

**Press release**

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**The Batumi oil terminal resumed shipment of Kazakhstani dark oil products for delivery to European countries, using dockless loading**

In March 2024, Batumi Oil Terminal LTD resumed dockless loading of dark oil products produced at Kazakhstan oil refineries onto Aframax tankers in batches of 60,000 - 80,000 tons. The cargo is then sent to European countries.

Loading of dark oil products of Kazakhstan origin is planned to be carried out on a monthly basis. The resumption of this work is associated with the diversification of transit and transport routes for the transportation of goods.

Shipments of fuel oil and VGO (vacuum gas oil) in large quantities have actually been stopped since October 2018. Shipment of dark oil products in large quantities onto Aframax tankers allows clients of Batumi Oil Terminal LTD to reduce transportation costs, which in turn makes the route of Kazakhstani cargo for export through Batumi more attractive and will increase their transshipment volume. Large-capacity oil tankers of the Aframax type are designed for the transportation of crude oil and petroleum products in an unlimited navigation area. The length of the tanker is 250 meters, width – 44 meters, deadweight – 114 thousand tons.

**For reference:**

*Since August 22, 2017, «KazTransOil» JSC has owned a 100% package of share in Batumi Oil Terminal Ltd (hereinafter – BOT), through which direct ownership and management of production assets in Georgia is carried out. Batumi Oil Terminal Ltd has exclusive rights to manage a 100% package of share in LLC «Batumi Sea Port», owned by the State (Georgia).*

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