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OVERVIEW

KPC finalised April 2025 term naphtha supplies

- Gasoline crack spreads rose to a six-month high
- GS Caltex sold March-loading gasoil cargoes
- MRPL sold March-loading jet fuel cargo
- Dangote offers prompt loading LSSR, Slurry

Gasoline 92R vs Singapore naphtha swaps



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PRICES AT GLANCE

\$/bl

Singapore					\$/bl	
	Diff to	Mops				
	Low	High	Low	High	±	
97R gasoline	-	-	87.25	87.45	+1.05	
95R gasoline	-0.05	0.15	86.85	87.05	+0.90	
92R gasoline	0.45	0.65	85.45	85.65	+1.00	
Naphtha	0.90	1.10	73.70	73.80	+1.60	
Jet-kerosine	0.80	1.00	92.20	92.40	+0.80	
			Mid	Prev	±	
RED SAF10 fob 10-day average \$/t*	-	-	824.480	825.600	-1.12	
	Low	High	Low	High	±	
Gasoil 0.5%	-1.25	-1.05	90.90	91.10	+0.45	
Gasoil 0.25%	-1.15	-0.95	91.00	91.20	+0.35	
Gasoil 0.05%	-0.85	-0.65	91.30	91.50	+0.45	
Gasoil 0.005%	-0.15	0.05	92.00	92.20	+0.50	
Gasoil 0.001%	0.25	0.45	92.40	92.60	+0.50	
HSFO 180cst \$/t	6.00	7.00	486.75	487.75	+1.75	
HSFO 380cst \$/t	7.00	8.00	483.00	484.00	-0.25	
Marine fuel 0.5%S \$/t	4.25	5.25	555.25	556.25	+3.00	
*Daily blend prices are published in Argus Biofuels						

South Korea					\$/Ы
	Diff to	Mops			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine	-0.35	-0.15	91.05	91.25	+0.65
Gasoil 0.05%	-2.20	-2.00	89.95	90.15	+0.30
Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)	-0.35	-0.15	91.80	92.00	+0.40
HSFO 180cst \$/t	-	-	497.75	498.75	+1.75
	Diff to	Морј			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Naphtha	4.50	6.50	678.50	680.50	+13.75
Mideast Gulf					\$/bl
	Diff to	Mopag			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
95R gasoline	3.00	3.20	84.05	84.25	+0.90
92R gasoline	3.15	3.35	82.65	82.85	+1.00
Naphtha LR1 \$/t	24.00	26.00	641.30	646.30	+13.63
Naphtha LR2 \$/t	-	-	642.00	647.00	+13.63
Jet-kerosine	1.65	1.85	89.30	89.50	+0.80
Gasoil 0.2%	0.85	1.05	88.50	88.70	+0.45
Gasoil 0.05% (500ppm)	1.20	1.40	88.85	89.05	+0.45
Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)	1.70	1.90	89.35	89.55	+0.50
HSFO 180cst \$/t	-	-	462.75	463.75	+1.75
HSFO 380cst \$/t	38.75	40.75	459.10	460.10	-0.25
Japan					\$/Ы
	Diff to	о Морј			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Naphtha \$/t	6.50	8.50	675.50	680.50	+13.63
Jet-kerosine		-	94.70	94.90	+0.80
Gasoil 0.005%	-	-	92.95	93.15	-0.10
HSFO 180cst \$/t	-	-	501.55	502.55	+1.75
Indonesia					\$/t
	Diff	to Mops			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
0.45%S fuel oil V-1250	-29.10	-28.90	521.99	522.19	+2.74

GASOLINE

The Singapore 92R gasoline crack spread continued to rise with the crack value rising past \$10/bl today to reach a six-month high. The strength in the crack spread was driven by regional supply outflows and a heavy refinery turnaround season in March in Northeast Asia.

Singapore – a major gasoline blending hub – will send a gasoline cargo to South Africa in a rare move, according to data from Enterprise Singapore. The city state sent a 76,000 bl gasoline cargo with a ron rating above 90 but below 97 in the week ending 12 February. The vessel in question, the *Coral Express*, could have loaded cargoes in Malaysia and Singapore in early February and is expected to arrive in Durban, South Africa, on 23 February, according to data from the Automatic Identification System (AIS) from Kpler.

On the supply front, South Korean refiner GS Caltex sold gasoline cargoes for March loading, despite a scheduled turnaround at its biggest crude distillation unit in the same month. The price was around a \$0.2/bl premium to the Singapore spot gasoline assessments for the Philippines non-oxygenated specification grade, and around a \$0.50/bl premium for the 91R non-oxygenated Australian grade. It could have also sold a 98R gasoline cargo at a \$5/ bl premium to the Singapore 92R gasoline assessments, said traders. GS Caltex offered two 300,000 bl gasoline cargoes for 9-13 March and 26-30 March loading from the Yeosu port. The tender closed on 13 March. GS Caltex previously sold 300,000 bl cargoes of gasoline for 11-15 and 14-18 February loading from Yeosu. The price for the Philippines 92R grade was at a slight discount of \$0-0.20/bl to the Singapore 92R spot gasoline assessments. And the non-oxygenated 91R New Zealand grade was sold at around a \$0.50-0.60/bl premium to the same pricing basis.

