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◎RECX-22 index

RECX-22 index for Tuesday was 121.95, up 1.18 points from the previous day.

◎NOTICE

◎Introduction of Rim Trading Board (RTB)

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©Japan Domestic Waterborne Spot Market (Barges FOB Refinery/Primary Storage, in Yen/kl)					
	Tokyo Bay (Keihin/Chiba)		West Japan (Hanshin/Setouchi)		
	Fixed Price	Floating	Fixed Price	Floating	
Gasoline	65,800 – 66,600	-1,200 / -400	65,800 – 66,600	-1,200 / -400	
Kerosene	61,000 – 62,000	-2,000 / -1,000	+ 62,000 – 63,000	-1,100 / -100	
Gasoil-0.001%S	67,500 – 67,700	-900 / -700	67,000 – 67,700	-1,200 / -500	
AFO-0.5%S	65,000 – 65,900	-1,200 / -300	65,000 – 65,900	-1,100 / -200	
AFO-0.1%S	65,500 – 66,400	-1,100 / -200	65,500 – 66,400	-1,100 / -200	
LSCFO-0.3%S	61,500 – 62,500	-500 / 500	61,500 – 62,500	-500 / 500	
HSCFO-3.0%S	54,000 – 55,000	-500 / 500	54,000 – 55,000	-500 / 500	
Marine Fuel Oil					
VLSFO-0.5%S	64,500 – 65,500		64,500 – 65,500		
HSCFO-3.0%S	54,000 – 55,000		54,000 – 55,000		
Floating price assessments in premiums or discounts against Rim monthly average On the 26th of the current month (or the next business day in case the 26th is a holiday) when the price assessments shift to trades for lifting in the next month, the comparison of the price with that of the day before is not indicated.					
-Tokyo Bay Refinery Rack Index-					
Gasoline	65,325	-75			
Kerosene	64,775	unch.			
Gasoil-0.001%S#	66,150	unch.			
AFO-0.5%S	64,750	-125			
LSAFO-0.1%S	65,200	-50			
# before-tax gasoil					
-Japan Crude Cocktail or JCC(MOF CIF Japan Crude Prices, in Yen/kl)-					
21/05/01-31	44,881r	21/06/01-30	47,596r	21/07/01-31	49,874
21/05/01-10	44,465	21/06/01-10	46,498	21/07/01-10	47,227
21/05/11-20	44,404	21/06/11-20	47,955	21/07/11-20	50,998
21/05/21-31	45,429	21/06/21-30	48,306	21/07/21-31	50,822

©Japan Product Paper Swap Assessments (FOB Tokyo Bay in Yen/kl)			
	Aug	Sep	Oct
Gasoline	65,800 – 66,600	+ 62,500 – 63,500 +	+ 64,000 – 65,000 +
Kerosene	61,000 – 62,000	+ 61,700 – 62,700 +	61,900 – 62,900
Gasoil	67,500 – 67,700	+ 66,500 – 67,500 +	+ 65,100 – 66,100 +
AFO-0.5%S	65,000 – 65,900	+ 63,600 – 64,500 +	+ 63,100 – 64,000 +
AFO-0.1%S	65,500 – 66,400	+ 64,100 – 65,000 +	+ 63,600 – 64,500 +
LSCFO	61,500 – 62,500	+ 60,100 – 61,100 +	+ 59,600 – 60,600 +
HSCFO	54,000 – 55,000	+ 52,600 – 53,600 +	+ 52,100 – 53,100 +

©TOCOM Energy Futures (FOB Tokyo Bay Refinery/Primary Storage in Yen/kl)						
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Change	Volume
Gasoline						
Sep	62,110	62,400	61,500	61,500	+600	5
Oct	61,200	62,970	61,200	62,970	+1,770	2
Nov	61,490	61,700	61,310	61,490	+2,040	5
Dec	60,770	60,900	60,670	60,820	+1,970	9
Jan	60,440	60,700	60,370	60,700	+1,920	26
Feb	59,440	60,690	59,410	60,690	+2,030	61
Total						108
Kerosene						
Sep	60,000	61,200	60,000	60,700	+2,100	7
Oct	-	-	-	60,920	0	-
Nov	60,240	60,350	60,240	60,350	+1,630	2
Dec	60,290	60,700	60,290	60,700	+1,790	26
Jan	60,350	60,430	60,350	60,430	+1,930	2



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Feb	59,860	60,540	59,520	60,340	+1,940	54
Total						91
Gasoil						
Sep	-	-	-	65,500	+600	-
Oct	-	-	-	64,100	+1,500	-
Nov	-	-	-	63,600	+1,500	-
Dec	-	-	-	63,100	+1,400	-
Jan	-	-	-	62,600	+1,400	-
Feb	-	-	-	62,200	+1,300	-
Total						-
Crude oil						
Aug	47,500	47,690	47,500	47,510	+560	6
Sep	45,800	46,240	45,800	46,150	+1,770	22
Oct	45,490	45,820	45,310	45,670	+1,730	82
Nov	44,940	45,380	44,800	45,200	+1,710	161
Dec	44,340	44,880	44,260	44,700	+1,640	1,040
Jan	44,100	44,540	43,910	44,360	+1,630	6,326
Total						7,637
In contracts of 50 kiloliters						
Open interest (08/23) (Short): Gasoline 1,010 Kerosene 725 Gasoil 0 Crude oil 91,058						
Open interest (08/23) (Long): Gasoline 1,010 Kerosene 725 Gasoil 0 Crude oil 91,058						

