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Sungas shelves US bio-methanol project amid slow uptake

Sungas Renewables has halted its planned Beaver Lake Biofuels Project in central Louisiana, which was expected to produce **553,000 mt/year of bio-methanol** from wood fibre by integrating the company's syngas production systems with downstream technologies.

The company cited slower-than-expected adoption of the fuel in the shipping sector, among other factors, for shelving the project.

The company also planned to build geological storage of about 1.1 million mt/year of biogenic CO₂ generated during green methanol production. Sungas cited uncertainty surrounding carbon capture and storage pathways, as well as broader financial and regulatory concerns, as key factors behind its decision. The company said it will engage with third-party customers interested in deploying its syngas production systems in other projects.

New biofuel storage facility planned in Rotterdam

Service Terminal Rotterdam (STR) plans to build **biofuel storage facilities** in the Port of Rotterdam with a combined capacity of 100,000 cbm. The tanks will be capable of storing biofuels, methanol and ethanol. STR operates a bunker fuel terminal in the Botlek area of the Port of Rotterdam. The facility will be built adjacent to STR's existing 240,000-cbm fuel oil terminal and serve a range of vessels, including bunker barges, according to STR.

The company has not disclosed a timeline for the project, but said it is currently working on the permitting process.

Azane pledges to complete Norwegian ammonia terminals

Azane Infrastructure has committed to paying a penalty if it fails to complete three **ammonia bunker terminals** funded by Norwegian state enterprise Enova. Enova awarded Azane a grant of 442 million Norwegian Kroner (\$46 million) in December last year to develop terminals in Florø, Risavika and Mongstad. The penalty clause has been included to strengthen confidence in project delivery, Enova said.

Each terminal will have a storage capacity of 2,000 cbm of refrigerated ammonia and a bunkering rate of more than 100 mt/hour, according to Enova. The facilities are expected to become operational by 2029, subject to a final investment decision, and will supply both international and coastal ammonia-powered ships.

Hong Kong launches incentives for alternative fuel uptake

Hong Kong's Marine Department (MD) launched two incentive schemes from 16 June to promote use of alternative marine fuels. They are backed by a government allocation of around \$34 million. Vessels that are fuelled by, transporting or delivering approved alternative fuels can receive 25-50% in Hong Kong port due rebates. Eligible fuels include **LNG, methanol, ammonia, hydrogen** and **B20 biofuel**.

A second initiative offers subsidies of HK\$60,000/year (\$7,600/year) to all Hong Kong-flagged vessels using LNG, methanol, ammonia or hydrogen as their primary propulsion fuel. Qualifying ships can receive up to HK\$180,000 (\$23,000) over the scheme's three-year duration. The scheme aims to attract and retain alternative-fuelled vessels in the Hong Kong Shipping Registry.



PetroChina takes delivery of methanol bunker vessel

Bunker supplier China Marine Bunker (PetroChina) has taken delivery of a **methanol bunker vessel** in Zhoushan. The vessel, Zhong Ran Lv Neng 85, is China's first methanol bunker vessel designed to operate across all domestic waters. Its addition will strengthen the company's methanol bunker capabilities, building on its existing licences for green methanol bunkering in the ports of Shanghai, Ningbo and Shenzhen.



Sallaum Lines orders two LNG dual-fuel car carriers

Sallaum Lines has placed an order for two **LNG dual-fuel** pure car and truck carriers (PCTCs) that will be built with ammonia-ready notations, enabling future conversions to ammonia propulsion. The deal, signed with China's Xiamen Shipbuilding Industry, also includes options for two more vessels. The newbuilds will each have a capacity of 8,600 car equivalent units. Earlier this month, Sallaum Lines took delivery of two other LNG dual-fuel PCTCs.

Singapore LNG bunker sales in May

70,000 mt

Singapore LNG bunker sales in April

42,000 mt

Singapore bio-bunker sales fell in May, LNG hit record

Around 1,500 mt/day of bio-bunkers was supplied in Singapore in May, down from 2,200 mt/day in April, according to preliminary data from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. Singapore's bio-blended bunker sales fell sharply for a second straight month in May, declining 29% to their lowest level since January. Total volumes dropped to 48,000 mt, from 68,000 mt in April, and were 66% lower than the 139,000 mt recorded in the same month last year. Of total biofuel volumes sold in May, about 36,000 mt was **bio-VLSFO** - typically a 24% blend ratio in Singapore - while 12,000 mt was **bio-HSFO**. No sales of **bio-LSMGO** were reported during the month, ending a run of two consecutive months in which the grade recorded sales. **B100** sales were reported for the third time this year, with around 13,000 mt sold in May. Meanwhile, **LNG** bunker sales rebounded strongly after declining for two consecutive months. Sales surged 66% in May to reach an all-time high of 70,000 mt.

Weekly Brent developments

Front-month ICE Brent is set to **plunge 12% lower** on the week after the US and Iran fast-tracked a peace deal that is expected to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and ease supply.

Downward pressure

US President Donald Trump signed a peace agreement during the G7 summit in France. The deal includes the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, a cessation of regional hostilities, including attacks on Lebanon, and a lifting of the US blockade on Iranian ports. The US will also waive some sanctions on Iran, allowing it to sell oil freely to the global oil market. "Oil prices extend declines as the US and Iran sign a peace agreement, with Middle East supply expected to recover sooner than previously anticipated," analysts from ING Bank said.

Upward pressure:

Commercial US crude oil inventories fell by 8.3 million bbls to 418.2 million bbls in the week ending 12 June, according to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA). Meanwhile, crude stocks in the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve have dropped to around 340 million bbls - their lowest level since 1983 - following continued drawdowns as part of a coordinated effort led by the International Energy Agency (IEA) to stabilise global oil supplies amid the Middle East crisis.

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