



## Daily Oil Market Comment

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Oil prices continued their climb up on the back of lower US distillate stocks heading into winter. Although the overall inventory statistics were neutral with crude and gasoline stocks increasing, the market is solely focusing on distillate stocks which are now 14% lower than normal. There was no other news in the market. Technically the market remains in strong uptrend with the next resistance level for WTI at \$57.00/bbl.

US Dep Of Energy Change in Weekly stocks (millions/barrels):

Crude	+4.2
Gasoline	+1.2
Distillate	-2.5
Heating oil	-1.2

Singapore prices were up in line with crude during Asian trading on the back of aggressive swaps buying. Physical kerosene remains quiet at record high prices whilst trading company Hin Leong continues to buy gasoil cargoes in a well offered market. Singapore prices should be up \$0.75/bbl this morning.

Closing Prices Thursday October 14, 2004:

WTI (Nov)	\$54.76/bbl	+\$1.12/bbl
WTI (Dec)	\$54.06/bbl	+\$0.92/bbl
Brent (Nov)	\$50.84/bbl	+\$0.79/bbl (Contract expired last night)
Brent (Dec)	\$50.09/bbl	+\$0.81/bbl
IPE Gasoil	\$481.50/t	+\$19.25/t = +\$2.58/bbl

### Asian Day Market Movement

Oil prices continued to rise during Asian trading on the back of stronger gasoil futures as traders buy up ahead of the release of US inventory statistics which is expected to show another draw. Generally the market remains scared that the US will not have enough heating stocks heading into winter.

Singapore prices increased on the back on the rising futures prices. The swaps market remains well bid whilst the physical market has seen an increase in buying activity by Hin Leong in gasoil whilst the kerosene market remains quiet. Prices should be up \$0.50/bbl today.

Prices As At 5:30pm Singapore Time Thursday October 14, 2004:

WTI	\$54.05/bbl	+\$0.41/bbl
Brent	\$50.29/bbl	+\$0.24/bbl
IPE Gasoil	\$475.50/t	+\$13.25/t = +\$1.78/bbl
Singapore Kero	\$63.60/bbl	+\$0.50/bbl