

# BLOOMFIELD LP WEEKLY ENERGY TITBITS (BWET)

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## Forex Devaluation, and Increased Production Spurs Significant Growth in Nigeria's Oil Export in 2023

The National Bureau of Statistics ("NBS") recorded a total crude oil export revenue of Twenty-nine Trillion Naira (N29,000,000,000,000.00) in 2023. This reflected a thirty-seven per cent (37%) increase in the crude oil export revenue as compared to the amount recorded in the previous year, which was Twenty-one Trillion, One Hundred Million Naira (N21,100,000,000,000.00). This report was contained in the NBS' recently published foreign trade report.

Analysis Contained in the report revealed that the crude exports in 2023 also accounted for eighty point six-four per cent (80.64%) of the exports recorded in the period. Some of the factors that have been attributed to the significant increase in crude oil export revenue include the devaluation of forex in the country and improved oil production.

Read more at:

<https://nairametrics.com/2024/03/11/fx-devaluation-increased-production-spurs-37-growth-in-nigerias-oil-export-in-2023>

## NNPCL Halts the Operation of over Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Nine (6,409) Illegal Refineries linked to Niger Delta Pipeline.

The Group Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited ("NNPCL"), Mr Mele Kyari, commending the effort of the NNPCL in tackling oil theft in the country, announced that six thousand, four hundred and nine (6,409) illegal refineries had been deactivated in the Niger Delta region of the country.

This announcement was made at a meeting with the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission ("EFCC") on Monday, March 11, 2024, where Mr. Kyari sought the support of the EFCC in tackling oil theft.

Read more at:

<https://businessday.ng/energy/article/nnpcl-deactivates-over-5000-illegal-refineries-linked-to-pipeline-in-niger-delta>

## FGN Projects 6500MW Power Generation in Six (6) Months.

At a meeting with the heads of agencies and stakeholders in the Nigerian power sector, held on March 12, 2024, the Nigerian Minister of Power, Mr. Adebayo Adedunjo announced that the Federal Government of Nigeria has disclosed its intention to increase power generation in the country. He noted that the anticipated increase will be from about four thousand megawatts (4,000MW) which is its current power generation output to six thousand, five hundred megawatts (6,500MW).

He attributed the low power generation output to the current challenges surrounding gas supply as the power generation companies in the country have the capacity to generate up to six thousand megawatts (6,000MW).

Read more at:

<https://nairametrics.com/2024/03/12/fg-targets-6500-megawatts-power-generation-in-six-months>



## FGN considers LNG-CNG as Fuel for Nigerian Railway Corporation's Vehicles

On Thursday, March 14, 2024, the Nigerian Ministry of Transportation/Marine and Blue Economy (the "**Ministry of Transport**") released a statement calling for the immediate technical evaluation of the proposal to transit from the use of diesel for Nigerian Railway Corporation ("**NRC**")'s locomotives, to Liquefied Natural Gas-Compressed Natural Gas ("**LNG-CNG**") (the "**Statement**").

The Statement signed by the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Said Alkali, indicates that the transition to LNG-CNG as fuel for NRC's locomotives was presented for the joint consideration of the Ministry of Transport and the NRC by De-Sadel consortium. It also reflects that further to the presentation, Mr. Alkali directed that a 7-men technical committee be set up to carry out technical evaluation of the proposal and an NRC locomotive be prepared for a test run.

Read more at:

<https://transportation.gov.ng/nrcs-locomotives-from-diesel-to-lng-cng-alkali-directs-immediate-technical-evaluation>

## Port Harcourt Refinery to Commence Operations in Two (2) Weeks

On Thursday, March 14, 2024, the Group Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited ("**NNPCL**"), Mr. Mele Kyari announced that the Port-Harcourt Refinery (the "**Refinery**") will commence operations in two (2) weeks, which implies that the Refinery will commence operations by March 28, 2024. The announcement was made at an interactive session with the Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Turn Around Maintenance in the country's refineries.

He noted that the Refinery had received four hundred and fifty thousand (450,000) barrels of crude oil for refining, following its mechanical completion in December 2023. He also noted that the Warri Refinery is undergoing regulatory compliance processes whilst the Kaduna Refinery will commence operations by December 2024.

Read more at:

<https://businessday.ng/energy/article/port-harcourt-refinery-will-start-operations-in-two-weeks-kyari>