In South Asia, India's state-controlled refiner MRPL sold March loading gasoline. It sold a 35,000t 95R non-oxygenated gasoline cargo for 9-10 March loading from New Mangalore. The price was around a \$2.25-2.4/bl premium to the average of the *Argus* and Platts Singapore spot gasoline assessments, said traders. MRPL also offered a 40,000t cargo for a similar loading period, although it is unclear whether the refiner was offering a second cargo or just an alternative volume option. The tender closed on 13 February. MRPL last sold 35,000t or 40,000t of 92R non-oxygenated gasoline for 18-19 February loading from New Mangalore. The price was around a \$1.5/bl premium to the average of *Argus* and Platts Singapore spot gasoline assessments. The tender closed on 4 February.

Singapore					\$/bl
	Diff to I Low	Mops High	Low	High	±
97R gasoline			87.25	87.45	+1.05
95R gasoline	-0.05	0.15	86.85	87.05	+0.90
92R gasoline	0.45	0.65	85.45	85.65	+1.00
Non-oxy gasoline	1.65	1.85	86.75	86.95	+1.00
Mideast Gulf					\$/bl
	Diff to N Low	lopag High	Low	High	±
95R gasoline	3.00	3.20	84.05	84.25	+0.90
92R gasoline	3.15	3.35	82.65	82.85	+1.00
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Fujairah					\$/bl
	-	Mopag			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
95R gasoline	3.00	3.20	87.10	87.30	+0.95
92R gasoline	3.15	3.35	85.30	85.50	+0.90
Durban					\$/t
		Low	Hig	h	±
95R gasoline	73	05 50	735.72		+7.61
75K gasotine	735.52 735.72			2	+7.01
Singapore reforming s	pread				\$/bl
	T	oday	Previou	s	±
97R gasoline	1	13.60	14.1	5	-0.55
95R gasoline	1	13.20	13.90		-0.70
92R gasoline		11.80	12.4	0	-0.60
Singapore 95R gasoline	e swap				\$/bl
		Low	Hig	h	±
Feb	;	87.10	87.3	0	+0.95
Mar	8	6.80	87.0	0	+0.85
Apr	8	6.80	87.0	0	+0.95
Singapore 92R gasoline	e swap				\$/bl
		Low	Hig	h	±
Feb	8	35.40	85.6	0	+0.90
Mar	8	84.85	85.0	5	+0.90
Apr	8	4.30	84.5	0	+0.90
Gasoline East-West Sp	read				\$/bl
East-west Feb spread					-0.95
East-west Mar spread					-1.50





NAPHTHA

Naphtha crack spreads continued to rally further on 14 February because a strong deal done during the afternoon trading session lifted the Japan c+f naphtha prices by more then Ice Brent values.

In tender news, Kuwait's state-owned refiner KPC finalised its term negotiations to sell naphtha for loading during April 2025 to March 2026. KPC sold its full-range naphtha cargoes at a premium of around \$19.75/t to the Mideast Gulf spot assessments, said several market participants. Its light naphtha cargoes were sold at higher premiums of around \$21.75/t, also to the Mideast Gulf spot naphtha assessments. This was lower than KPC's earlier term sales for December 2024-November 2025 loading naphtha. KPC had concluded the December batch at a premium of around \$22.50/t for full-range naphtha and \$24.50/t for light naphtha. The premiums were priced against the Mideast Gulf spot naphtha assessments.

The lowered premiums in this latest sale, could be traders trying to "compensate" for the higher premiums and prices paid previously, suggested Asia-based market participants. Naphtha prices have also been on an upward trend recently driven by supply fears, although several traders cautioned that some fears might not pan out as there are still supplies to be found in the market. Demand for naphtha from the petrochemical sector is weak due to poor cracking margins, and planned cracker turnarounds in Korea and Japan during April and May will likely keep the petrochemical demand appetite lean.

But there is demand upside from China, with Chinese market participants noting that domestic naphtha prices have gone up due to leaner refinery output, which is making naphtha imports more attractive. Demand is also set to rise with the impending start of Wanhua Chemical's newest Yantai cracker, with several expecting this to materialize in March or April. Meanwhile, others are also closely eyeing the start-up of ExxonMobil's latest cracker in Huizhou. ExxonMobil had started operations at its linear low-density polyethene No.1 unit in Huizhou earlier this month, said several China-based market participants. But the producer purchased feedstock externally to run this downstream unit, as its steam cracker is not up yet. Naphtha market participants said Exxon's Huizhou plant will start operating the rest of its downstream units first before kickstarting operations at the steam cracker. Exxon has likely already secured term supplies for naphtha ahead of the start-up of this 1.6mn t/ year steam cracker. Some said this could be as early as March, while others said the start-up might only be towards the end of the second quarter.

