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## **WEB RELEASE**

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### **PlastiStab Barium Intermediates Price Increase Announcement**

Halstab has today, November 16, announced an increase in its prices for all types of overbased carbonated barium products. These products are used primarily for the production of PVC liquid mixed metal heat stabilizers used to stabilize flexible PVC. The increase applies to PlastiStab 2116, 2508, 2513, 2106, and 2515. This price adjustment partially offsets the continuing cost increases for raw materials and high demands in global markets. This is especially true for barium hydroxide, a vital raw material used to make these products. Barium hydroxide is in short supply globally, and has seen a recent large increase in cost. Halstab is raising prices worldwide for all of these grades by 8% with effect from January 1, 2011.

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