

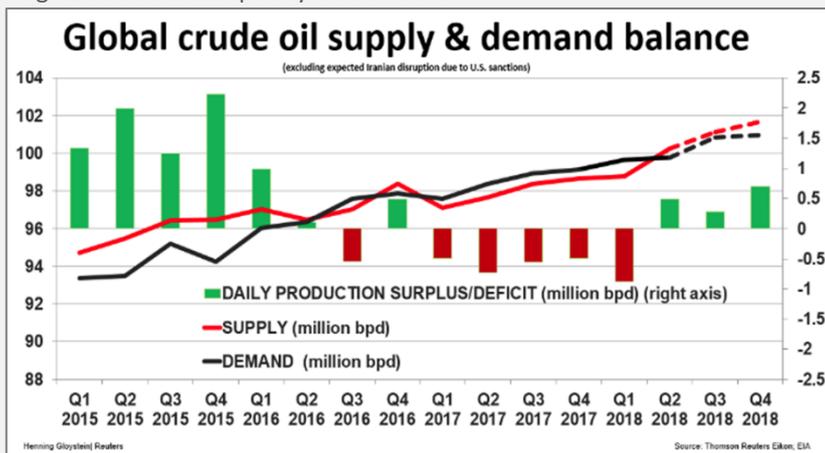


Daily News Flash

Monday, 02 July 2018

OIL

- Iran will allow private companies to export crude oil, part of a strategy to counter U.S. sanctions, and is urging fellow OPEC members not to break output agreements. At the same time, Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer, was keen to raise output to meet calls from President Trump and major consumers to help cool oil prices and avoid shortages.
- Iran is looking at ways to keep exporting oil as well as other measures to counter sanctions after the U.S told allies to cut all imports of Iranian oil from November. Allowing private sector to export crude oil is a new strategy. The Iranian Oil Minister also sent a letter to OPEC asking its members to adhere to the group's agreement to collectively raise output.
- The leader of Saudi Arabia promised President Trump that he can raise oil production if needed and the country has 2 million barrels per day of spare capacity, the White House said on Saturday, rowing back on an earlier President Trump announcement that appeared to suggest the Saudis had agreed to boost output by that amount.



GAS

- French utility EDF has agreed to sell its 65% in the Dunkirk LNG terminal to two groups of investors. The average enterprise value for the entire stake amounted to 2.4 billion euros. EDF said that a consortium including Belgian gas group Fluxys, AXA Investment Managers and Credit Agricole Assurances had committed to acquire a stake of 31% while a consortium of Korean investors led by IPM Group has committed to acquire a stake of 34.01%. The transaction will allow Fluxys, which already owns a 25% stake, to take control of the terminal. EDF will remain a client of the terminal.
- Natural gas piped from Russia to Europe will always be cheaper than importing U.S. LNG, the CEO of Gazprom Alexei Miller said on Friday. He also said the U.S will never beat Russia in gas supplies to Europe. The company's exports to Europe could reach 205 billion cubic metres in 2018.

RENEWABLES

- Poland's upper house of parliament approved an amendment to the renewable sources of energy law on Friday. In 2016, the government banned construction of new wind farms close to dwellings and imposed new taxes on investors. This took Poland off the track to meet EU targets. The proposed amendment will remove the tax disincentives and kick off auctions under a new subsidy system.

World Energy Prices

29 June 2018

Sources: Reuters, DME

Oil Prices (\$/Barrel)

Brent ICE Futures

79.44

Daily Change ▲ **2.0%**

YTD Change ▲ **19.3%**

WTI NYMEX Futures

74.15

Daily Change ▲ **1.0%**

YTD Change ▲ **22.7%**

DME Oman DME Futures

75.32

Daily Change ▼ **-0.1%**

YTD Change ▲ **17.7%**

Gas Prices (\$/MMBtu)

NE Asia LNG Reuters Spot

10.30

Weekly Change ▼ **-2.8%**

YTD Change ▼ **-8.0%**

Europe - NBP ICE Futures

7.07

Daily Change ▼ **-0.3%**

YTD Change ▼ **-5.2%**

USA - Henry Hub NYMEX Futures

2.92

Daily Change ▼ **-0.5%**

YTD Change ▼ **-1.0%**

Energy Calendar

Qatar Sustainability Week – Doha

27 October - 03 November 2018

20th GECF Meeting – Port of Spain

14 November 2018

09th Bosphorus Summit – Istanbul

26 -28 November 2018

175th OPEC Meeting – Vienna

03 December 2018