©CFR Japan MR Cargoes (Naphtha and FO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)			
	-Physical-	-Premium-	Import Cost (Yen/kl)
Naphtha	+ 639.00 - 640.00 +		49,586
Oct 1st-half	+ 637.75 - 638.25 +	-2.00 / -1.50#	
Oct 2nd-half	+ 639.00 - 639.50 +		
Nov 1st-half	+ 639.50 - 640.00 +		
Jet/Kerosene	+ 74.90 - 75.00 +	1.80 / 1.90	55,367
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 76.25 - 76.35 +	0.75 / 0.85	56,712
FO 0.3%S	+ 528.00 - 538.00 +	120.00 / 130.00*	60,613
FO 380cst 3.5%S	+ 398.50 - 399.50 +	1.75 / 2.75	46,141
--Exchange rate (TTS Yen/\$ as of Aug 24) 110.77 (MUFG Bank)			
*Premium in density at 0.95			
#Price gap between first half-month and third half-month is reference information.			
**Index price for reference			
The yen/kl price for jet/kerosene includes Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 346/kl import duty.			
The yen/kl price for gasoil 0.001%S includes Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 750/kl import duty.			
The yen/kl prices for FO 380cst and LSF0 include Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 249/kl import duty.			

©FOB Japan MR Cargoes (HSFO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)			
	-Physical-	-Premium-	Export Cost (Yen/kl)*
Jet/Kerosene	+ 73.20 - 73.30 +	0.10 / 0.20	53,376
Gasoil CARB DIESEL	+ 74.80 - 74.90 +	-0.70 / -0.60	54,480
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 74.55 - 74.65 +	-0.95 / -0.85	54,308
FO 380cst 3.5%S	+ 386.00 - 387.00 +	-10.75 / -9.75	44,165
--Exchange rate (TTM Yen/\$ as of Aug 24) 109.77 (MUFG Bank)			
*Yen/kl prices include Yen 2,800/kl refund.			

©FOB Singapore Cargoes (FO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)			
	-Physical-	-Premium-	
Mogas 97RON	+ 80.60 - 80.70 +	3.55 / 3.65*	
95RON	+ 78.65 - 78.75 +	1.60 / 1.70*	
92RON	+ 77.00 - 77.10 +	0.35 / 0.45*	
Naphtha	+ 69.40 - 69.50 +	1.30 / 1.40	
Jet/Kerosene	+ 72.90 - 73.00 +	-0.20 / -0.10	



Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 75.55 - 75.65 +	0.05 / 0.15
Gasoil 0.05%S	+ 71.80 - 71.90 +	-3.70 / -3.60
FO 0.5%S	+ 500.00 - 510.00 +	-2.00 / 8.00
FO 180cst 3.5%S	+ 412.75 - 413.75 +	4.75 / 5.75
FO 380cst 3.5%S	+ 403.00 - 404.00 +	6.25 / 7.25

* Premium to FOB Singapore Mogas 92RON. 92RON Physical price does not include Premiums.

©FOB Indonesia LSWR Cargoes		
	-Physical-	-Premium-
LSWR 0.45%S(\$/mt)	+ 454.00 - 456.00 +	46.00 / 48.00*
LSWR 0.45%S(\$/bbl)	+ 68.80 - 69.10 +	

*Premium to Singapore HSFO 180cst paper swaps

©Singapore Paper Swaps (FO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)			
	Sep	Oct	Nov
Naphtha	+ 68.05 - 68.15 +	+ 67.55 - 67.65 +	+ 67.00 - 67.10 +
Jet/Kerosene	+ 73.05 - 73.15 +	+ 73.05 - 73.15 +	+ 73.05 - 73.15 +
Regrade	+ -2.45 - -2.35 +	+ -2.25 - -2.15 +	+ -1.95 - -1.85 +
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 75.45 - 75.55 +	+ 75.25 - 75.35 +	+ 74.95 - 75.05 +
FO 0.5%S	+ 501.75 - 502.25 +	+ 498.25 - 498.75 +	+ 495.50 - 496.00 +
FO 180cst 3.5%S	+ 407.75 - 408.25 +	+ 400.25 - 400.75 +	+ 395.00 - 395.50 +
FO 380cst 3.5%S	+ 396.50 - 397.00 +	+ 390.00 - 390.50 +	+ 385.50 - 386.00 +

©Singapore Crack Margins (Against Dubai Swaps, in \$/bbl)			
	Sep	Oct	Nov
Naphtha	0.93	1.04	1.16
Jet/Kerosene	5.93	6.54	7.21
Gasoil 0.001%S	8.33	8.74	9.11
FO 0.5%S	10.06	10.13	10.38
FO 180cst 3.5%S	-4.40	-4.94	-5.08
FO 380cst 3.5%S	-6.13	-6.52	-6.54

