

Notification of Price Increase for Synthetic Rubber

May 25, 2006

ZEON Corporation has announced that its selling prices for synthetic rubber will be raised as listed below.

1. Price increase by the product type

- SBR Non-oil extended 13 yen/kg
 - Oil extended 14 yen/kg
- BR 15 yen/kg
- HSD 13 yen/kg
- NBR 16 yen/kg
- HNBR 16 yen/kg
- PB 17 yen/kg
- IR 24 yen/kg
- CHR 30 yen/kg
- ESD 30 yen/kg
- AR 19 yen/kg
- CM A price increase is subject to any further revision of pricing for polymers and subsidiary materials.

2. Effective date

The price rises will come into effect for the June 1, 2006 product delivery.

3. Reason for the price increase

Product profitability has continued to suffer due to price hikes of crude oil, naphtha, butadiene, styrene monomers, and acrylonitrile, as well as rising utility costs, despite our continuing efforts to reduce manufacturing costs. Therefore it is difficult to ensure an ongoing stable supply without adjusting prices to maintain profitability.



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