

Strategic issues and their implications

Inorganics



The impact of trade disputes on the Chinese and global economies and associated uncertainties with regard to Chinese environmental policy.

- How does it impact demand growth?
- How does it impact Chinese investment decisions?



Repositioning of caustic pricing as necessary to support reinvestment.

- Can PVC values rise in relation to other plastics or will caustic have to carry the full increase for the ECU value?
- What impact will higher caustic prices have on consuming industries? How much will demand be impacted by rising pricing?



Mercury impact for both cell conversion and acetylene based PVC catalysts to meeting Minamata Convention requirements in signatory nations.

- Which producers will convert from Mercury cell units at remaining assets and which ones will close?
- Will additional acetylene based PVC assets ever be built and will existing ones be allowed to continue operating?



IMO 2020

- What is the impact on caustic, vinyls, soda ash, and other inorganic based chemicals?



Plastics sustainability

- How does this impact long term PVC demand growth?
- Will glass paper, and aluminum come back into favor versus plastics due to sustainability efforts?