©FOB South Korea Cargoes (FO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)			
MR Cargoes	-Physical-	-Premium-	
Mogas 91RON/0.001%S	+ 77.85 - 78.05 +	0.80 / 1.00*	
Mogas 92RON/0.005%S	+ 76.25 - 76.45 +	-0.80 / -0.60*	
Jet/Kerosene	+ 73.20 - 73.30 +	0.10 / 0.20	
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 74.55 - 74.65 +	-0.95 / -0.85	
Gasoil 0.05%S	+ 73.15 - 73.25 +	-2.35 / -2.25	
Gasoil 0.25%S	+ 71.95 - 72.05 +	-3.55 / -3.45	
Gasoil 0.5%S	+ 71.45 - 71.55 +	-4.05 / -3.95	
FO 0.3%S	+ 513.00 - 523.00 +	105.00 / 115.00***	
FO 0.5%S	+ 462.00 - 472.00 +	-40.00 / -30.00	
FO 380cst 3.5%S	+ 387.00 - 388.00 +	-9.75 / -8.75	
SR Cargoes	-Physical-	-Premium-	Import Cost(Yen/kl)#
Mogas 91RON	+ 79.50 - 79.60 +	2.45 / 2.55*	61,390
Kerosene	+ 74.00 - 74.50 +	0.90 / 1.40	57,109
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 76.45 - 76.55 +	0.95 / 1.05	59,080
LSAFO 0.1%S	+ 72.55 - 72.75 +	-2.95 / -2.75**	52,848
FO 0.3%S	+ 523.00 - 533.00 +	115.00 / 125.00***	63,097

*Premium to FOB Singapore Mogas 92RON

**Premium to Singapore Paper Swaps values (0.001%S gasoil)

***Premium in density at 0.95

in Yen/kl, Basis Nagoya (Basis Keihin for LSF0 0.3%S)



The yen/kl price for Mogas includes Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 934/kl import duty.

The yen/kl price for kerosene includes Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 346/kl import duty.

The yen/kl price for gasoil 0.001%S includes Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 750/kl import duty.

The yen/kl price for LSFO includes Yen 2,800/kl petroleum tax and Yen 249/kl import duty.

©FOB Taiwan Cargoes (in \$/bbl)

MR Cargoes	-Physical-	-Premium-
Mogas 93RON	+ 77.60 - 77.80 +	0.55 / 0.75
Jet/Kerosene	+ 73.10 - 73.20 +	0.00 / 0.10
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 74.80 - 74.90 +	-0.70 / -0.60
Gasoil 0.05%S	+ 73.15 - 73.25 +	-2.35 / -2.25
Gasoil 0.25%S	+ 72.55 - 72.65 +	-2.95 / -2.85
Gasoil 0.5%S	+ 72.15 - 72.25 +	-3.35 / -3.25

©FOB China Cargoes (in \$/bbl)

MR Cargoes	-Physical-	-Premium-
Mogas 92RON	+ 76.80 - 77.00 +	-0.25 / -0.05
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 74.55 - 74.75 +	-0.95 / -0.75
Gasoil 0.005%S	+ 74.15 - 74.35 +	-1.35 / -1.15

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	(FO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)		(Yuan/mt)	(Yuan/mt)
	-Physical-	-Premium-	-Import Cost-	-Domestic-###
North China				
Mogas 92RON***	+ 77.95 - 78.15 +	0.90 / 1.10	7,259	7,580 - 7,630
Gasoil 0.001%S*	+ 76.25 - 76.35 +	0.75 / 0.85	5,846	6,100 - 6,150
East China				
Mogas 92RON***	+ 77.85 - 78.05 +	0.80 / 1.00	7,253	7,450 - 7,500
Gasoil 0.001%S*	+ 76.15 - 76.25 +	0.65 / 0.75	5,841	- 5,950 - 6,000 -
South China				
Mogas 92RON***	+ 78.05 - 78.25 +	1.00 / 1.20	7,266	+ 7,450 - 7,500 +
Gasoil 0.001%S*	+ 76.35 - 76.45 +	0.85 / 0.95	5,852	+ 6,000 - 6,050 +
FO 380cst 3.5%S**	+ 416.25 - 417.25 +	19.50 / 20.50	4,459	4,400 - 4,450 ##

--Exchange rate (MIDDLE Yuan/\$ as of Aug 24) 6.4805

***Yuan/mt prices for Mogas include 1% duty, 13% value added tax and Yuan 2,082/mt consumption tax.

*Yuan/mt prices for Gasoil include 1% duty, 13% value added tax and Yuan 1,428/mt consumption tax.

**Yuan/mt prices for FO include 1% duty, 13% value added tax and Yuan 1,218/mt consumption tax.

China FO Domestic prices are of bunker use grade.

China Domestic prices are reference information provided by Rim Beijing office.

