

## [I] Analyst Concall: Oil India to raise Numaligarh refinery capex to INR 320 bln

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--Oil India: Numaligarh refinery capex to be increased to INR 320 bln

--CONTEXT: Comments by Oil India mgmt in post-earnings analyst concall

MUMBAI - Oil India Ltd. plans to increase the capital expenditure of its subsidiary Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. to INR 320 billion from INR 280 billion approved earlier, the company's management said at a post-earnings analyst call. The company has shared the proposal with the government, and is awaiting approval.

The refinery has already raised INR 180 billion as debt, the management said. The increased cost will be met by additional debt draw-downs as well as some internal accruals by the company.

Numaligarh Refinery is expanding the capacity of the plant to 9 million tonne per annum from 3 mtpa, and laying a crude oil pipeline connecting the refinery to Paradip Port in Odisha. Both the projects are expected to be commissioned in December 2025.

Further, of the company's total capital expenditure, one part is targeted for the nomination field and another part is for the production from the units the company has under

the open acreage licensing programme mechanism, the management said.

The company will be able to give more focus on stimulating the in-world supply chain once the target of reaching 9 mtpa capacity is reached, the management said in a post-earnings analysts' call.

The company has also received the approval for a petrochemical project of INR 70 billion to be completed in three years, the management said. In Jul-Sept, the company's crude oil production was 0.88 million tonnes and natural gas production stood at 0.8 billion cubic metres.

The company has a joint venture with Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd. to set up grid lines to improve gas supply connectivity in the north-eastern states. There is a marketing freedom with respect to gas produced from the areas under the open acreage licencing programme, the management said.

Once the Indradhanush Gas Grid line is completed in two to three years and the company is connected to the national grid, there is an opportunity to connect to additional gas on the Indian Gas Exchange, the management said.

For Jul-Sept, the company reported a consolidated net profit of INR 18.34 billion, on revenue of INR 55.19 billion. The company announced its results on Tuesday, post market hours. At 1245 IST, shares of the company traded at INR 525.45 on the National Stock Exchange, up 6%. End

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