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Singapore					\$/bl
	Diff to	Mops High	Low	High	±
		-		•	
Naphtha	0.90	1.10	73.70	73.80	+1.60
Northeast Asia					\$/t
	Diff to	Морј			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Japan	6.50	8.50	675.50	680.50	+13.63
South Korea	4.50	6.50	678.50	680.50	+13.75
Mideast Gulf					\$/t
	Diff to	Mopag			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Naphtha LR1	24.00	26.00	641.30	646.30	+13.63
Naphtha LR2	-	-	642.00	647.00	+13.63
Fujairah					\$/t
	Diff to Low	Mopag High	Low	High	±
Naphtha	24.00	26.00	654.90	655.90	+10.70
Japan open-specification naphtha forward prices \$/t					
		Low	High		±
			-		
16-31 Mar 1-15 Apr		3.50 9.50	684.50 680.50		+14.50
16-30 Apr		'5.50	676.50		+13.50
		5.50			
Japan naphtha swaps					\$/t
		Low	High	I	±
Feb	67	2.50	673.50	I	+10.75
Mar	66	4.25	665.25	i.	+10.00
Apr	65	4.50	655.50		+8.75
Singapore naphtha swa	DS				\$/bl
		Low	High		±
Feb		3.35	73.55		+1.25
Mar		2.40 71.30	72.60 71.50		+1.10 +1.00
Apr	,	1.30	71.50		
NWE naphtha swaps					\$/t
		Low	High	I	±
Feb	65	58.15	658.35		+10.00
Mar	6-	47.15	647.35		+10.00
Apr	63	86.15	636.35		+8.50
Naphtha arbitrage					\$/t
East-west Feb spread					14.750
East-west Mar spread					17.500
Japan Mar vs NWE Feb					6.500
Japan Apr vs NWE Feb					-3.250



JET-KEROSINE

The jet fuel crack spread narrowed further on 14 February, as the Singapore jet fuel rose by less than Dubai crude values.

Meanwhile, the Singapore jet fuel February-March spread widened on the day to \$0.80/bl, from \$0.70/bl in the previous session. The March regrade — or the price differential between Singapore jet-kerosine and gasoil swaps — was assessed higher on the day at -\$0.85/bl. The Asian jet market continues to be supported by lean resupplies into the Singapore straits. But supplies could also tighten further, with spring maintenance season starting soon for Asian refiners.

Singapore's middle distillate inventories rose for the third consecutive week to a nine-week high in the latest week to 12 February, according to latest data from Enterprise Singapore. However, the rise in stocks is because of higher gasoil imports. Jet fuel imports into Singapore stayed lean for the second consecutive week. Singapore imported merely 220 bl of jet fuel in the latest week, while exports also fell by 57pc to 406,000 bl.

In tender sales, India's state-owned refiner MRPL sold one March-loading jet A-1 fuel cargo. The refiner sold either 40,000t (315,000 bl) or 60,000t to load from New Mangalore on India's west coast within 8-10 March. The deal concluded at around a \$0.70/bl discount to the average of *Argus*' and Platts' Singapore spot jet fuel assessments, traders said. The tender had closed on 13 February with same-day validity. MRPL last sold a 60,000t of jet A-1 fuel for loading from New Mangalore within 22-24 February, at around \$1/bl discount to the average of *Argus*' and Platts' Singapore spot assessments for jet fuel, traders said. Oil major Shell could have been the buyer of that cargo. The earlier spot tender had closed on 4 February with same-day validity.



Singapore					
	Diff to	Mops			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine \$/bl	0.80	1.00	92.20	92.40	+0.80
			Mid	Prev	±
RED SAF10 fob 10-day average \$/t*	-	-	824.480	825.600	-1.12
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*Daily blend prices are published in Argus Biofuels

South Korea					\$/bl
	Diff to Mops Low High		Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine	-0.35	-0.15	91.05	91.25	+0.65

Mideast Gulf					\$/Ы
	Diff to Mopag				
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine	1.65	1.85	89.30	89.50	+0.80

Fujairah					\$/bl
	Diff to	Mopag			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine	1.65	1.85	89.90	90.10	+0.60

Japan			\$/bl
	Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine	94.70	94.90	+0.80

Durban			\$/t
	Low	High	±
Jet-kerosine	728.74	728.94	+6.30

Singapore jet-kerosine swaps			\$/bl
	Low	High	±
Feb	91.85	92.05	+0.60
Mar	91.05	91.25	+0.50
Apr	90.00	90.20	+0.40
2Q25	89.45	89.65	+0.65
3Q25	88.60	88.80	+0.85
4Q25	88.15	88.35	+1.20



GASOIL

Asian gasoil crack spreads narrowed on 14 February after rising for the past five consecutive sessions, as the Singapore gasoil swap rose by less than Dubai crude values.

Meanwhile, the February-March Singapore gasoil spread was assessed at a backwardation of \$0.45/bl, strengthened further from \$0.40/bl in the previous session.

The recent sluggish demand of high-sulphur gasoil (HSGO), coupled with an unexpected HSGO offer from Vietnam, has weighed heavily on the latest spot deals done for the high sulphur grade.

In tender news, South Korean refiner GS Caltex concluded a spot cargo to sell two March-loading gasoil cargoes. The refiner sold one 300,000 bl cargo of 50ppm sulphur gasoil for loading from Yeosu within 21-25 March. The deal was likely done at around a mid-\$1/bl discount to the Singapore spot 10ppm sulphur gasoil assessments.

The refiner also sold, through the same tender, a 260,000 or 300,000 bl cargo of 500ppm sulphur gasoil cargo. This cargo was sold at around a \$2.10-2.50/bl discount to the Singapore spot gasoil assessments, said several traders. The price was significantly lower than GS Caltex's previous sale of a late-February loading HSGO cargo. GS Caltex had last sold 500ppm sulphur gasoil for loading from Yeosu within 23-27 February, through a spot tender that closed on 3 February.The 300,000 bl cargo was sold at a discount of about \$1.50/bl to the Singapore spot assessments.

