

Berre Complex

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About our Berre Complex

LyondellBasell's Berre Complex covers nearly 1,000 hectares located on the edge of Berre l'Étang, near Marseille in the south of France. The fully-integrated petrochemical site includes a refinery, and a polyolefins complex consisting of a steam cracker, a butadiene extraction unit, and world-scale polypropylene and polyethylene plants. The site also includes chemical operations and logistics assets such as harbor facilities, pipelines, storage and distribution terminals. The site is also host to several other chemical companies and is one of the largest petrochemical complexes in southern Europe. The Berre Complex is one of two LyondellBasell sites in southern France, making the company a major economic presence in the region.

The refinery produces fuels and other refined petroleum products. The polyolefins complex produces polypropylene and polyethylene resins used in a wide variety of consumer and industrial applications.

About our Commitment to Social Responsibility

Our commitment to sustainable prosperity balances our responsibility to provide economic value for our stakeholders, while respecting the social concerns of the community in which we operate and demonstrating care for the environment around us.

Economic Impact. Since construction began on the site in 1929, the Berre Complex has been a major economic engine for the community. We provide well-paying jobs and annually purchase millions of euros in local goods and services.

Community Outreach. Many site employees participate in local community organizations and some hold positions such as village mayor or other elective offices. Representatives of site management participate in local council meetings.

Our employees are encouraged to be actively engaged in the local community. Many have participated in LyondellBasell's annual Global Care Day, a day in which thousands of volunteers at company sites around the globe make a difference by participating in local community service projects.

The Berre Complex has strong connections with the education community, and works in partnership with a number of local universities and high schools. The site has also worked in partnership with Berre College to support student participation in an international competition. We routinely provide site tours for student groups and other visitors, and have donated 400 computers to the local educational authorities for use in classrooms. We also participate in the CLEE Comité local Ecole Enterprise. The site regularly donates surplus equipment to community organizations. Donations have included an ambulance, laboratory equipment and safety equipment.

Caring for the Environment.

Our commitment as a socially responsible company means that we operate our facilities in a manner that protects people and the environment, in keeping with the principles of Sustainable Development. Through our culture of Operational Excellence, LyondellBasell companies are committed to continuous improvement in safety and environmental performance.

Our Berre Complex regularly organizes response drills with fire brigades and other emergency response partners. In partnership with local emergency response and education authorities, the site annually provides industrial risk information to all ten schools in the Berre community. Representatives from our site participate in regular meetings with local stakeholders through the Commission Locale d'information et d'Echange (CLIE), and the Commission Locale d'information et de Concertation (CLIC).

Respect for the environment has long been a priority at the Berre Complex, with regular investment in sophisticated technologies aimed at reducing emissions. High-performance production units ensure minimal noise, odors and waste.

About LyondellBasell

LyondellBasell is one of the world's largest plastics, chemical, and refining companies. The company manufactures products at 59 sites in 18 countries. LyondellBasell products and technologies are used to make items that improve the quality of life for people around the world including packaging, electronics, automotive parts, home furnishings, construction materials and biofuels. More information about LyondellBasell can be found at www.lyondellbasell.com