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'Rs 500-cr investment for Dahej plant expansion'

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Vadodara: Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited (GFL) — a part of Inox Group of Companies — has decided to invest Rs 500 crore towards expansion of its chemical complex at Dahej.

Started as a refrigerant company, GFL had diversified into upstream and downstream chemicals by setting up an integrated complex at Dahej in 2007. Now, it has decided to increase its investment to meet increased demand and for captive consumption.

"With this investment, GFL will be-

come India's largest producer of chloromethanes, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE — an advanced engineering plastic) and HCFC22 (a refrigerant)," a release from the company said on Monday, adding that the investment will increase GFL's production capacity of caustic soda to 1.70 lakh tonnes per annum (TPA), its chloromethane capacity to 1.20 lakh TPA and its PTFE capacity to 12,500 TPA.

"GFL will also enhance the capacity of its captive power plant," the release said, adding that this investment

will make GFL one among few global plants which are fully integrated from salt, gas and fluorspar, to make the advanced engineering polymer, PTFE.

The company plans to sell the caustic soda in Indian and international markets and transfer the entire chlorine produced to its chloromethane plant. "The entire chloroform produced in its chloromethane plant will be used in HCFC22 facility at Ranjitnagar which will be eventually used in PTFE plant," the release said, adding that while the expansion will be commissioned in 2010.

