

MARKET REPORT

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BRENT CRUDE OIL**PLATTS GASOLINE****ICE GAS OIL**

LOCATIONS	PMS	AGO	DPK
	[MT]	[MT]	[MT]
LAGOS	831,526	120,767	-
P.H.	27,877	-	-
DELTA	85,079	7,700	-
CALABAR	27,986	-	-

GLOBAL	PRICE
BRENT	119.03 \$/bbl
ICE GAS OIL	1233.75 \$/mt
PLATTS GASOLINE	3.3897 \$/gal
PLATTS 3.5% FUEL OIL FOB MED	572.051 \$/mt

PRICE (EX DEPOT) NGN / Litre, (LPG/ton 10³)

	LAGOS	P.H.	DELTA	CALABAR
PMS	155-157	176-180	162	162
AGO	613-625	-	-	-
LPG	570	577.5	570-578.5	-

FX RATES (BUYING/SELLING)

25/03/2022	USD	GBP	EUR
NGN (CBN RATE)	415/416	548/549	457/458
NGN (INTER BANK)	-	-	-
NAFEX	416.33	-	-

NIGERIA

The Group Managing Director (GMD) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited made a site visit to assess some pipelines impacted by activities of oil bunkers in Rivers State. Alhaji Kyari expressed that the NNPC will work with relevant stakeholders in the country to tackle oil theft and illegal refineries in such communities. The GMD further said there is a reinforced collaboration among security agencies, regulators, oil companies and host communities to end oil theft in these communities. Alhaji Kyari said pipeline vandalism, oil theft and illegal refining activities were threatening the growth of Nigeria's oil and gas industry. The GMD said the Nigerian Navy have made several arrests and prevented illegal movement of oil through the vessels.

The Minister of State Petroleum Resources, Chief Timipre Sylva, has reiterated Nigeria's position of advocating for an energy transition programme that is beneficial to the country and continent. Chief Sylva said Nigeria will continue the crusade for a multifaceted energy transition timetable that will attract more investments to Africa while taking cognisance of the current global energy transition to renewable energy. This declaration is coming on the heels of a collective decision by African petroleum and energy ministers to present one voice at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) scheduled for Egypt in November; and for Africa to be allowed to continue to exploit its hydrocarbon deposits for the development of the continent. Chief Sylva and Egyptian Energy Minister Terek El Molla have been the voices in articulating a multi-track approach to the energy transition programme for Africa. For the energy transition programme to be meaningful, both leaders believe Africa must be factored into the global energy transition programme.

WAF**GABON**

VAALCO Energy announced the hire of DOF Subsea to perform subsea construction and installation services offshore Gabon, where the company operates the Etame field. The contract is for the support of the subsea reconfiguration associated with the replacement of the existing Floating Production, Storage and Offloading unit (FPSO) with a Floating Storage and Offloading vessel (FSO) at the offshore field. VAALCO in 2021 said it had struck a charter deal with the FSO owner World Carrier Offshore Services Corp for the Cap Diamant, a double-hull crude tanker built-in 2001, which will be converted to an FSO for operations at the Etame field. VAALCO said deploying the FSO at the field would significantly reduce storage and offloading costs by almost 50%, increase effective storage capacity by over 50%, and extend the field's life, resulting in a corresponding increase in recovery and reserves at Etame. DOF Subsea will provide all personnel, crew, and equipment necessary to assist with reconfiguring the Etame field subsea infrastructure to flow field production to the replacement FSO. VAALCO said engineering and design work concerning the field infrastructure upgrade has been completed with subsea work planned to start in July and be completed before the FSO is operational in September 2022. DOF Subsea offshore construction vessel Skandi Hercules will carry out the work. The work scope includes transporting over 5,000 meters of new flexible pipelines from the UK to install in the Etame field; the retrieval and relocation of existing in-field flowlines and umbilicals and assisting in the connection of new risers to the FSO.

GLOBAL

On Thursday 24th March, crude prices fell almost 3% as Europe dropped the idea of banning Russian supply while the United States and its allies spoke of another coordinated release from its reserves to ease the oil deficit heightened by the Russian-Ukraine war. The U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures was down \$3.55 at \$111.38 in post-settlement trade, while Brent crude futures fell \$3.88, or 3.2%, at \$117.72 at 2:40 PM ET (18:40 GMT). The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) weekly report for Wednesday 23rd March showed a fall in crude oil inventories by 2.5 million barrels from the week ending March 18. At 413.4 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 13% below the five-year average for this time of year.

Crude prices fell after the European Union did not agree on a plan to boycott Russian oil. But EU leaders also said they would not comply with Moscow's demand to buy oil and gas using rubbles. The United States and its allies discussed a possible further coordinated release of oil from storage to help calm oil markets. The apparent discovery of a partial fix for the outage at the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) in the Black Sea also pushed the market down from the previous day's highs of above \$120 barrel. After a successful inspection, the CPC is partially ready to resume oil loadings. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said that the pipeline, which ships around 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd) of Kazakh and Russian oil combined, may be completely closed for up to two months due to storm-damaged berths on the Black Sea terminal.

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