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Abstracts

The Global Sulfuric Acid Market, valued at USD 23.2 billion in 2024, is projected to expand at a CAGR of 11.2% from 2025 to 2034. The growth of this market is primarily driven by the ever-increasing demand for sulfuric acid across multiple industries, particularly in chemical manufacturing, metal processing, and fertilizers. Sulfuric acid is indispensable in numerous applications, acting as a vital catalyst in chemical reactions, and its corrosive properties make it a go-to in industries like infrastructure development. As these sectors continue to thrive, so does the need for sulfuric acid, positioning the market for steady expansion.

Sulfuric acid's versatility is a key factor in its rising demand. Its primary raw materials—elemental sulfur, base metal smelters, pyrite ore, and other sources—are essential for ensuring a consistent supply. The elemental sulfur segment alone contributed USD 12.8 billion to the market in 2024. This is largely due to sulfur's wide availability and cost-effective production processes, making it a dominant player in the industry. Base metal smelters are also significant suppliers, with proven techniques for sulfuric acid production contributing to a stable supply chain. This diversity in raw materials ensures that sulfuric acid remains readily available to meet the needs of its many applications.

When it comes to industrial use, sulfuric acid is pivotal across sectors like textiles, fertilizer production, metal processing, petroleum refining, automotive, pulp and paper, and chemical manufacturing. The fertilizer segment alone accounted for 55% of the sulfuric acid market share in 2024, and this figure is expected to continue its growth as agricultural demands rise globally. The critical role sulfuric acid plays in fertilizers is driven by the increasing need to boost agricultural output worldwide. The chemical industry, too, heavily depends on sulfuric acid to facilitate a variety of chemical

reactions. Furthermore, sulfuric acid is crucial in the metal processing sector, assisting in the extraction of metals like copper and zinc, as well as in the petroleum industry, where it is essential in refining gasoline and other fuels.

In the U.S., the sulfuric acid market generated USD 9.9 billion in 2024, driven largely by the agriculture sector's reliance on sulfuric acid for fertilizer production. The chemical processing and metal industries remain significant consumers, fueling continued regional growth. The rising demand for sulfuric acid in petroleum refining further solidifies its importance in North America, particularly in energy production. With consistent demand across these sectors, the U.S. market for sulfuric acid is set to remain robust throughout the forecast period, contributing significantly to the global market expansion.

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