Regional HSGO demand appears to be weaker than expected. Both Vietnam and Indonesia - usual importers of high sulphur gasoil, are importing less HSGO, said market participants.

Another reason for the slow HSGO demand, could be because of muted fishing demand which usually falls during the Lunar New Year period.

Meanwhile, high freight rates could have also weighed on the cash differentials of recent spot deals done, said a Singapore-based trader.

Over in the Mideast Gulf, Kuwait's state-owned KPC concluded a spot tender to sell a 60,000t cargo of 10ppm sulphur gasoil for loading from Kuwait during 10-11 March. The cargo was sold at around a \$1.80/bl premium to the Mideast Gulf spot 10ppm sulphur gasoil assessments, said market participants. The tender closed on 11 February. KPC previously sold a similar-sized cargo of 10ppm sulphur gasoil for loading within 22-23 February. That deal concluded at around a \$2/bl premium to the Mideast Gulf spot 10ppm sulphur gasoil assessments, said market participants. The earlier tender closed on 5 February

Singapore	D. C.				\$/bl
	Diff to	Mops High	Low	High	±
Gasoil 0.5%	-1.25	-1.05	90.90	91.10	+0.45
Gasoil 0.25%	-1.25	-0.95	90.90	91.10	+0.45
Gasoil 0.05% (500ppm)	-0.85	-0.65	91.30	91.50	+0.45
Gasoil 0.005% (50ppm)	-0.15	0.05	92.00	92.20	+0.50
Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)	0.25	0.45	92.40	92.60	+0.50
South Korea			_		\$/bl
	Diff to	Mops	_		Şrbt
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Gasoil 0.05%	-2.20	-2.00	89.95	90.15	+0.30
Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)	-0.35	-0.15	91.80	92.00	+0.40
Mideast Gulf					\$/bl
		Mopag			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
Gasoil 0.2%	0.85	1.05	88.50	88.70	+0.45
Gasoil 0.05% (500ppm)	1.20	1.40	88.85	89.05	+0.45
Gasoil 0.005% (50ppm)	1.60	1.80	89.25	89.45	+0.50
Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)	1.70	1.90	89.35	89.55	+0.50
Fujairah					\$/Ы
	Diff to Low	Mopag High	Low	High	±
Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)	1.70	1.90	90.65	90.85	+0.50
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Japan		Low	His	2h	\$/bl +
		Low	Hig		±
Gasoil 0.005% (50ppm)		Low 92.95	Hiş 93.		± -0.10
					±
Gasoil 0.005% (50ppm)				15	± -0.10
Gasoil 0.005% (50ppm)		92.95	93.	15 gh	± -0.10 \$/t
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RESIDUAL FUELS

The Argus 0.5pc sulphur marine fuel crack spread, or the Argus Singapore March VLSFO swap against Dubai crude values, fell below \$10/bl today, from \$10.40 yesterday, while the high-sulphur fuel oil (HSFO) 380cst crack spread also softened to around -\$1.8/bl from -\$1.23/bl.

The Singapore 0.5pc sulphur marine fuel balance February and March spread was assessed lower at \$4.75/t in backwardation from \$5/t. A fresh low-sulphur straight-run fuel oil (LSSR) tender issued from Nigeria's 650,000 b/d Dangote refinery has added to more near-term supply length in the market, sending prompt and forward time spreads lower.

Nigeria's 650,000 b/d Dangote refinery issued a tender offering around 88,000t (568,000bl) of LSSR and 40,000t of slurry for prompt 26-28 February loading. The tender's closing date could not be confirmed. This is the third such cargo the refiner has offered since the end of January, suggesting its refinery's residual fluid catalytic cracking unit (RFCC) is not operating at full capacity. LSSR fuel oil is typically used as a feedstock in the RFCC unit to produce gasoline.

The 0.5pc sulphur marine fuel east-west spread also edged lower to \$38.75/t from \$41/t, reflecting the weaker sentiment in the Asian VLSFO complex, and keeping the arbitrage closed.

In its previous two tenders, the refiner offered a similar amount of LSSR and slurry for 13-17 February and early February loading. The early February loading cargo, loaded onto the Sea Onyx, is currently moving towards Singapore and is expected to arrive in the first week of March, according to data from global trade analytics platform Kpler. The 13-17 February loading cargo is scheduled to load soon, likely aboard the vessel Leni P, although the charterer could not be confirmed. Traders also speculate that this cargo may be destined for Singapore.

In tender sales, Kuwait's state-owned KPC closed a tender to sell high-sulphur fuel oil (HSFO) for end February loading. The refiner sold 60,000t of 2.5pc sulphur HSFO for 26-27 February loading from Kuwait, through a tender that closed on 13 February. The price was around a low \$20/t premium to the average of Mideast Gulf 380cst spot assessments, according to market participants. But this could not be officially confirmed with KPC.

KPC last closed on 15 January a tender to sell two 60,000t cargoes of similar specification HSFO for 1-2 February and 8-9 February loading. The tender was likely awarded to Saudi Arabia's state-controlled Aramco Trading at around a \$24-26/t premium to the pricing basis, market sources said.

