

2. Trends in caustic soda supply and demand

(Unit: tons at 97%;Share in %)

Fiscal year	Production					Import	Demand			Stock
	Diaphragm cell		Ion-exchange membrane		Total		Domestic	Export	Total	
	Quantity	Share	Quantity	Share						
1998	223,229	5.3	3,972,902	94.7	4,196,131	472	3,702,189	509,586	4,211,775	93,349
1999	27,153	0.6	4,417,611	99.4	4,444,764	1,026	3,770,137	636,870	4,407,007	132,131
2000	-	-	4,430,423	100.0	4,430,423	3,435	3,786,558	678,951	4,465,509	100,480
2001	-	-	4,214,230	100.0	4,214,230	3,907	3,617,981	553,507	4,171,488	147,130
2002	-	-	4,349,470	100.0	4,349,470	4,474	3,689,670	688,133	4,377,803	123,270
2003	-	-	4,379,302	100.0	4,379,302	3,484	3,700,760	656,075	4,356,835	149,218
2004	-	-	4,539,828	100.0	4,539,828	4,109	3,794,984	753,749	4,548,733	144,434
2005	-	-	4,511,868	100.0	4,511,868	3,831	3,790,772	730,270	4,521,042	139,078
2006	-	-	4,468,688	100.0	4,468,688	7,364	3,792,926	641,524	4,434,450	180,649
2007	-	-	4,487,328	100.0	4,487,328	13,335	3,861,857	693,332	4,555,189	126,169