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Announcement to NZX

Refining NZ Throughput and Margin Report for November/December 2018

Processing Fee income for the November/December period was NZD 49.2 million, underpinned by a Gross Refinery Margin³⁾ (GRM) of USD 6.53 per barrel for the period and throughput of 7.31 million barrels. This performance was very similar to the same period in 2017. Total refinery throughput for the second half of 2018 was the highest ever in the refinery's history and the refinery to Auckland pipeline achieved a new annual throughput record primarily due to its continued investment in capacity upgrading projects to help meet growing Auckland demand.

The Singapore Dubai complex margin for the November/December period was USD 1.80 per barrel, 67 cents lower than the September/October period, impacted by crude oil price volatility and low gasoline margins. However, Refining NZ's November/December uplift over the Singapore Dubai complex margin was strong at USD 4.73 per barrel. Refining NZ's balanced product slate and locational advantage enabled it to achieve a healthy margin notwithstanding current global pressure on gasoline margins.

The average exchange rate for the November/December period was USD/NZD 0.68. Appendix I shows further information on throughput, margin and refining income.

Natural Gas Update

Refining NZ has executed a binding gas supply contract with a first-tier gas reseller that delivers most of its 2019 requirements, subject to gas field maintenance planned in April which the gas producer expects to complete successfully. Nevertheless, Refining NZ continues to build a gas portfolio, will make up any shortfall through firing of liquid fuels and does not expect any material impact on the Company.

Crude Shipping Project

Following further discussions with interested parties, the Environment Court has confirmed the resource consents issued to Refining NZ for its crude shipping dredging project, subject to minor revisions agreed between parties to the appeal. The revisions are considered effective and workable and de-risk this strategically important project which will increase the competitiveness of the refinery with fuel imported from Asia. A date for dredging to commence has yet to be confirmed and is dependent on the successful completion of monitoring activity on the harbour and a final investment decision from the Refining NZ Board.

Historical Analysis

A five year history of Throughput, Margins and Processing Fees is attached as Appendix II and can also be found on the company's website: www.refiningnz.com

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Notes:

1. The information provided in this announcement relates to refining operations only. Revenue from pipeline or other activities is not included.
2. The Processing Fee results reported in this announcement are subject to change due to post announcement price updates and independent audit.
3. Refining NZ's Gross Refining Margin is defined as the typical market value of the products produced minus the typical market value of the feedstock used, expressed per barrel of feedstock used. The margin incorporates the cost of the hydrocarbon used for fuel and incurred as process losses.

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Appendix I – Year to date: 2018

Throughput, Margin and Refining Income

			Total	per bbl
Jan/Feb	Throughput	Barrels (million)	7.01	
	Gross Refining Margin	USD (million)	52.8	7.54
	Gross Refining Margin (excluding Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	52.8	7.54
	Interim Cap adjustment	NZD (million)	0.0	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	37.0	5.28
	Processing Fee (excluding Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	50.8	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	50.8	
Mar/Apr	Throughput	Barrels (million)	6.96	
	Gross Refining Margin	USD (million)	47.5	6.82
	Gross Refining Margin (excluding Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	47.5	6.82
	Interim Cap adjustment	NZD (million)	0.0	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	33.2	4.77
	Processing Fee (excluding Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	45.8	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	45.8	
May/Jun	Throughput	Barrels (million)	3.91	
	Gross Refining Margin	USD (million)	0.7	0.18
	Gross Refining Margin (excluding Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	0.7	0.18
	Interim Cap adjustment	NZD (million)	0.0	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	0.5	0.13
	Processing Fee (excluding Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	0.7	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	0.7	
Jul/Aug	Throughput	Barrels (million)	7.62	
	Gross Refining Margin	USD (million)	52.2	6.86
	Gross Refining Margin (excluding Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	52.2	6.86
	Interim Cap adjustment	NZD (million)	0.0	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	36.6	4.80
	Processing Fee (excluding Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	54.3	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	54.3	
Sep/Oct	Throughput	Barrels (million)	7.64	
	Gross Refining Margin	USD (million)	54.2	7.09
	Gross Refining Margin (excluding Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	54.2	7.09
	Interim Cap adjustment	NZD (million)	0.0	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	37.9	4.97
	Processing Fee (excluding Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	57.8	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	57.8	
Nov/Dec	Throughput	Barrels (million)	7.31	
	Gross Refining Margin	USD (million)	47.7	6.53
	Gross Refining Margin (excluding Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	47.7	6.53
	Interim Cap adjustment	NZD (million)	0.0	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	USD (million)	33.4	4.57
	Processing Fee (excluding Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	49.2	
	Processing Fee (after Floor/Cap)	NZD (million)	49.2	

Note: The GRM for a period may be above or below the Cap of USD 9.00 per barrel due to previous year price updates, which are not subject to the Floor/Cap in the current year

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Explanatory Note

Throughput

Throughput is the volume of feedstock intake, comprising crude oil, residues, natural gas and blendstock, measured in barrels. One barrel equates to approximately 159 litres.

