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Report description:

The anhydrous hydrofluoric acid (AHF) market size is projected to grow from USD 6.9 billion in 2025 to USD 8.44 billion by 2030, registering a CAGR of 4.0% during the forecast period.
The main driver of demand is the increasing need for fluorinated chemicals, which are used in industries such as refrigeration, air conditioning, and electronics. AHF acts as a critical precursor to fluorocarbons and fluoropolymers for these energy-efficient products and is driven by the global trend toward efficiency. The continual decrease in node size (and integration of 3D architecture) is also increasing the use of high-purity AHF in semiconductor manufacturing, as it is significant for the etching and cleaning processes used in high-tech applications, particularly in the Asia Pacific. The demand for AHF will also be sustained, with infrastructure projects likely stimulating aluminum smelting applications as large-scale aluminum production is needed for construction and automotive purposes.

" Fluorosilicic acid type accounted for the fastest growing type segment of the AHF market in terms of value."
The fluorosilicic acid type has been the highest growing segment of the market because of its increasing use as a sustainable and affordable raw material for the production of AHF. Fluorosilicic acid is a very viable by-product of the phosphate fertilizer industry, and it is steadily gaining use as a less traditional means than fluorspar because of advantages in terms of cost and environmental disposal. The direct and indirect processing of fluorosilicic acid into AHF using thermal decomposition or treatment with sulfuric acid is an increasingly viable means to meet the increased demand for high-purity AHF in the electronics, pharmaceuticals, and petroleum refining industries. This predicted growth is primarily driven by the need to enable the environmentally friendly

disposal of various fluorosilicic acid wastes, which meet chemical, environmental regulations and sustainability initiatives. Fluorosilicic acid derived AHF is a critical silicone wafer etching and cleaning material in the semiconductor industry in electronic manufacturing. The increasing synthesis of fluorinated compounds used in the pharmaceutical industry that require AHF as a precursor, is an additional contributor to the expansion of this segment. The development of innovative production processes for commercial scale AHF from fluorosilicic acid-derived AHF, such as electrodialysis for purification of fluorosilicic acid-derived AHF, is ongoing as they allow for better efficiencies in production despite the limitations of being more expensive and lower concentrations than the conventionally used AHF.

"Standard grade to be the fastest-growing grade segment of the AHF market in terms of value."

The standard grade segment has proved to be the fastest-growing segment in the grade segment of the anhydrous hydrofluoric acid (AHF) market. AHF is used across several industries due to its affordability and wide range of applications, all factor into its use either in the direct form or as a derivatized product. Choosing standard grade AHF typically means moderate purities that are more than sufficient for most industries and where ultra-high purity grade AHF is not essential, including petroleum refining, chemical and metal processing applications, and more. Demands for the standard AHF grade across the world have significantly increased as AHF is required in the alkylation process to upgrade to high-octane gasoline for petroleum refining and in regions where there is increasing industrial activity, notably the Asia Pacific.

"Fuming agents accounted for the fastest-growing in application segment of the AHF market in terms of value."

The application of fuming agents is the fastest-growing application segment of the AHF market, and this segment is thriving because it is critically important for specialized industrial processes that require high reactivity. AHF and its subsequent fuming agents possess significant chemical properties, and therefore, their application is becoming increasingly important in numerous industries, such as chemical synthesis, petroleum refining, and specialty materials that constantly evolve, demand, and need AHF's chemical properties to react with compounds to develop new businesses. In the petroleum refinery, AHF can be placed in the unit to develop high-octane gasoline in alkylation units to meet the increase in demand for higher-efficiency fuel supply; however, in regions such as the Asia Pacific, we are seeing rapid growth in demand. The chemical industry provides another area for growth or expansion for fuming agents and compounds to assist in the production of fluorinated compounds, which also include agrochemicals and specialty chemicals that can benefit the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. Furthermore, in the electronics industry, for electronic parts, there is a need for AHF fuming agents for surface treatment and etching processes. AHF fuming agents are used as the industry sees rapid growth in producing high-performing components and circuit boards. In addition to the traditional AHF fuming chemical properties being utilized, the segment also offers opportunities in new or emerging segments like developing advanced materials for renewable energy technologies, such as solar panels, batteries, etc., where advanced or optimizing AHF fuming and/or chemical properties/products will quicken the overall manufacturing process.

