

BLOOMFIELD LP WEEKLY ENERGY TITBITS (BWET)

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The Proposed Africa Energy Bank to Commence Operation in Abuja by January 2025

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources, Nicholas Agbo Ella (the “**Permanent Secretary**”), announced at the African Petroleum Producers Organization (the “**Organization**”) Nineteenth (19th) Executive Board meeting in Yaounde, Cameroon, that the Federal Government of Nigeria (“**FGN**”) has designated that the African Energy Bank (“**AEB**” or “**Bank**”) will commence operations by January 28, 2024, at its headquarters in Abuja.

The Permanent Secretary also stated that the FGN had implemented the necessary preparations for the commencement of operations of the Five Billion United States Dollars (US\$5,000,000,000.00) Bank in Abuja, following the grant of the hosting right for establishing the Bank to Nigeria in July, 2024.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/5bn-africa-energy-bank-begins-operation-january-fg>

Nigeria Records Losses of almost Seven Million, Six Hundred and Eighty Thousand (7,680,000) Barrels of Crude Oil in 2023

The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (“**NEITI**”) at the NEITI Civil Society Roundtable (the “**Roundtable**”), reported that Nigeria loses almost seven million, six hundred and eighty thousand (7,680,000) barrels of crude oil in 2023 (the “**Losses**”).

The Permanent Secretary noted that the Losses are traceable to oil theft activities in the country. Compared to the previous year 2023's thirty-six million, six hundred and ninety thousand (36,690,000) barrels crude oil loss, the Losses represents a substantial seventy-nine percent (79%) decrease in crude oil theft.

It is envisaged that the government, civil societies and relevant key stakeholders will further increase its efforts to combat crude oil theft and devise more robust environmental protection mechanisms in the country.

Read more at:

<https://businessday.ng/news/article/7-7m-barrels-of-crude-oil-stolen-from-nigeria-in-2023-report>

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited (“**NNPCL**”) Increases the Retail Price of Premium Motor Spirit (“**PMS**”)

On October 28, 2024, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited (“**NNPCL**”) announced an increase in the price of Premium Motor Spirit (“**PMS**” or “**Petrol**”) for the fourth time within the past eighteen (18) months.

The price increase slightly differs across different States of the country. In Lagos, the price of PMS has increased from Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight Naira (N998) to One thousand, Twenty-five Naira (N1,025) per litre; while in Abuja, the price of PMS has increased from One Thousand, Thirty Naira (N1,030) to One Thousand, Fifty Naira (N1,050) per litre.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/enugu-assumes-full-regulation-of-electricity-market>



Nigeria Consumes Between Forty-Five Million (45,000,000) to Fifty Million (50,000,000) Litres of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) Daily

The Chief Executive of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority, Mr. Farouk Ahmed (the “**Chief Executive**”), disclosed, at the eighteenth (18th) edition of the Africa Downstream Energy Week which held in Lagos, that the country’s daily consumption of Premium Motor Spirit (“**PMS**” or “**Petrol**”) currently ranges between forty-five million (45,000,000) to fifty million (50,000,000) litres.

The Chief Executive also discountenanced alleged claims that Petrol consumption in the country had dropped to four million, five hundred thousand (4,500,000) litres following the removal of subsidies.

The Chief Executive further stated that the recent increase in consumption is directly traceable to high industrial and consumption activities typical of the fourth quarter of every year.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/yuletide-pushes-petrol-consumption-to-50-million-litres-nmdpra>

The Federal Government of Nigeria to Convert Eight Hundred (800) Vehicles in Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport from Premium Motor Spirit (“PMS”) to Compressed Natural Gas (“CNG”)

On October 29, 2024, the Federal Government of Nigeria (“**FGN**”)– through the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative (“**P-CNGI**”)– executed an agreement with the taxi operators at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja to convert eight hundred (800) vehicles from Premium Motor Spirit (“**PMS**”) to Compressed Natural Gas (“**CNG**”) (the “**Agreement**”).

The Agreement is an off shoot of the FGN’s commitment to transitioning one million (1,000,000) vehicles from using PMS as fuel to CNG. The FGN has also partnered with CNG conversion centers in Abuja, to ensure a seamless conversion of these vehicles.

The Agreement reflects that once the FG has converted fifty percent (50%) of the eight hundred (800) vehicles, the taxi operators will immediately implement a thirty percent (30%) reduction in the shuttle fares.

Read more at:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/10/fg-seals-deal-with-abuja-airport-taxi-drivers-to-convert-800-cabs-to-cng>