©FOB Middle East Cargoes (Naphtha and HSFO in \$/mt, Others in \$/bbl)

	-Physical-	-Premium-
Naphtha	+ 617.25 - 617.75 +	14.00 / 16.00
Jet/Kerosene	+ 70.80 - 70.90 +	1.00 / 1.20
Gasoil 0.001%S	+ 73.45 - 73.55 +	0.80 / 1.00
FO 380cst 3.5%S	+ 387.50 - 388.50 +	

©Freights rates
SR Clean Tanker Freight Rates (\$/bbl)

Korea to Tomakomai	4.10 - 4.30	Korea to Keihin	3.40 - 3.60
Korea to Nagoya	3.10 - 3.30	Korea to Kanmon	2.70 - 2.90

SR Dirty Tanker Freight Rates (\$/mt)

Korea to Tomakomai	29.00 - 31.00	Korea to Keihin	27.00 - 29.00
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MR Tanker Freight Rates (\$/bbl for clean \$/mt for dirty)

Korea to N. China	1.60 - 1.80	Korea to E. China	1.50 - 1.70
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Korea to S.China	1.70 – 1.90	Korea to Japan clean	1.60 – 1.80
Korea to Japan dirty	10.50 – 12.50		
LR Tanker Freight Rates (\$/bbl for clean \$/mt for dirty)			
ME to Singapore clean	2.00 – 2.20	ME to Singapore dirty	14.50 – 16.50

◎Asia Bunker Prices (\$/mt)						
— 24Aug21 Closing Quotes —						
Port/Location	380cst		VLSFO		LSMGO (LSMDO: Japan) ##	
	Low – High	Change	Low – High	Change	Low – High	Change
Tokyo Bay	432.00 – 435.00	+5.00	532.00 – 535.00	+5.00	719.00 – 729.00	+1.00
West Japan	438.00 – 441.00	+5.00	538.00 – 541.00	+5.00	729.00 – 739.00	+1.00
Ise Bay	437.00 – 440.00	+5.00	537.00 – 540.00	+5.00	719.00 – 729.00	+1.00
#Rim Average–Aug	434.41	+1.36	536.00	+1.36	732.05	+0.28
S. Korea	449.00 – 452.00	+17.00	519.00 – 522.00	+12.00	568.00 – 578.00	+23.00
F. E. Russia*	392.00 – 395.00	0.00	505.00 – 508.00	0.00	560.00 – 570.00	0.00
Taiwan Kaohsiung PP**	459.00 – 462.00	+10.00	532.00 – 535.00	+10.00	622.00 – 625.00	+10.00
Taiwan Keelung PP**	NA – NA	–	532.00 – 535.00	+10.00	622.00 – 625.00	+10.00
Taiwan Taichung PP**	NA – NA	–	532.00 – 535.00	+10.00	622.00 – 625.00	+10.00
Taiwan Others PP**	NA – NA	–	532.00 – 535.00	+10.00	622.00 – 625.00	+10.00
Shanghai	437.00 – 440.00	+19.00	528.00 – 531.00	+10.00	625.00 – 635.00	+20.00
Zhoushan	420.00 – 423.00	+15.00	505.00 – 508.00	+12.00	600.00 – 610.00	+15.00
Hong Kong	423.00 – 426.00	+15.00	515.00 – 518.00	+5.00	560.00 – 570.00	+15.00
Singapore	410.00 – 413.00	+17.00	509.00 – 512.00	+12.00	545.00 – 555.00	+17.00
--Note: *Nakhodka, Vostochny, Vladivostok, **Posting Price						
#Rim Tokyo Bay monthly average, ## F.E Russia and Taiwan PP (MGO)						
Port/Location	380cst		VLSFO		LSMGO	
	Low – High	Change	Low – High	Change	Low – High	Change
Bangkok	465.00 – 468.00	0.00	528.00 – 531.00	0.00	585.00 – 595.00	0.00
Colombo	NA – NA	–	572.00 – 575.00	0.00	610.00 – 620.00	0.00
--Prices at three ports listed above are reference numbers.						

◎NOTICE
ORim Products Report Review Questionnaire

We are now conducting a questionnaire to improve our publications. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected supply/demand fundamentals of oil products and the situation surrounding the industry is rapidly changing every year. We would like to receive widespread opinions from all of you this time and to make use of it to enhance the contents in accordance with trends. The questionnaire is only for our internal use and will not disclose any of the answers.

We accept your answers on the website from the URL below until Aug 31 and please feel free to give us your opinions.

(We also send the questionnaire to subscribers who regularly receive our report by email).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScld_Cc5gIYz54cWkYbErqxA1rjpx5wdqa_eUBywfy16bEHjg/viewform

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ASIA PRODUCTS MARKET COMMENTARY
Benchmark Crude Summary

Aug 24 crude oil prices (As of the evening time in Tokyo)

NYMEX•WTI OCT \$66.05/bbl (up \$2.57/bbl from a day earlier)

ICE•BRENT OCT: \$69.27/bbl (up \$2.41/bbl from a day earlier)

DUBAI PAPER SEP \$67.17/bbl (up \$2.48/bbl from a day earlier)

Singapore Crack Margins


In the Singapore paper swap market, the crack spread of naphtha over Dubai crude oil for September was at 93cts/bbl, down 8cts/bbl from a day before. The crack spread of jet fuel was at \$5.93/bbl, up 7cts/bbl, that of 0.001% sulfur gasoil at \$8.33/bbl, up 2cts/bbl, that of 0.5% sulfur fuel oil was at \$10.06/bbl, down 10cts/bbl, that of 180cst fuel oil at minus \$4.40/bbl, up 48cts/bbl and that of 380cst fuel oil at minus \$6.13/bbl, up 44cts/bbl.

