. India’s rising per capita income levels, combined with expanding domestic demand and government investment, will support increased output of processed foods such as prepared meals and other items manufactured with salt. Food preservation activities by consumers at home will further stimulate salt consumption through 2020, although gains will be limited by the rising penetration of refrigerators in Indian households.

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Corrosion Inhibitors
US demand for corrosion inhibitors will increase 3.1 percent per year to $2.8 billion in 2020. Growth will be fueled by overall economic expansion, with industries such as chemicals and metals manufacturing particularly benefiting. Recovery in the oil and gas market will take hold by 2020, aiding demand in drilling and hydraulic fracturing applications. This study analyzes the $2.5 billion US market for corrosion inhibitors, with forecasts for 2020 and 2025 by application, market and product. The study also evaluates company market share and profiles industry competitors.

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