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A New Three-Volume Report

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This three-volume report updates and extends IAL's 1998 report on the Markets for Polyurethane Chemicals and Products in Asia-Pacific. Data for polyurethane production in 2003 and forecasts for 2008 are provided.

Each volume describes three distinct markets within the overall region in detail, whilst the headline data relating to total production and raw material consumption will be collated and summarised in a single volume Executive Summary.

The geographical coverage is:

- Far East – China, South Korea, Japan & Taiwan
- Indian Subcontinent – India & Pakistan
- South East Asia & Australia – Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Other

The three volumes reflect markets at different stages of development, each offering different opportunities for raw material and equipment suppliers. The markets in the Far East are technically developed and heading to maturity, except for China, where despite the huge current production of PU, growth rates of 10-20% pa are still achieved by many producers. Growth here is driven by both domestic and export demand and is expected to continue at the expense of the other three countries in the Far East as producers are relocating production to take advantage of the competitive production costs.

Growth in PU production in the smaller markets of South East Asia depend upon current labour costs, development grants and financial incentives to foreign investors. These markets are still developing and are expected to offer good growth opportunities and the advantages of easier trading conditions when compared to China. India has the world's second largest population after China and there are expectations that this region will be the next major growth market. However development continues to struggle due to a number of problems, including extreme poverty, import tariffs and a bureaucratic Government system.

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