Gasoline

The differential for MR-size cargoes of 92RON gasoline on an FOB China basis was at discount in the range of 5-25cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, while the differential for MR-size cargoes of 92RON gasoline on an FOB South Korea basis was at a discount in the range of 60-80cts/bbl to the same quotations, both unchanged from a day before. Market sentiment was weak on sluggish demand. Due to the pandemic of COVID-19 in Indonesia or Vietnam, some of the main importers of gasoline in Asia, the governments of the countries had implemented lockdown, so that domestic demand was declining and imported minimum volumes. No spot purchases had been heard from Indonesia. Meanwhile, in Northeast Asia, oil companies in China gradually started sales for cargoes loading in September and supply was increasing. On Tuesday, West Pacific Petroleum Co Dalian closed a

sell tender for two MR-size cargoes of 92RON gasoline loading in the month, but the results of the tender were unknown.

The differential for SR-size cargoes of 91RON gasoline on an FOB South Korea basis was at a premium in the range of \$2.45-2.55/bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day before.

CFR South China MR-size cargoes of 92RON gasoline were at a premium of \$1.00-1.20 bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day before. In South China, domestic prices for 92RON gasoline on an ex-primary storage basis were in the range of Yuan 7,450-7,500/mt, up Yuan 50/mt from a day before. The price was above the import cost by Yuan 209/mt or \$3.80/mt.

FOB Singapore prices for 92RON gasoline surged by \$2.80/bbl to \$77.00-77.10/bbl on the impact of vibrance in crude prices. Four cargoes of 50,000bbl 92RON gasoline loading in September were traded at

\$76.90/bbl and \$77.20/bbl. Buying and selling ideas for 92RON gasoline were indicated at a premium in the range of 35-45cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day earlier.

ONaphtha

Open-spec naphtha prices in Asia were in the range of \$639.00-640.00/mt, up \$24.50/mt from a day earlier on a sharp rise in Brent crude prices.

In the Northeast Asia market, term contracts on a CFR basis were being discussed. China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) was conducting a term buy tender starting from January to June or January to December next year for paraffinic naphtha with a paraffine content at 75%. The tender was scheduled to close on Aug 25. Previously, CNOOC had struck a one-year term buy tender starting from September at a premium of \$11-12/mt to Japan quotations on a CFR basis. The company owns a 1 mil mt per year naphtha cracker next to its refinery. A source in Northeast Asia viewed that prices for term cargoes would be at a mid-single digit premium to Japan quotations, judging from softening CFR Northeast Asia prices. In addition, the source pointed out that CFR Japan prices were relatively low as the intermonth spread was in contango, so that some end-users were possibly going to move to buy at this timing. Meanwhile, another source saw that some petrochemical makers in Japan had high inventories or the operation rates of their naphtha crackers were not reaching to their full capacity after troubles, so that they were slow to seek.

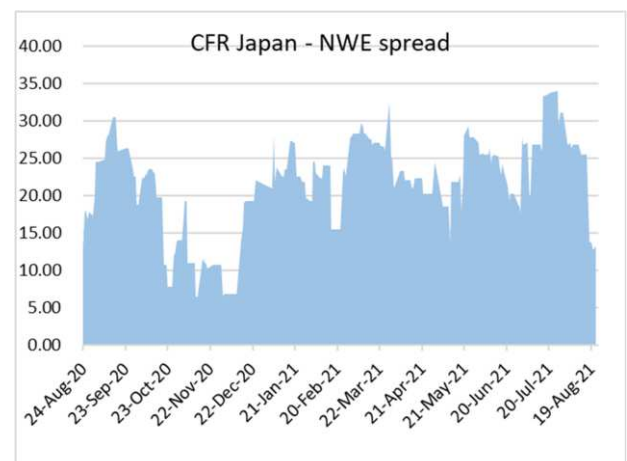
The differential for LR-size cargoes of naphtha on an FOB Middle East basis was at a premium in the range of \$14.00-16.00/mt to Middle East quotations, staying intact from a day earlier. As reported, Qatar Petroleum (QP) was discussing term sell tenders starting from October to December. Some said that its offers were heard at a premium of \$27.00-28.00/mt to the quotations on an FOB basis. Meanwhile, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) was scheduled to start

negotiations for term cargoes starting from December in October.

