

ABSTRACT

The cyanoacetic acid plant from chloro acetic acid and sodium cyanide is designed to produce 20,000 tonnes/year and to be operated continuously for 330 days/year and 24 hours/day. In order to fulfill the production capacity, as much as 44,469.83 tonnes/year chloro acetic acid and 10,719.26 tonnes/year sodium cyanide as main raw material and 23,058.43 tonnes/year sodium hydroxide, 25,011.60 tonnes/year water, 9,844.22 tonnes/year sulfuric acid, and 382.29 tonnes/year methyl ethyl ketone as auxiliary materials are required.

The overall process in this plant is hydrolysis of chloro acetic acid with sodium hydroxide and adjusts the phase and temperature of sodium cyanide material in the raw material preparation unit, the sodium chloro acetate cyanidation followed by acidification using sulfuric acid in the synthesis unit, then separated by extraction and distillation process in the product purification unit. The hydrolysis process of chloro acetic acid with sodium hydroxide takes place inside the R-01 continuous stirred tank reactor at 30°C and 1 atm pressure. While the cyanidation process of sodium chloro acetate takes place in the R-02 continuous stirred tank reactor at 90°C and 1 atm pressure, followed by an acidification process using sulfuric acid, which takes place in the acidification chamber R-03 at 30°C and 1 atm pressure. The product of the acidification process will be separated by the extraction process of the packed extraction tower, which is operated counter-current with methyl ethyl ketone as solvent that used to dissolve cyanoacetic acid. Further, the mixture of methyl ethyl ketone, cyanoacetic acid, and a small amount of water as the top product of the packed extraction tower is fed to the distillation tower. In the distillation tower methyl ethyl ketone will be produced as the top product which is then recycled back to the packed extraction tower as solvent and cyanoacetic acid as the bottom product will be cooled and fed to the storage tank of the product.

This plant is planned to be built in the industrial area of Cilegon, Banten with area of 2.95 hectares and 197 employees. The energy required to operate this plant, including electricity is 2,519.23 kW, the water required for the utility is 2,903,239.312 tonnes/year, and the air instrument required is 899 cum/hour

This plant is classified as a low risk plant and requires \$30,045,709.76 + Rp199,466,284,993.76 as fixed capital, \$7,447,516.87 + Rp61,869,162,984.87 as working capital, and \$15,978,787.63 + Rp278,153,630.804 as production cost with annual sales of Rp664,975,069,153.18. The profit before tax is Rp156,167,638,922.68/year and the profit after tax is Rp78,083,819,461.34/year. The ROI value before tax is 24.66%, and ROI value after tax is 12.33%, POT before tax is 3.00 years, POT after tax is 4.75 years, BEP 42.03%, SDP 9.83% dan DCFRR 11.59%. From the economic evaluation, this plant technically and economically interesting to build.