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campaign to defend the safety of producing paraxylene, or PX, a petrochemical intermediate used mostly for making polyester fibre.

Public opposition to new petrochemical plants threatens to disrupt expansion plans by state energy giants such as Sinopec Corp.

China is the world's largest producer and consumer of PX and polyester, vital for the country's textile industry, which generated \$290 billion of overseas sales, or 13 percent of China's total exports last year, according to customs data.

State-run Sinopec Corp is the top producer of PX by company, but since 2007 smaller private firms -- such as Dalian Fujia, Shandong Lidong and Dragon Aromatics -- have also been adding capacity.

Here is a list of China's main PX plants (capacity in 1,000 tonnes)

INVESTOR	LOCATION	CAPACITY
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SINOPEC		
Shanghai Petchem	Shanghai	835
Yangzi Petchem	Nanjing	800
Fujian refining & Chemical	Quanzhou	700
Jinling Petchem	Nanjing	600
Zhenhai Refining & Chemical	Ningbo	650
Hainan Refining & Chemical	Yangpu	600
Tianjin Petrochemical	Tianjin	334
Luoyang Petrochemical	Luoyang	215
Qilu Petrochemical	Zibo	64
TOTAL		4,798
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PETROCHINA		
Urumqi Petchem	Xinjiang	1000
Liaoyang Petchem	Liaoning	700
Sichuan Petrochem	Sichuan	700
TOTAL		2,400
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CNOOC		
Huizhou Refining & Chemical	Guangdong	840
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INDEPENDENTS		
Dalian Fujia	Dalian	1400
Qingdao Lidong Chemical	Qingdao	700
Dragon Aromatics	Fujian	1600
TOTAL		3,700
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Sources: China Association of Science & Technology, China Chemical Industry and Engineering Society, industry officials.

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