

China 1,4--Butanediol (BDO) Industry Report, 2008

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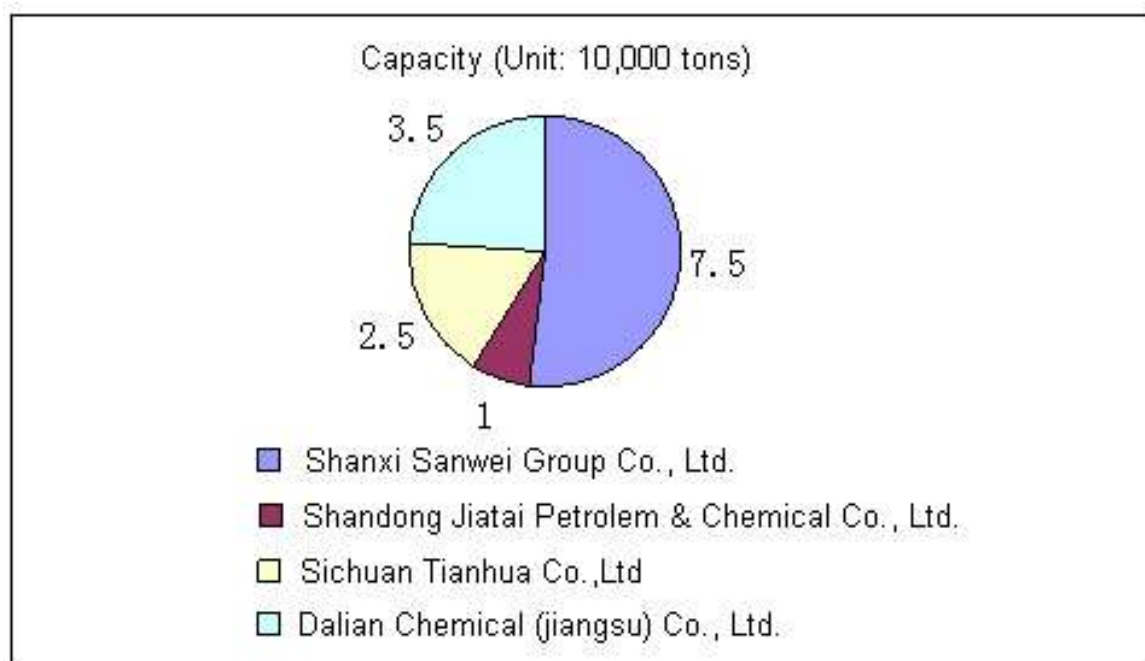
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2. BDO Supply, 2007-2008

2.1 BDO Production, 2007

In 2007, the BDO capacity in China hit 145,000 tons, among which Shanxi Sanwei Group Co., Ltd took up 51.7%. For equipment maintenance in 2007, the actual output of Shanxi Sanwei Group Co., Ltd decreased. The real national output of BDO in 2007 amounted to approximately 120,000 tons, and the operation rate was 80%. Since part of production units were under repairs and maintenance, many BDO manufacturers in reality were in full load operation.

China BDO Production Pattern, 2007



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3.4 China BDO Price Trend, 2007-2008

For the sharp increase of demand from downstream industries in the first quarter of 2007, especially from the booming spandex market, BDO demand increased greatly. However, some BDO production units of companies such as Shanxi Sanwei Group Co., Ltd. were under maintenance, which caused insufficient supply, thus pushed the price rise. Up to the end of March 2007, the price has hiked to CNY 24,000/ton. Afterwards, with the release of BDO capacity and strengthened sales of overseas manufacturers, the BDO price in China fell to be CNY17, 000/ton.

EX-factory Price Trend of BDO, 2006-Mar. 2008



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