Singapore					\$/t
		o Mops			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
HSFO 180cst	6.00	7.00	486.75	487.75	+1.75
HSFO 380cst	7.00	8.00	483.00	484.00	-0.25
HSFO 180cst 2% sulphur	-	-	497.75	498.75	+1.75
Marine Fuel 0.5%S	4.25	5.25	555.25	556.25	+3.00
Marine Fuel 0.5%S (Diff to 380cst)	79.25	80.25	-	-	
Mideast Gulf	_	-	_	_	\$/t
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	Low	High	Low	High	±
HSFO 180cst	-	-	462.75	463.75	+1.75
HSFO 380cst	38.75	40.75	459.10	460.10	-0.25
South Korea					\$/t
		Low	Hig	h	±
HSFO 180cst	49	7.75	498.7	5	+1.75
Japan					\$/t
		Low	H	igh	±
HSFO 180cst		501.55	502	.55	+1.75
Indonesia					\$/t
	Diff to	Mops			
	Low	High	Low	High	±
0.45%S fuel oil V-1250	-29.10	-28.90	521.99	522.19	+2.74
Singapore					\$/t
HSFO 180cst swaps		Low	Hig	h	±
Feb	48	7.00	488.0	0	+2.25
Mar		7.50	478.5		+2.75
Apr	46	5.75	466.7	5	
2Q25	46	0.50			+2.75
			461.5		+2.50
3Q25		0.25	441.2	5	+2.50 +4.25
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CHINA OIL PRODUCTS

China transportation fuels

Sales of trucked gasoline and diesel cargoes at Shandong independent refiners were relatively weak on 14 February, because prices are still too high for most mid- and downstream buyers to accept.

Prompt demand is returning to typical levels, further weighing on sales.

Gasoline prices from trucked cargoes at Shandong independent refineries fell by Yn64/t to Yn8,508/t, while diesel prices fell by Yn47/t to Yn6,873/t.

Traders purchased more shipped diesel cargoes than gasoline because on expectations of stronger diesel demand in March. Diesel demand is expected to rise because agricultural spring plowing in the southern part of China is taking place soon and construction projects are also gradually starting.

Refiners in the Bohai bay area sold a total of 253,650bl of diesel and 84,500bl of gasoline on the day. *Argus*-assessed shipped cargo gasoline prices in the region fell from Yn8,105/t to Yn8,050/t, while diesel prices fell from Yn6,880/t to Yn6,859/t.

Oil product export arbitrage from China to Singapore remains closed so far. Gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel export margins to Singapore are -\$8/bl, -\$3/bl, and -\$4/bl respectively, *Argus* data show.

China fuel oil and bunkers

China's delivered bunker fuel prices rose, and buying activity for large-sized deals picked up with firmer crude in Shanghai.

Zhoushan's reported very low-sulphur fuel oil (VLSFO) traded volumes shrank to 4,950t, down by 1,900t from the previous day. VLSFO prices in Zhoushan rose by \$3/t to \$551.50/t on 13 February. Two marine gasoil (MGO) deals totalling 275t were done in Zhoushan at \$695-770/t.

Three high-sulphur fuel oil (HSFO) deals totalling 2,880t were done at \$496/t in Zhoushan. The scrubber spread in Zhoushan, or the difference between VLSFO and HSFO prices, widened to \$55.50/t from \$51/t in the previous session.

Six VLSFO deals totalling 6,650t were concluded in the \$548-551/t range in Shanghai. One MGO deal for 50-100t was agreed at \$720/t in Shanghai.

Gasoil 0.001% (10ppm)		Yn/t (inc	. tax)	\$/bl (exc. tax)
		ine (inc		
Bohai fob			6,859	91.05
Yangtze River Delta (YRD) ex t	апк		7,032	92.70
Bohai-YRD freight			110 63	2.02
YRD-freight-Bohai (arbitrage)			NA	-0.37 92.50
Singapore fob			NA	92.50
Singapore-Bohai (arbitrage) ex freight			NA	1.45
92R Gasoline				
		<i>Yn/t</i> (inc	. tax)	\$/bl (exc. tax)
Bohai fob			8,050	85.85
Yangtze River Delta (YRD) ex t	ank		8,262	87.80
Bohai-YRD freight			110	1.78
YRD-freight-Bohai (arbitrage)			102	0.16
Singapore fob			NA	85.55
Singapore-Bohai (arbitrage) ex freight	кс.		NA	-0.30
South China fuel oil fob				yuan/t
		Low	Hig	h ±
HSFO 180cst barge ex-termina	ι	4,010	4,03	0 +20.00
South China fuel oil c+f				\$/t
	L	ow	High	±
Feb	497	.20	499.20	+1.75
Mar	487	.70	489.70	+2.25
Apr	475	.95	477.95	+2.25
Bunkers 380cst				\$/t
	Low	High	,	± bi۸
	2011	ingn	r	I
Singapore	-	-	497	
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Singapore 92R gasoline vs Singapore Marine fuel 0.5%S \$/t





