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NZX announcement

Refining NZ shareholders vote to approve import terminal proposal

At the Special Meeting of the Shareholders of The New Zealand Refining Company Limited held today shareholders have voted to approve the Company’s transition to become an import-only fuel terminal, under the name ‘Channel Infrastructure’.

As required by NZX Listing Rule 6.1, all voting was conducted by a poll. The resolutions passed by shareholders (and the voting results) were:

Resolution	For	Against	Abstain
That the Proposal is approved for the purposes of NZX Listing Rule 5.1.1(a) and, to the extent applicable, NZX Listing Rule 5.1.1(b) and section 129 of the Companies Act 1993, subject to the Approved Requirements.	222,230,068	1,921,412	876,228
That Refining NZ’s entry into documentation with each of the Customers (or their nominees) for the provision of import terminal services and transitional arrangements from the Processing Agreements, is approved as a Material Transaction under NZX Listing Rule 5.2.1.	88,913,843	1,568,278	134,545,587

The proposal remains conditional on entry into final agreements with customers, lender consents, and a final investment decision by the Refining NZ Board, based on front end engineering and design (FEED) work by management. The Company is targeting a final investment decision around the end of Q3 2021, with a target for transition by mid-2022.

Board Chairman, Simon Allen said:

“Ahead of a final investment decision to be taken by Refining NZ’s Board in coming months, the company will negotiate binding legal agreements with customers – including Mobil, who we are in advanced discussions with – and proceed with detailed engineering and design plans to enable this change. We expect to be operating as a fuel-import terminal by mid-2022, with full plant decommissioning and terminal upgrade works set to continue for a number of years.”

CEO, Naomi James, added:

“This is a major milestone for Refining NZ and takes us a step closer to our new business. Channel Infrastructure has a vision to be New Zealand’s leading independent fuel infrastructure company, that utilises Marsden Point’s highly strategic assets for the benefit of our community, and all New Zealanders.”



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“Over this period of change at the refinery, I want to pay particular tribute to our workforce who have continued to work incredibly hard to ensure the safe operation of the refinery. While this change to our operations will have little impact for most New Zealanders, this is a significant change for our people, and the Marsden Point community. That is why we have been working alongside them to prepare for this change, and we have given our workforce as much certainty as we can about the future.”

Channel Infrastructure will be New Zealand’s leading independent fuel infrastructure company. The Company will utilise the deep-water harbour and jetty infrastructure of Marsden Point to import refined fuel, owned by its customers. This will replace the crude oil that our customers import today for refining.

Fuel would be stored at the Marsden Point site in existing tanks at what would be the largest fuel terminal in New Zealand, with 180 million litres of shared capacity, as well as capacity to provide additional storage if required. Channel Infrastructure will continue quality fuel testing services both at the Marsden Point site and around New Zealand, through its IPL subsidiary.

Fuel from Marsden Point would then be distributed on behalf of Channel Infrastructure’s customers primarily to the Auckland and Northland markets, which make up around 40% of New Zealand fuel demand, through the 170-kilometre Refinery to Auckland Pipeline (the RAP) and the truck loading facility (the TLF) located adjacent to the Marsden Point site.

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