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**PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 2 : CHEMICALS, ETC.**  
**MARCH 1975**

The figures for 1971-72 are derived from the Annual Factory Census. All other annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. Production figures for Northern Territory are included. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. The seasonally adjusted figures have been revised following annual reanalysis. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series will be given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975* (Reference No. 1.10), to be issued shortly.

| Period                 | Acids (in terms of 100% acid) |                 |                   |             |                   | Sodium Hydroxide (100%) (caustic soda) (407.88) | Sulphate of ammonia (405.36) | Super-phosphate (b) |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
|                        | Hydro-chloric (401.29)        | Nitric (401.37) | Sulphuric         |             | Chlorine (405.82) |                                                 |                              |                     |
|                        |                               |                 | Original (401.57) | Seas.ad.(a) |                   |                                                 |                              |                     |
|                        | tonnes                        | tonnes          | '000 tonnes —     |             | tonnes            | tonnes                                          | tonnes                       | '000 tonnes         |
| 1971-72                | 47,370                        | 140,317         | 1,756             | ..          | 102,418           | 127,857                                         | 111,107                      | 3,612               |
| 1972-73                | 40,969                        | 162,680         | 2,265             | ..          | 98,787            | 121,610                                         | 227,864                      | 4,918               |
| 1973-74                | 41,385                        | 183,052         | 2,428             | ..          | 111,220           | 139,220                                         | 244,045                      | 5,313               |
| 1974 —                 |                               |                 |                   |             |                   |                                                 |                              |                     |
| February               | 3,885                         | 6,402           | 226               | 222         | 9,102             | 11,096                                          | 19,222                       | 531                 |
| March                  | 4,551                         | 12,233          | 189               | 205         | 9,319             | 11,641                                          | 18,349                       | 432                 |
| April                  | 3,804                         | 15,392          | 228               | 209         | 10,955            | 13,614                                          | 14,023                       | 496                 |
| May                    | 3,614                         | 17,738          | 223               | 209         | 10,627            | 13,243                                          | 17,655                       | 483                 |
| June                   | 1,095                         | 13,276          | 214               | 214         | 7,577             | 9,610                                           | 20,673                       | 529                 |
| July                   | 3,841                         | 15,815          | 167               | 221         | 10,828            | 13,638                                          | 21,529                       | 302                 |
| August                 | 4,129                         | 16,965          | 160               | 170         | 10,733            | 13,095                                          | 19,305                       | 335                 |
| September              | 4,254                         | 12,658          | 210               | 212         | 7,216             | 9,390                                           | 21,930                       | 443                 |
| October                | 3,594                         | 17,484          | 208               | 190         | 10,577            | 12,858                                          | 23,754                       | 416                 |
| November               | 2,137                         | 16,175          | 179               | 178         | 7,550             | 9,571                                           | 22,497                       | 412                 |
| December               | 3,736                         | 12,962          | 201               | 192         | 8,096             | 10,696                                          | 24,257                       | 466                 |
| 1975 —                 |                               |                 |                   |             |                   |                                                 |                              |                     |
| January                | 3,188                         | 16,085          | 154               | 146         | 8,229             | 10,632                                          | 22,632                       | 249                 |
| February               | 3,417                         | 14,626          | 140               | 138         | 10,842            | 13,377                                          | 22,490                       | 232                 |
| March                  | 3,549                         | 9,509           | 124               | 134         | 8,622             | 11,169                                          | 21,985                       | 191                 |
| 1973-74 : July to Mar. | 32,872                        | 136,646         | 1,763             | ..          | 82,061            | 102,773                                         | 191,694                      | 3,806               |
| 1974-75 : July to Mar. | 31,845                        | 132,279         | 1,544             | ..          | 82,693            | 104,426                                         | 200,379                      | 3,047               |

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Code numbers 415.07 and 405.25. Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate i.e. 22%  $P_2O_5$  equivalent.

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