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On Jan. 13, US-based Vista Chemical Co. reported that the company is planning to invest US$250 million in the construction of a plant in Mexico to produce biodegradable detergent. In a press release, the company said the plant would have the capacity to produce 120,000 to 140,000 metric tons per year of linear alkylbenzene, a biodegradable detergent intermediate used worldwide to make household laundry detergents and industrial cleaning products. The plant would employ 200 people. Vista Co. is negotiating with PEMEX to supply the petroleum-based raw materials for the plant's chemical production. Final agreements for the project will probably be completed in the first half of 1993, with start-up anticipated for 1996. (Source: Dow Jones news service, 01/13/93)

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