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Par Hawaii Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for \$27 Million Distillate Hydrotreater to Produce Clean Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel and Increase Production of Jet Fuel to Meet State Demand

Par Hawaii, the state's leading supplier of petroleum products and transportation fuels, broke ground today for a \$27 million distillate hydrotreater. The unit, designed to remove sulfur, will produce clean ultra-low sulfur diesel and enable the Par refinery to produce more jet fuel, two products that are in high demand.

Gov. David Ige, along with other government and business leaders, participated in the groundbreaking ceremony that was held at Par Hawaii's refinery in Kapolei. Planning for the addition of the distillate hydrotreater began a year ago, and construction is expected to start this month. Construction is targeted for completion in 2019.

The groundbreaking coincided with Par Hawaii's fifth anniversary celebration.

"This refinery was closed and not operating five years ago and the employees faced a tenuous future," said Richard Creamer, vice president and general manager of Par Hawaii's refinery, which has the capacity to process 94,000 barrels of crude oil per day. "Par saw the potential in for the refinery and, with support from all of our employees and the community, we have made a complete, 180-degree turnaround."

"Over the past five years, we have invested in Hawaii to better serve the islands, and this major capital investment further demonstrates our commitment to provide more energy security for Hawaii residents and visitors for years to come," Creamer added.

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The Kapolei refinery current produces about 25,000 barrels—or more than one million gallons—of jet fuel each day. However, with Hawaii’s location in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, even this large volume does not adequately meet the state’s need for jet fuel. Hawaii must import about 15% of its jet fuel to meet current demand.

“We currently blend renewable fuels into our gasoline products and are exploring ways to make renewable diesel on a larger scale, but there currently is no viable commercial alternative for jet fuel,” Creamer said.

The new distillate hydrotreater will not only provide a cleaner fuel, but also will enable the refinery to help meet that additional in-state demand from commercial airlines and the military.

Par Hawaii is the state’s leading supplier of petroleum products and transportation fuels. It operates a 94,000-barrel-per-day refinery, a logistics system supplying the major islands of the state and supplies fuel to more than 90 retail locations under the 76 and Hele brand names and nomnom convenience stores.

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