

Tesoro Quotes on Los Angeles Refinery Project from CBE

<p>Tesoro tells people in LA the refinery expansion is for clean air, and that there is no crude oil switch</p>	<p>But Tesoro brags to investors about its switch to N. Dakota Bakken crude oil. This will be brought by rail to Vancouver WA at the proposed Tesoro Savage terminal, and then by ship to LA. The US DOT says Bakken crude is more explosive, many studies found high greenhouse gas emissions and harms from fracking, and experts found it has high benzene and other toxic emissions – none of which were analyzed in the DEIR. The Tesoro Savage terminal in Vancouver will also be able to handle about 25% Canadian Tar Sands crude.</p>
<p>Nature of the Project is for Clean Air:</p> <p>“Pending permitting and approvals, the Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance (LARIC) project will improve air quality, substantially reduce local emissions, upgrade refinery equipment and provide significant benefits to the local economy.”</p>	<p>Nature of the Project is a Crude Oil switch on the West Coast & specifically in the LA Refinery to N. Dakota Bakken:¹</p> <p>Paul Y. Cheng - Barclays Capital - Analyst Okay. In Carson [Los Angeles], I think before being acquired by you guys, that they were running largely you said² ANS, maybe 100,000 barrel per day. And then maybe another 100,000 of the Iraqi Basra³. Is the crude slate changed now? Or that is essentially secured by the same crude slate as in the past?</p> <p>Gregory J. Goff – Tesoro Corporation – President & CEO Basically the same. We are running some different crudes there, but not material differences at this point in time. It is in our plans to do that. Basically what you described, is the bulk of the crude supply the two sources what is happens in the Los Angeles refinery today.</p> <p>Paul Y. Cheng - Barclays Capital - Analyst Right. Greg, how quickly that you think you may start to be able to change the crude slate to do that?⁴</p> <p>Gregory J. Goff – Tesoro Corporation – President & CEO</p>
<p>EIR:</p>	<p>The first thing, our intention at the Port of Vancouver to be able to do that. (emphasis added)</p>
<p>Draft EIR covers up the Nature of the Project & Crude Oil Switch for Tesoro:</p> <p>“While the proposed project does not affect the types of crude oils processed at the Refinery and, thus, will not have impacts due to changes in crudes, the proposed project may increase downstream unit processing rates on a monthly or daily basis.”⁷</p>	<p>Paul Y. Cheng - Barclays Capital - Analyst You have to wait until the Savage terminal’s⁵ up and running before you can actually do that?</p> <p>Gregory J. Goff – Tesoro Corporation – President & CEO That would allow us to move the most significant volume right now if we do that. We are looking at other things on an ongoing basis to be able to move crudes there. But we have a number of things that we’re looking at, but that is the primary way that we want to be able to improve crude supply cost at the Los Angeles facility. (emphasis added)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Most recently, Tesoro confirmed its plans to import crudes from the Vancouver Terminal to the Los Angeles Refinery in response to a question on the connection between the integrated Los Angeles Refinery and the Vancouver Terminal:</p> <p>Gregory J. Goff – Tesoro Corporation – President & CEO “We have said that once Vancouver Energy is up and operating, we’ll use crude oil into the facility to supply our west coast operations but there’s no connection to the permits.”⁶</p>

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Endnotes

¹ Thomson Reuters Streetevents Edited Transcript, TSO – Q1 2014 Tesoro Corporation Earnings Conference Call, May 1, 2014 (Q1 2014 Tesoro Earnings Call), Barclay Capital questions at pp. 12-13. There are some discrepancies between the Thomson Reuters transcript and the original webcast. The recording of the original webcast is available.

² “you said” mistranscribed as “essential”

³ “Basra” mistranscribed as “basket”.

⁴ “slate to do that” mistranscribed as “slated to buy it?”

⁵ “Savage terminal” mistranscribed as “terminal”.

⁶ Tesoro, 2016 Tesoro Corporation Earnings Conference Call Recording, May 5, 2016, 41:39 – 41:50 minutes, Exhibit 5a; Available at: <http://edge.media-server.com/m/p/56vao56c>; Thomson Reuters Streetevents Edited Transcript, TSO – Q1 2016 Tesoro Corporation Earnings Conference Call, May 5, 2016, p. 14.

⁷ Draft EIR, at p. 4-2