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Demand for 0.5% marine fuel in Fujairah currently muted: Vitol director Muller

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Demand for Vitol's International Maritime Organization 2020-compliant fuel oil from its Fujairah refinery has not yet materialized, Vitol director Mike Muller told delegates at Fujairah's bunkering and fuel oil forum, Fujcon, on Tuesday.

"We have a batch of 0.5% [sulfur fuel] in a 50,000 [metric] tonne tank ready for sale which no one is buying as the price is too high and people don't need it yet, but it's there. It's ready and we've proven it works," Muller told the audience.

IMO 2020 will cut the sulfur content allowed in marine fuel to a maximum of 0.5% sulfur, with implementation touted for January 1, 2020.

Vitol owns and operates an 80,000 b/d refinery in Fujairah, consisting of two distillation units, one largely set up for lighter crudes and condensates and the other for heavier crudes, Muller said.

He added that at full capacity the refinery could produce around 40,000 b/d of IMO 2020-compliant low sulfur fuel with a maximum 0.5% sulfur content.

Platts launched IMO 2020-compliant 0.5% sulfur marine fuel cargo assessments in Fujairah and Singapore at the start of this year, which assesses barges in Rotterdam, the US Gulf and the Atlantic coasts.

FOB 0.5% Marine Fuel Fujairah assessments have averaged \$434.48/mt since the start of the year. Over the same period, FOB Fujairah 3.5% 380 CST cargo assessments have averaged \$392.43/mt year to date.

This gives a spread of \$42.05/mt between the two fuels.

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