In Brent crude oil futures trades on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) early in the evening in Asia, the Oct contract was at \$69.27/bbl, up \$2.41/bbl from a day earlier. Open-spec naphtha prices for H1 Oct arrival were at \$637.75-638.25/mt, up \$24.50/mt from a day earlier. Prices for H2 Oct and H1 Nov arrival were at \$639.00-639.50/mt and \$639.50-640.00/mt.

On a timing spread, a H1 Oct/H1 Nov spread was in contango of \$1.75/mt, staying intact from a day earlier. An Oct Brent/H1 Oct naphtha spread was at \$118/mt in favor of naphtha, spreading \$6/mt from a day earlier.

Early in the evening in Asia, Sep NWE naphtha prices were at \$623.75-625.75/mt, up \$24.00/mt from a day earlier. Prices for Oct and Nov were at \$617.00-619.00/mt and \$609.75-611.75/mt. A H1 Oct Asia/Sep NWE spread was at \$13/mt in favor of Asia, staying intact from a day earlier.



**OJet/Kerosene**

The differentials for MR-size cargoes of jet fuel on an FOB South Korea basis and on an FOB Japan basis were at a premium in the range of 10-20cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, while the differential for MR-size cargoes of jet fuel on an FOB Taiwan basis was at flat to a premium of 10cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, all down 10cts/bbl from a day before. Some traders pointed out that the arbitrage window for cargoes to the US West Coast was gradually shrinking on the back of higher freight rates, and this could be a bearish factor for the market. In South Korea, GS Caltex closed a sell tender for three MR-size cargoes loading on Sep 16-20, 21-25 and 24-28. The prices were at a premium of 10cts/bbl, 30cts/bbl, and flat to Singapore quotation on an FOB basis in order. Hanwha Total also sold one MR size cargo for late September loading at a premium of 20cts/bbl to the Singapore quotation on an FOB basis. European traders, including Vitol, were named as buyers for the tenders. While arbitrage window was

shrinking, the market was unlikely to fall sharply as the US demand of air-travel was seen to be strong.

The differential for SR-size cargoes of kerosene on an FOB South Korea basis was at a premium in the range of \$0.90-1.40/bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day before.

The differential for LR-size cargoes of jet fuel on an FOB Middle East basis was at a premium in the range of \$1.00-1.20/bbl to Middle East quotations, unchanged from a day before.

FOB Singapore prices for jet fuel oil extended gains by \$2.55/bbl to \$72.90-73.00/bbl. Soaring paper swap values led the market higher. The Sep swaps contract was valued at \$73.10/bbl, up \$2.55/bbl from a day earlier. Buying and selling ideas were indicated at a discount in the range of 10-20cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day earlier.

OGasoil

The differentials for MR-size cargoes of 0.05% sulfur gasoil on an FOB South Korea basis and on an FOB Taiwan basis were at a discount in the range of \$2.25-2.35/bbl to Singapore quotations, both up 10cts/bbl from a day before as the market had been undervalued. On Monday, GS Caltex in South Korea closed sell tenders for 300,000bbl of 0.001% sulfur gasoil loading on Sep 24-28 and two 300,000bbl cargoes of 0.05% sulfur gasoil loading on Sep 11-15 and 18-22. Among them, 0.05% sulfur gasoil cargoes were reportedly traded at a discount of \$2.30/bbl to Singapore quotations on an FOB basis. The 0.001% sulfur gasoil cargo was said to have been canceled. Meanwhile, Hyundai Oilbank issued a sell tender for two MR-size cargoes of 0.001% sulfur gasoil loading in September. The tender was scheduled to close on Thursday. Last week, the company sold 300,000bbl loading on Sep 8-10 through a tender. Amid the outbreak of COVID-19,

domestic demand in South Korea was sluggish, and exports were increasing.

The differential for SR-size cargoes of 0.001% sulfur gasoil on an FOB South Korea basis was at a premium in the range of \$0.95-1.05/bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day before.

The differential for LR-size cargoes of 0.001% sulfur gasoil on an FOB Middle East basis was at a premium in the range of \$0.80-1.00/bbl to Middle East quotations, unchanged from the previous day.

CFR South China MR-size cargoes of 0.001% sulfur gasoil were at a premium of 85-95cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, unchanged from a day before. In South China, domestic prices for 0.001% sulfur gasoil on an ex-primary storage basis were in the range of Yuan 6,000-6,050/mt, up Yuan 50/mt from a day before. The



price was above the import cost by Yuan 173/mt or \$3.57/mt.

FOB Singapore prices for 0.001% sulfur gasoil spiked by \$2.50/bbl from a day earlier to \$75.55-75.65/bbl

after paper swap values rose remarkably. The Sep paper swaps contract was valued at \$75.50/bbl, up \$2.50/bbl from a day earlier. Buying and selling ideas were indicated at a premium of 5-15cts/bbl to Singapore quotations, staying flat from a day earlier.

