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Announcement to NZX

Refinery to Auckland Pipeline Leak

Refining NZ has suffered a leak in its pipeline from the refinery to Wiri, Auckland. The leak is situated eight kilometres south of the refinery at Ruakaka.

The Company expected that the repair could be effected within two days by installing a clamp on the damaged section of the pipe. However, closer inspection after excavating the pipeline has shown that the damaged section needs to be replaced. Our team is now preparing for this work.

After the repair the pipeline will be run at a reduced (70-80%) capacity initially.

Early identification and containment has minimized the environmental impact of the leak. The recovery of the leaked product is almost complete. We have maintained close contact with our local community and are continuing to keep residents updated on progress with our repairs.

Financially, the impact is expected to be twofold (i) reduced pipeline income and (ii) reduced refining income as Refining NZ will have to slow-run or stop units due to ullage constraints in its tank farm. While too early to estimate with absolute accuracy, Refining NZ expects that the revenue impact will be of the order of 10 to 15 NZ\$ million.

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