OIL PRODUCT CRACK SPREADS





Oil Product crack spreads		
	Period	
Dubai swaps		\$/Ы
Singapore fuel oil 180cst	Mar	-1.13
Singapore gasoil	Mar	16.76
Singapore jet	Mar	15.91
Ice Brent crude		\$/t
Japan naphtha c+f half month 1	na	na
Japan naphtha c+f half month 2	1-15 Apr	114.43
Japan naphtha c+f half month 3	16-30 Apr	110.43
Ice Brent crude		\$/bl
Singapore naphtha fob spot	-	-1.66
Singapore 97R gasoline	-	11.94
Singapore 95R gasoline	-	11.54
Singapore 92R gasoline	-	10.14

METHODOLOGY

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DEALS AND TENDERS

	,	Product				
MRPL Unk			Volume	Diff Basis	Price \$	Timing
	nknown	Gasoil	400,000t	Argus and Platts average	+2.20	05 Mar-06 Mar
GS Caltex Unk	nknown	Gasoline	300,000 bl	Mops	+0.50	09 Mar-30 Mar
	nknown	Gasoline	37,500t	Argus and Platts average	+2.30	09 Mar-10 Mar
Haldia Petro- Chemicals Unk	nknown	Gasoline	10,000t	Mops	+3.00	01 Apr-30 Apr
chemicals Chinese Petroleum Corp	nknown	Gasoline	9,000t	Mops	+18.00	05 Mar-26 Mar
	nknown	Gasoline	300,000 bl	Mops	+0.20	09 Mar-30 Mar
Chinese Petroleum Corp Unk	nknown	Gasoline	125,000 bl	Mops	+12.00	05 Mar-26 Mar
•	nillips 66	Gasoline 92R Singapore	100,000 bl		85.50	11 Mar-15 Mar
PTT Trading She	nell	Gasoline 95R Singapore	50,000 bl		+0.10	05 Mar-09 Mar
PTT Trading Unip	nipec	Gasoline 97R Singapore	50,000 bl		87.20	12 Mar-16 Mar
KPC Unk	nknown	HS Fuel Oil	60,000t	Mops	+22.50	26 Feb-27 Feb
MRPL Unk	nknown	Jet Fuel	400,000t	Argus and Platts average	-0.70	08 Mar-10 Mar
BP Vito	tol	Naphtha open spec Japan c+f	25,000t		680.00	01 Apr-15 Apr

Issued tende	ers				
Issuer	Trade	Timing	fob/cfr location	Close	Valid
Ceylon Petro- leum	Sell 110,000bl of Min para 70pc naphtha	19-20 Mar	fob Colombo	18 Feb	21 Feb
Pertamina	Buy 2x200000bl of jet fuel	27 Feb - 6 Mar	fob Singapore/Malaysia	14 Feb	18 Feb
KPC	Sell t of light naphtha	1 Apr - 31 Mar	fob Kuwait	14 Feb	14 Feb
KPC	Sell t of full-range naphtha	1 Apr - 31 Mar	fob Kuwait	14 Feb	14 Feb

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NEWS

Rare gasoline flow from Singapore to S Africa emerges

Singapore — a major gasoline blending hub — will send a gasoline cargo to South Africa in a rare move, according to data from Enterprise Singapore.

The city state sent a 76,000 bl gasoline cargo with a ron rating above 90 but below 97 in the week ending 12 February, according to Enterprise Singapore. The vessel in question, the *Coral Express*, could have loaded cargoes in Malaysia and Singapore in early February and is expected to arrive in Durban, South Africa, on 23 February, according to Automatic Identification System (AIS) from Kpler.

A flow between the countries last took place in December 2024, when Singapore sent 476,000 bl to South Africa, according to GTT customs data.

Most of South Africa's gasoline import volumes come from the Mideast Gulf, India and the Mediterranean region, according to global shiptracking firm Kpler.

The arbitrage flow to South Africa, coupled with more arbitrage flows from Asia-Pacific to Mexico, is expected to support gasoline prices, said market participants. Mexico's state-controlled trading firm PMI recently bought around 2-3 medium-range combined cargoes of gasoline and jet fuel from Asia-Pacific, pulling supply away from the region. The Asian gasoline crack spread, or the *Argus* Singapore 92R gasoline spot assessments against ICE Brent rose, to a six month high of \$9.89/bl on 13 February, the highest level since 29 July 2024, when the spread was at \$10.08/bl. *By Aldric Chew*

Canadian refinery runs tick down: CER

Canadian refinery runs fell by 0.2pc in the week ended 4 February as declines in western Canada and Ontario outweighed gains in Quebec and eastern Canada.

Nationwide refinery throughputs decreased from the prior week by 3,800 b/d to 1.67mn b/d, according to the Canada Energy Regulator data, but throughputs were up by 2.9pc from the same week last year.

The weekly decline was led by western Canada where throughputs fell nearly 1pc on the week to 627,300, although throughputs were up by 4.1pc from the same week last year. Refinery utilization in the region fell on the week by 0.9 percentage points to 90.1pc.

