

MRPL makes first export shipment of BS-VI-grade diesel

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Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) has made the first export shipment of BS-VI grade diesel.

A statement by the company said here on Tuesday that, considering the recent lower domestic demand scenario of diesel, the company has successfully loaded the first export shipment of ultra-low sulphur grade diesel at a premium.

Around 62,000 tonnes of BS-VI diesel shipment was loaded for Malaysia on the vessel Kamome Victoria at New Mangalore Port on Sunday. It said that MRPL has begun the production of ultra low sulphur BS-VI diesel and petrol at its refinery complex in Mangaluru.

Domestic public sector oil marketing companies have planned to lift the BS-VI grade diesel through the Mangaluru-Bengaluru pipeline from December onwards with a view to flush the system with ultra-pure products before finally commencing retail sales to customers ahead of the April 1 deadline.

The statement said that MRPL has also initiated some of long-term activities necessary for its capacity expansion plans.

These include acquisition of land through the KIADB (Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board), which is under way; carrying out initial configuration and preparation of a preliminary feasibility study; and further application to the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests for environment clearance.

The project is under detailed techno-economic feasibility and subject to necessary statutory, regulatory and investment approvals, it said.

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