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CALTEX REFINER MARGIN UPDATE (JUNE 2012)

An *ASX Release* titled "Caltex Refiner Margin Update (June 2012)" is attached for immediate release to the market.

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Caltex Refiner Margin Update (June 2012)

Caltex advises its realised lagged[1] Caltex Refiner Margin (CRM[2]) in respect of CRM sales from production for the month of June 2012.

Measure	June 2012	May 2012	June 2011
Unlagged CRM	US$9.09/bbl	US$10.93/bbl	US$6.51/bbl
Impact of 7 day lag (negative)/positive	US$5.34/bbl	US$1.62/bbl	US$1.39/bbl
Realised CRM	US$14.43/bbl	US$12.55/bbl	US$7.90/bbl
CRM Sales from production	901ML	1,055ML	766ML

Unlagged Singapore Weighted Average Margin remained in line with May 2012 margins (US$13.62/bbl vs. May US$13.35/bbl). However, June unlagged CRM (US$9.09/bbl versus May US$10.93/bbl) was dampened by higher crude premia due to a number of June cargoes being priced off higher May crude markers.

The fall in Dated Brent crude price during the month from US$110/bbl (May 2012 average) to US$95/bbl (June 2012 average) drove the favourable timing lag of US$5.34/bbl.

June 2012 CRM sales from production, whilst lower than May 2012, were higher compared to June 2011. This reflects strong refinery production levels in June 2012, whilst weather events and an unplanned plant shutdown in June 2011 impacted prior year production.

Notes

1. A fall in the Australian dollar crude price, particularly at the latter end of the month produces a positive lag effect on the CRM (i.e. increases the CRM) and, conversely, in the event of a rise in the Australian dollar crude price, a negative lag effect occurs (i.e. reduces the CRM) .

2. CRM represents the difference between the cost of importing a standard Caltex basket of products to eastern Australia and the cost of importing the crude oil required to make that product basket.

   The CRM is calculated in the following manner:

   Weighted Singapore product prices (for a standard Caltex basket of products)
   Less: Reference crude price (from 1 January 2011 the Caltex reference crude marker is Dated Brent, in 2010 it was APPI Tapis)

   Equals: Singapore Weighted Average Margin (Dated Brent basis)

   Plus: Product quality premium
   Crude discount
   Product freight

   Less: Crude premium
   Crude freight
   Yield Loss

   Equals: Caltex Refiner Margin

   The Caltex Refiner Margin is converted to an Australian dollar basis using the prevailing average monthly exchange rate.

   CRM is just one contributor to the Replacement Cost Operating Profit (RCOP) EBIT earnings (excluding significant items). Other items contributing to the RCOP EBIT include Transport Fuels Marketing volume and margin, Lubricants and Specialties volume and margin, Non-Fuel Income and Other Margin less Operating Expenses.

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