



Pilipinas Shell implements fuel marking in fuel import terminal and refinery

Pilipinas Shell conducted its fuel marking operations at its Northern Mindanao Import Facility (NMIF) in Cagayan de Oro City and its Tabangao Refinery in Batangas in 2019. NMIF is the first terminal to implement fuel marking in Mindanao while the refinery is the country's first refinery to undergo the said program.

Representatives from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the Bureau of Customs (BOC), and the SGS-Sicpa fuel marking consortium were present to witness as the global energy company officially marked Shell's high-quality diesel products last November 26. As of December 1, both the gasoline and diesel import tanks of NMIF's 90-million-liter capacity were fully marked.

Following the rollout in Mindanao, Pilipinas Shell started the fuel marking process at its Tabangao refinery last December 11.

To help ensure safety in implementation, Pilipinas Shell is working "double-time" to install a fully automated injection system in both the NMIF and the refinery. While the aim is full automation, the company has worked with SGS to implement a safer set of manual and semi-automated methods as a temporary measure.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that the interests of all of our customers and stakeholders are safeguarded," said Serge Bernal, Vice President for External and Government Relations. "Our goal is to improve the safety of the process through automation. We're aiming to fully automate the system at our refinery by end March 2020."

According to estimates by the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the loss of national revenue due to oil smuggling and misdeclaration can reach as high as P40-billion. The government's fuel marking program establishes a system for identifying fuel that has paid the correct import and excise duties.

Pilipinas Shell fully supports the government's fuel marking program and continues to coordinate closely with the DOF, BIR, BOC, and the Department of Energy (DOE) to ensure the successful implementation of the program. With the success of the said program, consumers can be assured that the fuel products they purchase in different sites in the country have passed the relevant government regulations.

Pilipinas Shell supports the responsible development of the nation's energy industry by protecting Filipinos' fuel supply today and encouraging others to do the same.



Fuel storage tanks at Shell's Northern Mindanao Import Facility



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