○Fuel Oil

【Northeast Asia LSFO Cargoes】

The differential for MR-size cargoes of 0.5% sulfur fuel oil on an FOB South Korea basis was at a discount in the range of \$30.00-40.00/mt to Singapore quotations (0.5%S), down \$5.00/mt from a day earlier on a sense of oversupply. In South Korea, SK Energy was increasing the monthly sales volumes of VLSFO in August more than double from 200,000mt until the previous month. Most of them were supplied in the bunker market, but some of the surplus volumes were being planned to export as 0.5% sulfur fuel oil cargoes. Actually, the company earlier sold 0.5% sulfur fuel oil loading in August at a discount of around \$35.00/mt to Singapore quotations (0.5%S) to Singapore. A South Korean oil company reported that the differential for MR-size cargoes of 0.5% sulfur fuel oil on an FOB South Korea basis went down to a discount in the range of \$30.00-40.00/mt to Singapore quotations (0.5%S).

【Northeast HSFO Cargoes】

The differential for MR-size cargoes of 3.5% sulfur fuel oil on an FOB South Korea basis was at a discount of \$8.75-9.75/mt to Singapore quotations (380cst), hovering from a day earlier.

【Indonesia LSWR Cargoes】

The differential for MR-size cargoes of LSWR on an FOB Indonesia basis was at a premium in the range of \$46.00-48.00/mt to Singapore quotations (180cst), unchanged from a day earlier.

【Singapore Cargoes】

FOB Singapore prices for 0.5% sulfur fuel oil soared up by \$15.50/mt from a day earlier to \$500.00-510.00/mt with a surge in paper swaps values in Singapore. The Sep 0.5% sulfur fuel oil swaps contract was valued at \$502.00/mt, up \$15.50/mt on a significant rise in crude prices. Buying and selling ideas were indicated at a discount of \$2.00/mt to a premium of \$8.00/mt to Singapore quotations (0.5%S), holding steady from a day earlier.

◎ASIA BUNKER MARKET COMMENTARY

○Japan

The price for 380cst in Tokyo Bay, Japan was in the range of \$432.00-435.00/mt, up \$5.00/mt from a day earlier with a rise in Singapore fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were cast at \$435.00-440.00/mt. Sellers posted offers for September delivery at \$425.00-440.00/mt.

The price for VLSFO with a sulfur content of less than 0.5% in Tokyo Bay, Japan was in the range of \$532.00-535.00/mt, rising by \$5.00/mt from the previous day tracking strong Singapore 0.5%S fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were posted in the range of \$535.00-

540.00/mt. Talks on August delivery except in Tokyo Bay were almost finished. Thus, prices for August delivery were capped despite a spike in crude oil prices. Meanwhile, sellers set offers for September delivery at \$527.00-536.00/mt along with strong crude oil prices.

The price for LSMDO in Tokyo Bay, Japan was in the range of \$719.00-729.00/mt, edging up by \$1.00/mt from a day before mirroring firm Singapore gasoil paper swap values. Offers were quoted in the range of \$729.00-739.00/mt. The August average price for



VLSFO in Tokyo Bay was estimated at \$536.00/mt, down \$21.64/mt from a month earlier.

○South Korea

The price for 380cst in South Korea was in the range of \$449.00-452.00/mt, climbing by \$17.00/mt from a day earlier reflecting strong Singapore fuel oil paper swap values. No offers were heard on Tuesday.

The price for VLSFO with a sulfur content of less than 0.5% was in the range of \$519.00-522.00/mt, rising by \$12.00/mt from the previous day in reaction to stronger Singapore gasoil paper swap values. A conglomerate company and a

petroleum processing company set offers for August and September delivery at \$522.00-525.00/mt and \$515.00-518.00/mt, respectively.

The price for LSMGO was in the range of \$568.00-578.00/mt, soaring by \$23.00/mt from a day before tracking strong Singapore gasoil paper swap values. Both the conglomerate company and the petroleum processing company posted offers for August and September delivery at \$578.00-588.00/mt and \$570.00-580.00/mt, respectively.

○F.E.Russia

The price for 380cst in Far East Russia was in the range of \$392.00-395.00/mt, flat from a day before. Offers were heard in the range of \$395.00-398.00/mt.

The price for VLSFO with a sulfur content of less than 0.5% was in the range of \$505.00-508.00/mt, staying intact from the previous day. Offers were cast at \$505.00-540.00/mt. Market was quiet on Tuesday without any inquiries. Ex-Vostchny 100-250 mt parcels inquired on Monday

seemed to have been traded at slightly below \$520.00/mt.

The price for MGO was in the range of \$560.00-570.00/mt, unchanged from a day before. Offers were posted in the range of \$570.00-575.00/mt. For LSMGO with a sulfur content of less than 0.1%, offers were heard in the range of \$620.00-635.00/mt.

○China

The price for 380cst in Zhoushan, China was in the range of \$420.00-423.00/mt, climbing by \$15.00/mt from a day before with a rise in Singapore fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were heard in the range of \$420.00-435.00/mt.

The price for VLSFO with a sulfur content of less than 0.5% was in the range of \$505.00-508.00/mt, rising by \$12.00/mt from a day earlier tracking firm Singapore 0.5%S fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were shown in the range of \$505.00-535.00/mt. Parcels with a total volume of more than 1,100 mt for delivery on Aug 29 onwards were traded at a discount of \$50-60/mt to Singapore gasoil futures prices on Tuesday. The discount narrowed by \$5/mt from a day earlier.