"Fluorocarbons was the fastest-growing end-use industry segment of the anhydrous hydrofluoric acid market in terms of value."

The fluorocarbon end-use segment has been the fastest-growing segment of the anhydrous hydrofluoric acid (AHF) market as it plays a vital role in producing critical fluorocarbon compounds for many end users. Fluorocarbons (fluorinated hydrocarbons), including refrigerants, propellants, and specialty gases, use AHF as a significant precursor in one or more of their synthesis processes, which creates demand in several end-use industries, including refrigeration, air conditioning, and chemical manufacturing. In emerging economies, increased urbanization and warmer climates are driving heightened global demand for energy-efficient cooling systems, which leads to the increased demand for fluorocarbon-based refrigerants. The demand for fluorocarbon-based refrigerants has also increased in the automotive and construction industries as fluorocarbons are used in air conditioning systems and insulation materials, respectively. The growth in demand for AHF across each of these segments is further enhanced through the associated infrastructure developments taking place and the desire for consumer comfort. An additional aspect of growth lies in the development and transition toward new environmentally-friendly fluorocarbons, such as hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs), which are now happening globally to meet stricter regulations phasing out high-global-warming-potential compounds. Many of these changes represent opportunities that AHF can now contribute to developing next-generation refrigerants. Fluorocarbons also are sustainable as valuable material inputs in the electronics industry to be used in the plasma etching process (a method used in semiconductor manufacturing), where the overall demand for electronic devices shows no signs of slowing down as demand for devices continues to rise. There are additional contributions for

growth in the fluorocarbon end-use segment, such as new production processing efficiencies, plus other innovative processes that reduce environmental impacts with respect to the associated lifecycle.

In-depth interviews were conducted with Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), marketing directors, other innovation and technology directors, and executives from various key organizations operating in the AHF market, and information was gathered from secondary research to determine and verify the market size of several segments.

-□By Company Type: Tier 1 - 50%, Tier 2 - 30%, and Tier 3 - 20%
-□By Designation: Managers- 15%, Directors - 20%, and Others - 65%
-□By Region: North America - 15%, Asia Pacific - 67%, Europe - 10%, Middle East & Africa - 5%, South America - 3%

The AHF market comprises major players such as Honeywell International Inc. (US), Solvay (Belgium), LANXESS (Germany), Orbia Flour & Energy Materials (Mexico), Zhejiang Yonghe Refrigerant Co.,Ltd. (China), Stella Chemifa Corporation (Japan), Donguye Group Ltd. (China), SRF Limited (India), Gulf Flour (UAE), BASF (Germany), Navin Flourine International Limited (India), and Arkema (France). The study includes in-depth competitive analysis of these key players in the AHF market, along with their company profiles, recent developments, and key market strategies.

Research Coverage
This report segments the market for AHF on the basis of type, form, application, and region, and provides estimations for the overall value of the market across various regions. A detailed analysis of key industry players has been conducted to provide insights into their business overviews, products & services, key strategies, and expansions associated with the market for AHF.
Key benefits of buying this report
This research report is focused on various levels of analysis ? industry analysis (industry trends), market ranking analysis of top players, and company profiles, which together provide an overall view of the competitive landscape; emerging and high-growth segments of the AHF market; high-growth regions; and market drivers, restraints, opportunities, and challenges.
The report provides insights on the following pointers:

-□Analysis of drivers: (Growing demand for fluorinated chemicals), restraints (Highly corrosive nature of AHF is a key operational barrier causing the increased infrastructure and safety cost), opportunities (Growing investments in clean energy solutions (e.g., Lithium-ion Batteries), and challenges (Dependency on high-quality fluorspar in the production of AHF).
-□Market Penetration: Comprehensive information on the products offered by top players in the global AHF market.
-□Product Development/Innovation: Detailed insights on upcoming technologies, research & development activities, product launches, expansions, and partnerships in the AHF market.
-□Market Development: Comprehensive information about lucrative emerging markets. The report analyzes the markets for AHF across regions.
-□Market Capacity: Production capacities of companies producing AHF are provided wherever available with upcoming capacities.
-□Competitive Assessment: In-depth assessment of market shares, strategies, products, and manufacturing capabilities of leading players in the AHF market.

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