

BP Sell Down

Refining NZ advises that BP New Zealand Holdings Limited and Europa Oil NZ Limited (together "BP") contacted it after the market closed yesterday advising that BP was conducting a process overnight to reduce its shareholding in Refining NZ by selling up to 11.1% of the 21.19% it initially held.

The trading halt will remain in place until BP files a substantial product holder notice confirming that it has sold shares. If the full parcel of 11.1% of the shares is sold, BP would be left with 10.09% of the shares in Refining NZ.

BP's reduction in shareholding does not affect the existing contractual arrangements between Refining NZ and BP, including the processing agreement which remains on foot.

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