

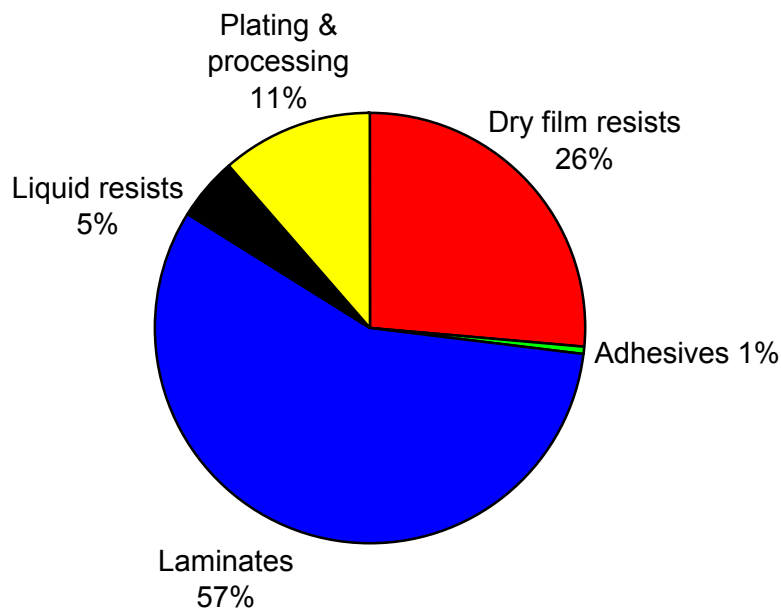
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THE GLOBAL MARKET FOR ELECTRONIC CHEMICALS

IAL Consultants is pleased to announce the availability of the fifth edition of its report, *The Global Market for Electronic Chemicals*.

The world market for electronic chemicals is estimated at approximately US\$27 billion, derived from a US\$15 billion market for semiconductor chemicals and a US\$12 billion market for printed circuit board (PCB) chemicals. The market for PCB chemicals is dominated by laminates, which will grow by 10% pa over the next five years. The PCB chemicals market is shown in more detail below:

**Global Market for PCB Chemicals by Value Share in
2003 (%)**



Source: IAL Consultants

A number of different factors are likely to shape the future of the electronic chemicals industry. In Europe, the European Directive on Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment, passed in 2002, will drive manufacturers of electronic chemicals to produce goods which are cheaper and easier to recycle.

By contrast, rapid changes in technology taking place in the Far East provide other market stimuli, such as:

- The imminent introduction of 3-G mobile phones in Europe, which will elevate the market status of Japanese handset manufacturers;
- The planned development of 4-G mobile phones through Chinese, Korean and Japanese manufacturers, aiming at commercial availability by 2010;
- Advances in digital consumer products such as cameras, personal digital assistants and televisions with developments in liquid crystals and at larger formats, plasma technology;
- The greater use of radiofrequency identification (RFID) technology.

The contents of *The Global Market for Electronic Chemicals* includes a special section profiling Chinese manufacturers of electronic chemicals, reflecting the ongoing transition of the electronics industry to China.

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The Global Market for Electronic Chemicals, which contains in its 190 pages some 91 tables, is available from IAL Consultants, priced £2,500.

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