The sales volume of bunker fuel oil throughout China in July was 1.80 mil mt, sources said. The volume in August was expected to be sluggish due to strict COVID-19 infection control regulations and partial closures of port operations. In addition, demand in Zhoushan was falling by bad weather and a fall in vessels calling at the port. Some independent suppliers who wanted to bring demand into the port were likely to lower their offers and promote sales to non-regulated shipping companies. VLSFO prices in China was expected to be higher than those in Singapore for a while as demand/supply fundamentals in Singapore fluctuated for September delivery onwards.



The price for LSMGO was in the range of \$600.00-610.00/mt, rising by \$15.00/mt from the previous day reflecting strong Singapore gasoil paper swap

values. Offers were posted in the range of \$600.00-625.00/mt.

OHong Kong

The price for 380cst in Hong Kong was in the range of \$423.00-426.00/mt, climbing by \$15.00/mt from the previous day reflecting firm Singapore fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were posted in the range of \$423.00-441.00/mt.

The price for VLSFO with a sulfur content of less than 0.5% was in the range of \$515.00-518.00/mt, edging up by \$5.00/mt from a day earlier tracking

strong Singapore 0.5%S fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were cast in the range of \$515.00-543.00/mt.

The price for LSMGO was in the range of \$560.00-570.00/mt, increasing by \$15.00/mt from a day before following strong Singapore gasoil paper swap values. Offers were heard in the range of \$560.00-595.00/mt.

OSingapore

The price for 380cst in Singapore was in the range of \$410.00-413.00/mt, climbing by \$17.00/mt from a day earlier in reaction to stronger Singapore fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were heard in the range of \$410.00-425.00/mt.

The price for VLSFO with a sulfur content of less than 0.5% was in the range of \$509.00-512.00/mt, increasing by \$12.00/mt from the previous day tracking firm Singapore 0.5%S fuel oil paper swap values. Offers were heard in the range of \$509.00-521.00/mt. Parcels with a total of more than 650 mt for delivery on Aug 31 onwards were traded at a discount of \$40-50/mt to Singapore gasoil futures prices on Tuesday. The discount narrowed by \$3/mt from a day before. Meanwhile, parcels with a total of more than 650 mt for delivery on Aug 31 onwards were traded at a premium of \$8-12/mt to Singapore 0.5%S fuel oil future prices on Tuesday, flat from a day before.

VLSFO prices in September seemed to be polarized. Sellers who offered attractive prices wanted to handle even small volumes of inquiries to replenish the barge fees. They had reduced the number of barges for the purpose of cost cuts. Those companies were unable to cope with the vessel arrival delays in Singapore flexibly, and had to sell with cheap prices when they had ample volumes at hand in particular. On the other hand, some sellers seemed to consider that supply would get tight as inflows of VLSFO and its feedstock into Singapore from Europe would be less than expected. Price polarization was expected to continue for September delivery and later.

The price for LSMGO was in the range of \$545.00-555.00/mt, soaring by \$17.00/mt from a day before following strong Singapore gasoil paper swap values. Offers were posted in the range of \$555.00-565.00/mt.

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--Jet

08/24 Jet MRX3 GSCALTEX⇒TRADER SPR+10cts, 30cts, flat FOB SOUTH KOREA 9/16-20, 21-25,24-28

08/24 Jet MR HANWHA TOTAL⇒TRADER SPR+20cts FOB SOUTH KOREA late September

--GASOIL

08/24 0.05%S MRX2 GSCALTEX⇒TRADER SPR-2.30 FOB SOUTH KOREA 9/11-15, 18-22

**◎MARKET NEWS****○South Korea crude throughput at 2.87 mil b/d, staying intact from last week**

Combined crude oil throughput for refiners in South Korea was at 2.87 mil barrels per day (b/d) as of Aug 24, unchanged on week, according to a Rim survey of operating rates. The current figure in South Korea equates to a utilization rate of 86.4% of the nation's total refining capacity of 3.27 mil b/d.

Capacity	SK Energy 1,115,000 b/d	GS Caltex 800,000 b/d	S-Oil 669,000 b/d	Hyundai 690,000 b/d	Total 3,274,000 b/d
Aug 24, 2021	71.7 % 800,000 b/d	91.3 % 730,000 b/d	99.0 % 662,500 b/d	92.0 % 635,000 b/d	86.4 % 2,827,500 b/d
Aug 17, 2021	71.7 % 800,000 b/d	91.3 % 730,000 b/d	99.0 % 662,500 b/d	92.0 % 635,000 b/d	86.4 % 2,827,500 b/d
Aug 10, 2021	71.7 % 800,000 b/d	91.3 % 730,000 b/d	99.0 % 662,500 b/d	92.0 % 635,000 b/d	86.4 % 2,827,500 b/d
Aug 03, 2021	71.7 % 800,000 b/d	95.6 % 765,000 b/d	97.2 % 650,000 b/d	97.1 % 670,000 b/d	88.1 % 2,885,000 b/d

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