Throughputs in Ontario slipped 0.7pc from the week prior to 365,300 b/d and were down by 7.5pc from the same week last year. Refinery utilization in the region was down by 0.6 percentage points on the week to 87.4pc. Suncor's 85,000 b/d Sarnia refinery suffered process interruptions on 16 and

Canadian refining throughputs and utilization					
Region	4 Feb 25	28 Jan 25	±%		
Throughputs, '000 b/d					
Quebec and eastern Canada	680.2	675.2	0.7		
Ontario	365.3	367.9	-0.7		
Western Canada	627.3	633.5	-1.0		
National	1,672.8	1,676.6	-0.2		
Refinery utilization %			±		
Quebec and Eastern Canada	97.0	96.3	0.7		
Ontario	87.4	88.0	-0.6		
Western Canada	90.1	91.0	-0.9		
National	92.1	92.4	-0.3		

— Canada Energy Regulator

22 January, according to local community alerts.

In Quebec and eastern Canada, throughputs increased by 0.7pc on the week to 680,200 and were up 8.2pc from the same week last year. Utilization rates in the region rose on the week by 0.7 percentage points to 97pc.

Nationwide, refinery utilization dropped by 0.3 points from the previous week to 92.1pc, while utilization rates were up by 2 percentage points on the year. *By Jenna Baer*

PBF Torrance refinery suffers power outage

PBF Energy reported a power outage at its 160,000 b/d Torrance, California, refinery this afternoon.

Flaring associated with a "mechanical/electrical malfunction" began at 2:29pm ET, according to a filing with local environmental regulators.

Affected units were not disclosed.

PBF said earlier today that it would maximize operations at Torrance to make up for lost west coast capacity brought on by the continued shutdown of its 156,400 b/d Martinez, California, refinery, which remains offline after a four-day fire in the beginning of February that is under investigation by local public health regulators. By Gordon Pollock

Trump claims deal to sell US oil, LNG to India

Indian companies will step up purchases of US crude and LNG in coming years, US president Donald Trump claimed as he hosted Indian prime minister Narendra Modi at the White House late Thursday.

"The prime minister and I reached an important agreement on energy that will restore the US as a lead supplier of oil and gas to India," Trump said at a press conference following their meeting. "It will be, hopefully, the number one supplier in the groundbreaking development for us."



The US was never a top crude supplier to India, which until 2022 primarily had relied on Middle East producers for crude imports. Russian crude has become by far the largest source of India's imports since 2022, as a result of EU import bans and G7 sanctions that limited Russian exports to primarily destinations in China and India.

Trump chided his predecessor, Joe Biden, for allegedly ignoring India's energy security needs. "I don't think India had a very good relationship with the Biden administration," Trump said. "Biden wouldn't sell them oil and gas."

The US' crude exports to India peaked at 420,000 b/d in 2021, and have declined since then to average 228,000 b/d in January-November 2024, US Energy Information Administration (EIA) show. Monthly LNG exports to India reached a record 45.2 Bcf of gas equivalent in May 2024, but have declined since then, according to the EIA.

Energy is part of a broader array of business deals, including military equipment, that Trump said he reached with Modi in a bid to reduce the trade deficit the US is running with that country.

"The US trade deficit with India is almost \$100bn and prime minister Modi and I have agreed that we'll be getting negotiations to address the long running disparities," Trump said.

The US trade deficit with India was \$46bn in 2024, according to US Census Bureau data.

India is among the potential targets of Trump's tariffs as his advisers accuse Delhi of "unfair treatment" for US companies as the reason for the trade deficit.

Trump did not provide any details of the energy deal he announced. Modi, in turn, also spoke about it in general terms.

"Our teams will work on concluding, very soon, a mutually beneficial trade agreement" and boosting bilateral trade, Modi said. "In order to ensure India's energy security, we will focus on trade in oil and gas. Investment in energy infrastructure will also increase."

Russian crude has become more expensive for Indian buyers this year. Delivered discounts for Urals have narrowed to \$2.70/bl dap west coast India relative to benchmark North Sea Dated, from \$3.50-4.00/bl in fourth-quarter 2024. By Haik Gugarats

Trump announces plan for 'reciprocal' tariffs

President Donald Trump said today he would impose "reciprocal tariffs" on imports from an undisclosed number of countries sometime in the future, a move that could affect imports of ethanol and likely many other energy commodities.

The idea behind the next major wave of tariffs Trump plans to unveil is to raise the US import tariffs to the same level foreign countries charge on exports from the US. A fact sheet circulated by the White House singled out Brazil's tariffs on US-sourced ethanol and EU's higher tariffs on imported cars as examples of the allegedly discriminatory treatment that Trump would attempt to address.

"They charge us a tax or tariff, and we charge them the exact same tax, very simple," Trump told reporters at the White House.

As with his first tariffs against Canada and Mexico - paused until 4 March - and against China, which went into effect on 4 February, there is a great deal of regulatory uncertainty on how or when the tariffs will be implemented.

"Nobody knows what that number is, unless you go by the individual country, and you can see what it is," Trump said.

So far, the pending actions do not yet appear to be as severe or hastily implemented as Trump's recent comments led many to believe. His directive does not set a specific deadline for when the reciprocal tariffs will be imposed. It merely directs US government agencies to review if US exporters face higher taxes and other trade barriers compared with their foreign competitors, and to propose countermeasures.

The review preceding the potential imposition of 'reciprocal tariffs' will be complete by 1 April, Trump's commerce secretary nominee, Howard Lutnick, said. "We'll be ready to go on 1 April and and we'll hand it to the president, and he'll make a decision," Lutnick said.

The intent of the directive is to force foreign countries to lower their tariffs against the US. But that outcome is not guaranteed. Trump's 10pc tariff on imports from China, and Beijing's more limited counter-tariffs, went into effect this month despite his claim that he would quickly negotiate with Beijing to avert a trade war.