Gross Refining Margin

The Gross Refining Margin is calculated in USD as the difference between the value of products and the cost of feedstock for each refining customer. The value of products use Singapore quoted prices adjusted for New Zealand quality and the cost of importing those products to New Zealand. Feedstocks are valued using the notional market values adjusted for the cost of getting the feedstock to the refinery. The Gross Refining Margin incorporates the cost of hydrocarbon used as fuel and incurred as process losses.

Typically, Refining NZ has an uplift over the Singapore complex margins of around USD 3.00 to 4.00 per barrel. The value of the uplift varies due to fluctuations in freight rates, product quality premium, crude market premium and operational performance. Product quality premium are the cost differentials between products made to New Zealand quality and products made to the quality that applies to quoted prices in Singapore. Crude market premium are the cost differences between the crude types actually processed at Refining NZ and Dubai (used as basis for the Singapore complex margins).

Margin Cap/Fee Floor Adjustment

The processing agreements with our customers contain both Floor and Margin Cap clauses, both effective over a full calendar year.

The Fee Floor is the minimum Processing Fee due, for a calendar year, up to a current maximum of NZD 134 million. If the year-to-date Processing Fee is below the pro-rata Fee Floor, then an interim pro-rata Fee Floor payment is made by the Customers. Should the Processing Fee exceed the Fee Floor in future months any pro-rata Fee Floor payments that have been made are repaid to the Customers.

The Margin Cap limits the Gross Refining Margin for each customer to a maximum of USD 9.00 per barrel over the calendar year. Should the Gross Refining Margin fall below the Cap in future months any pro-rata Cap reductions that have been made are repaid by the Customers.

The Cap and the Floor are subject to year-to-date adjustments.

Any balance remaining at the end of the year cannot be carried over to the next year.

Gross Refining Margin after Cap/Floor

The Gross Refining Margin adjusted for any impacts of the Cap or Floor.

Processing Fee

The Processing Fee is 70% of the Gross Refining Margin after any adjustment for the Cap or Floor. The Processing Fee is paid by our customers in NZD.

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Appendix II - Historical Analysis

Intake/Production, Gross Refining Margin and Processing Fee

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Jan/Feb	Barrels 000's	6,740	7,056	6,826	7,160	7,011
	RNZ USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	3.86	9.91	7.96	6.58	7.54
	Singapore Dubai Complex GRM	0.70	5.40	4.95	3.42	3.37
	Uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex ³⁾	3.16	4.51	3.01	3.16	4.17
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ²⁾	22.0	59.6	57.0	45.9	50.8
Mar/Apr	Barrels 000's	6,146	7,411	7,471	5,140	6,958
	RNZ USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	-2.84	8.77	1.84	9.35	6.82
	Singapore Dubai Complex GRM	1.36	4.82	3.18	3.02	3.75
	Uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex ³⁾	-4.20	3.95	-1.34	6.33	3.07
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ²⁾	20.7	62.3	14.8	48.1	45.8
May/Jun	Barrels 000's	6,976	6,416	6,837	7,755	3,910
	RNZ USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	3.48	8.55	6.26	7.63	0.18
	Singapore Dubai Complex GRM	0.10	4.24	2.13	2.90	2.02
	Uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex ³⁾	3.38	4.31	4.13	4.73	-1.84
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ^{2); 5)}	21.1	48.9	43.3	58.4	0.7
Jul/Aug	Barrels 000's	6,298	7,519	6,833	7,511	7,615
	RNZ USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	6.75	7.66	6.20	8.87	6.86
	Singapore Dubai Complex GRM	-0.55	2.52	1.86	4.70	2.57
	Uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex ³⁾	7.30	5.14	4.34	4.17	4.29
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ²⁾	21.3	63.5	41.3	63.6	54.3
Sept/Oct	Barrels 000's	6,388	7,221	7,251	6,816	7,639
	RNZ USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	7.54	9.47	7.49	9.31	7.09
	Singapore Dubai Complex GRM	2.54	5.12	3.18	4.73	2.47
	Uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex ³⁾	5.00	4.35	4.31	4.58	4.62
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ²⁾	21.0	71.8	52.5	62.2	57.8
Nov/Dec	Barrels 000's	7,127	7,017	7,447	7,342	7,307
	RNZ USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	9.98	10.82	9.20	6.83	6.53
	Singapore Dubai Complex GRM	4.48	6.37	4.19	3.67	1.80
	Uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex ³⁾	5.50	4.45	5.01	3.16	4.73
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ²⁾	62.4	73.0	67.6	50.7	49.2
Total	Barrels 000's	39,676	42,639	42,665	41,724	40,440
	USD GRM per barrel ¹⁾	4.96	9.20	6.47	8.02	6.31
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ²⁾	168.4	379.2	276.6	328.9	258.7
	YTD Cap adjustment		14.4			
	NZD Processing Fee (million) ¹⁾					

1) Excludes Fee Floor/Cap adjustment

2) Includes Fee Floor/Cap adjustment

3) RNZ uplift vs. Singapore Dubai Complex GRM is in USD per barrel

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