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# 1 Market situation of L-Cysteine in China

# 1.1 L-Cysteine market price situation

# 1.1.1 L-Cysteine market price trend, 2006-2011

# ✓ L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate

During 2006-2008, the market price of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate in China took on a downtrend. Some reasons can explain that. Firstly, the sufficient supply of direct raw material, L-Cystine, is beneficial for producers of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate who don't self-produce L-Cystine. During 2006-2008, L-Cystine's supply increased from tonnes to tonnes, providing enough raw materials for L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate production. Secondly, some producers of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate expanded capacity during those years. As a result, the fast increasing supply but slowly rising demand made the product's market price decline slightly.

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### 1.2 Major applications in China

In China, L-Cysteine products are mainly used in foods, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and so on. Its total consumption reaches tonnes in 2010. However, the volume is still lower than that in 2008.

L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate constitutes the largest part of the consumption in 2010. Meanwhile, it has the largest market size counted by value with USD million in 2010.

L-Cysteine hydrochloride anhydrous comes next with USD million, much less than L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate due to the less demand for the former.

L-Cysteine base's market size remains stable due to its steady demand in China.

### 2 Production cost and profitability of L-Cysteine in China

### 2.1 Production cost and profitability of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate

In 2010, the top three producers of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate in China are Shine Star (Hubei) Biological Engineering Co., Ltd., Wuhan Grand Hoyo Co., Ltd. and Ningbo Zhenhai Haide Biochem Co., Ltd., with output of tonnes, tonnes and tonnes respectively. The total output of them accounts for % of the national output in 2010.

### 2.1.1 Shine Star (Hubei) Biological Engineering Co., Ltd.

#### 2.1.1.1 Estimation on production cost of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate

Table 2.1.1.1-1 Estimation on production cost of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate in Shine Star, Sept. 2011

Item	Cost, USD/t
Manufacturing cost	
Management cost	
Total	

Source: CCM International

## 2.1.1.2 Estimation on manufacturing cost

Table 2.1.1.2-1 Estimation on manufacturing cost of L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate in Shine Star, Sept. 2011

No.	Item	Unit cost, USD/t
1	Raw materials	
2	Utilities	
3	Labor ①	
4	Packing	
5	Depreciation 2	
Total		

Note: ① There are totally ordinary operators for L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate production in Shine Star. Average salary is USD per month.

② Theoretically, the fixed assets per tonne L-Cystine are about USD and are paid in equal installments in ten years. The fixed assets per tonne L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate are about USD and are paid in equal installments in ten years. Shine Star's operating rates of L-Cystine and L-Cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate are about % and % respectively. Thus, the actual depreciation is USD // t in 2011. Source: CCM International

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