In what is becoming a norm with the tariff announcements, Trump is alternatively downplaying inflationary effects of such tariffs, or casting any negative effects as justified.

The tariffs are going to result in "tremendous amounts of jobs, and ultimately prices will stay the same, or go down, but we're going to have a very dynamic country," Trump said.

Prompted by the reporters to say if voters would hold him responsible for any resulting spike in inflation, Trump said, "prices could go up somewhat short-term, but prices will also go down."

The White House, at least, no longer rejects descriptions of tariffs as a tax, even though it continues to insist that only foreign exporters - not US consumers - will be paying it.

Trump has imposed a 25pc tariff on imported steel and aluminum that will become effective on 12 March.

The 1 April date referenced in today's announcement is also a deadline set in an earlier Trump executive order for all US government agencies to investigate the causes of "our



country's large and persistent annual trade deficits in goods". That review is the first step in planned imposition of tariffs on national security and other grounds against imports from the EU, UK, India, Vietnam and other major economies.

The large deficit the US runs in trade in goods with India will be a subject of Trump's meeting later today with Indian prime minister Narendra Modi. The US expects India to step up purchases of crude and other energy commodities to better balance bilateral trade.

Trump likewise told Japan's prime minister Shigeru Ishiba last week that Tokyo should ensure that Japanese energy companies source more US oil, LNG and ethanol to "get rid of" the US' trade deficit with Japan. By Haik Gugarats

IEA trims 2025 global refinery runs forecast

The IEA has trimmed its forecast for global refinery runs in 2025 to 83.3mn b/d, which is 80,000 b/d below its previous projection but still higher than an estimated 82.7mn b/d in 2024.

The downgrade in the 2025 forecast is led by "a more cautious assessment for Russia", the agency said in its latest *Oil Market Report*.

Non-OECD regions will still drive all of this year's forecast growth in global crude runs, the IEA said. It expects Africa, China, the former Soviet Union and other non-OECD Asian economies to collectively contribute "to growth of around 900,000 b/d".

The agency has left its forecast for OECD throughput broadly unchanged at 35.7mn b/d. This is despite cold weather in North America weighing on US refinery runs in January and LyondellBasell's 260,000 b/d Houston refinery "winding down operations sooner than expected", it said.

The IEA cut its projection for throughput in OECD Americas for the first quarter but the "relative outperformance" of margins on the US Gulf coast "led us to raise our forecast for the remainder of the year", it said.

The IEA's forecast for OECD crude runs is 340,000 b/d lower than last year's throughput, underpinned by capacity closures in Europe and the US, including 370,000 b/d of closures in Germany and the UK.

Northwest European refining margins weakened in January, as North Sea Dated crude prices rose faster than light distillate values, the IEA said. Margins for refiners running light sweet crude fell by less than \$1/bl, while margins for those running sour crude fell by over \$2/bl.

European refiners remained reliant on North and South American crude imports, with Brazilian and Guyanese barrels staying competitive, it said. By Jide Tijani

Singapore's middle distillate stocks hit 9-week high

Singapore middle distillate inventories rose for the third consecutive week to a nine-week high in the latest week to 12 February, according to latest data from Enterprise Singapore.

Middle distillate onshore stocks rose because higher gasoil imports offset a rise in exports. Out of a total of more than 1.8mn bl of gasoil imports into the city-state, Singapore received 439,000 bl of gasoil exports from Russia during the week, for the first time since October 2024.

Jet fuel imports into Singapore stayed lean for the second consecutive week. Singapore imported merely 220 bl of jet fuel in the latest week, while exports also fell by 57pc to 406,000 bl.

Singapore's onshore fuel oil inventories continued to rise for the second consecutive week as imports spiked, while exports fell. Inventories continued to rise as more supplies for replenishment move to the region while bunker demand remains weak. The majority of fuel oil arrivals were from Indonesia and Brazil, while the bulk of outflows headed to Hong Kong and New Caledonia.

Singapore's onshore light distillate inventories fell marginally after two consecutive weeks of rises, possibly because of a surge in gasoline export volumes for the week ending 12 February. The city-state's gasoline export volumes rose sharply by 83pc to 6.45mn bl as exports to neighbouring countries Indonesia and Malaysia almost tripled on the week to 4.16mn bl. There was also a rare export to South Africa. *By Aldric Chew, Asill Bardh, Cara Wong and Yawen Lu*

Singapore onshore stocks (we	ruary '25)	mn bl	
	Volume	± w-o-w	± w-o-w (%)
Light distillates			
Stocks	16.3	-0.1	-0.6
Naphtha imports	2	1.4	285.6
Naphtha exports	0	0	n/a
Gasoline imports	5.3	3	125.5
Gasoline exports	6.5	2.9	83.8
Middle distillates			
Stocks	10.6	0.2	2.1
Gasoil imports	1.8	0.8	76.9
Gasoil exports	2.4	0.5	25.6
Jet fuel imports	0	0	-44.4
Jet fuel exports	0.4	-0.5	-57.1
Residual fuels			
Stocks	20.1	0.8	4.3
Fuel oil imports	5.5	2.5	83.6
Fuel oil exports	1.2	-1	-46.7
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