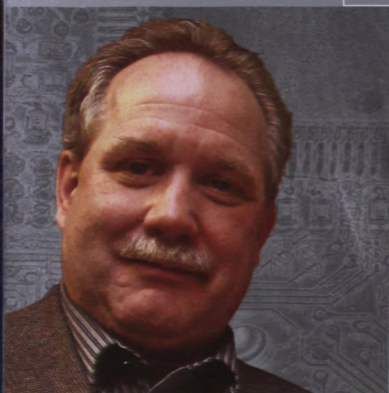


# Chemicals and Plastics



"In Canada, we believe we are optimally located within a well developed petrochemical infrastructure and have access to a wide variety of readily available biomass and cellulosic raw materials."

A.J. (Sandy) Marshall  
President and  
Managing Director,  
LAMXESS (Canada) Inc.

- Canada's chemicals and plastics industry consists of 6,300 firms and it employs 157,000 workers. It delivers exceptional value to investors with shipments totaling \$66 billion in 2009.
- Eight of the world's ten biggest chemicals and plastics firms—including **BASF AG**, **Dow Chemical Co.**, **DuPont**, **ExxonMobil Corp.** and **Shell Chemicals**—have production or R&D facilities in Canada.
- In 2009, six Canadian cities finished among the Top 20 worldwide in overall competitiveness for industrial chemicals plant locations, according to a report by IBM's *Plant Location International*. Toronto was #1.
- Relative to its population, Canada has more R&D specialists in the plastics sector than France, Germany or the United Kingdom. And more than one-third of Canada's chemicals industry workforce holds a university degree—a statistic that puts it second only to the country's information technology sector.
- Canada's strengths in the chemicals and plastics sector include: automotive parts, plastics machinery and moulds, petrochemicals, synthetic resins and agricultural chemicals.

*ExxonMobil Corp.'s Sarnia oil refinery complex is one of the most integrated petrochemicals operations in the world. The chemical plant at this facility has an annual capacity of more than one million tonnes—one of the largest chemicals plants in the world. The facility currently employs about 1,030 workers.*

