



## Daily Oil Market Comment

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Oil prices were basically steady overnight but heating oil futures hitting another record high. Prices didn't have enough momentum to break through the \$55/bbl level but no one was aggressively selling either. Prices are expected to stay at these levels today as it doubtful whether traders will sell aggressively ahead of the weekend. The focus of the market remains on the low distillate stocks heading into winter. Trading on the after hours ACCESS has WTI up another \$0.16/bbl this morning.

Singapore prices rebounded sharply up \$1.98/bbl on the back of the previous nights futures moves. The physical markets however remain quiet at such high prices and it appears that countries like China, Vietnam and Indonesia have slowed down their purchases because of high prices. Expect Singapore prices to be up \$0.20/bbl this morning.

Closing Prices Thursday October 21, 2004:

WTI	\$54.57/bbl	+\$0.06/bbl
Brent	\$50.72/bbl	+\$0.20/bbl
IPE Gasoil	\$490.50/t	+\$2.75/t = +\$0.37/bbl

## Asian Day Market Movement

Oil prices were up today following the spike in prices on Wednesday. The market remains bullish on belief that US distillate stocks are low heading into winter. Technically the market remains in strong uptrend.

Singapore prices are up again on bullish swap prices despite the physical markets remaining extremely quiet at such high prices. There were no aggressive bids or offer in the physical markets but prices are expected to be up \$1.90/bbl on the back of the higher futures markets.

Prices As At 5:30pm Singapore Time Thursday October 21, 2004

WTI	\$54.68/bbl	+\$0.19/bbl
Brent	\$58.79/BBL	+\$0.25/BBL
IPE Gasoil	\$487.25/t	Nil
Singapore Kero	\$63.50/bbl	+\$1.980/bbl