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CALTEX REFINER MARGIN UPDATE (AUGUST 2014)

An *ASX Release* titled "Caltex Refiner Margin Update (August 2014)" is attached for immediate release to the market.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Lim", written in a cursive style.

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Attach.

ASX Release

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Caltex Refiner Margin Update (August 2014)

Caltex advises its realised lagged¹ Caltex Refiner Margin (CRM²), in respect of CRM sales from production for the month of August 2014.

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013
Unlagged CRM	US\$9.77/bbl	US\$11.49/bbl	US\$6.84/bbl
Impact of 7 day lag positive/(negative)	US\$0.76/bbl	US\$2.09/bbl	US(\$1.22)/bbl
Realised CRM	US\$10.53/bbl	US\$13.58/bbl	US\$5.62/bbl
CRM Sales from production	836ML	951ML	947ML

The August unlagged CRM was US\$9.77/bbl. This is below the prior month (July 2014: US\$11.49/bbl), but above the prior year comparative (US\$6.84/bbl). Regionally, the unlagged Caltex Singapore Weighted Average Margin was US\$12.92/bbl, lower than the prior month (July 2014: US\$14.14/bbl), but higher than the prior year (August 2013: US\$10.51/bbl).

Lower Brent crude oil prices (partly offset by stronger petrol and diesel product prices, and a lower exchange rate) in the last week of August drove a favourable US\$0.76/bbl seven day timing lag (July favourable: US \$2.09/bbl).

August 2014 realised CRM was US\$10.53/bbl. This is below the prior month (July 2014: US\$13.58/bbl), but above the prior year comparative (August 2013: US\$5.62/bbl).

Sales from production in August 2014 (836ML) were lower than both the prior year (August 2013: 947ML) and preceding month (951ML).

For the eight months from 1 January 2014 to 31 August 2014, the average realised CRM was US\$9.92/bbl (2013: US\$11.02/bbl) with CRM sales from production up 5% to 7,336ML (2013: 6,974ML).

Period end 31 August	YTD 2014	YTD 2013
Unlagged CRM	US\$9.36/bbl	US\$11.59/bbl
Realised CRM	US\$9.92/bbl	US\$11.02/bbl
CRM Sales from production	7,336ML	6,974ML

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)

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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