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Shell Indonesia added 29 fuel stations in 2020

Shell Indonesia has expanded its fuel stations in Indonesia in 2020, from 108 units in 2019 to 137 units in 2020, representing an increase of 27 percent. Head of Dealer Network Shell Indonesia Agung Saputra said out of the 137 fuel stations that are operating, 16 units are jointly developed and owned with its partners who have participated in the Shell Dealer Owned Dealer Operated (DODO) Program. "Shell's SPBUs are now spreading not only in large cities but also in small cities such as Karawang, Cirebon, Tuban, and Jombang," he said in a statement.

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Ministry targets RI to no longer import gasoline in 2030

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources said that Indonesia will no longer need to import gasoline starting 2030 as biofuels, natural gas, and electric vehicle battery will step forward to replace the fuel oil. The projection was disclosed by Dadan Kusdiana, Director General of New and Renewable Energy at the ministry during a webinar on Thursday. "In accordance with the increase in the use of biofuels, natural gas and electric vehicles, we plan in 2030 that Indonesia will no longer import gasoline from other countries. We're currently drafting a grand strategy for national energy where we can improve security of energy and address environmental challenges at the same time," said Dadan. Dadan also said that in the next four years, the ministry is targeting to cut half of the country's gasoline import and to utilize more of natural gas, biofuels, and EV battery.

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Ministry to revive use of natural gas in transportation sector

The Directorate General of New and Renewable Energy at the Ministry of Energy and Mineral plans to revive the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) in the land transportation sector in the country. "At the moment we are drafting a grand strategy for our national energy program. We want to reduce the use of gasoline by using more natural gas in transportation," said Dadan Kusdiana, Director General of New and Renewable Energy in a webinar Thursday. Dadan elaborated that the plan will see 440,000 units of vehicle and 257 units of large ship using natural gas as fuel in 2030. "In 2030 we target there will be 440,000 vehicles and 257 large ships using natural

	gas as fuel," he said.
Petromindo.com, 8 January 2021	<p>MEMR approves incentives for Mahakam block</p> <p>Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Arifin Tasrif said that the ministry has given approval to the proposed incentives for the Mahakam block to help improve its economics, but there are "matters related to another ministry" which have yet to be approved. "From the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR), we have given approval (for the proposed incentives). The problem is there are matters related to another ministry," Arifin told a press conference on Friday. He said that there's lingering issue related to the Ministry of Finance that requires "harmonization."</p>
Petromindo.com, 9 January 2021	<p>Government plans to utilize methanol for aviation fuel</p> <p>Amidst strong push for coal gasification in the country which will produce abundant methanol, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources is planning to develop bio-jet fuel from methanol. "We have prepared the concept to produce A20 (methanol based aviation fuel)," said Dadan Kusdiana in a recent webinar. Indonesia currently sees numerous commitments from coal miners to develop coal gasification plants. If realized, Indonesia will produce around 1.2 – 1.5 million methanol per year.</p>
Petromindo.com, 9 January 2021	<p>Govt to optimize natural gas for domestic use</p> <p>The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) said it will optimize the utilization of natural gas produced domestically for domestic consumption in 2021. To realize the plan, the government aims to connect 120,776 households with the city gas network (Jargas) program this year. This will complement the distribution of gas fuel converter kit to farmers and fishermen. Once this Jargas program is realized, the number of households that will be connected with the city gas network will increase to 794,000 thousands by the end of 2021, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Arifin Tasrif said.</p>
Petromindo.com, 9 January 2021	<p>Pelindo operates fuel filling station in Tanjung Perak Port</p> <p>State-owned port operator PT Pelindo III through its indirect subsidiary PT Pelindo Energi Logistik (PEL) had on Wednesday started trial operation of a filling station on shore (or FSOS) facility which facilitates the supply of fuel oil to ships at the Tanjung Perak Port in Surabaya, East Java Province. Wawan Sulistiawan, President Director of PEL, said that the distribution of fuel, held in cooperation with state-owned oil and gas firm PT Pertamina, to ships via pipeline at the port is the first in Indonesia. "On Wednesday (5/1) at this FSOS facility, a trial was successfully carried out to fill fuel for the Jayanegara Tugboat at Mirah Tanjung Perak Surabaya Terminal. With this FSOS facility, ships can fill fuel while carrying out loading and unloading activities which will save ship mooring time," explained Wawan.</p>
Kompas (p.9), 9 January 2021	<p>Increasing oil & gas production and renewable energy production</p>

	<p>The challenges that the new National Energy Board (DEN) members face will be to increase oil and gas production, as well as develop renewable energy sources. The board will also need to review its national energy policies following changes in economic indicators due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The points were given by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM), Arifin Tasrif, on Friday (8/1/2021). Another issue is the high import of crude oil and fuel, as well as falling local oil production. The hope is that developing renewable energy sources will help the country rely less on energy import.</p>
Kompas (p.D), 9 January 2021	<p>Encouraging a green economy through renewable energy sources</p> <p>187 countries including Indonesia ratified the Paris Agreement on 12 December 2015. The agreement aims for more control of greenhouse gas emissions to prevent global warming. The Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) is aiming to reduce 314 million tons of Carbon Dioxide emissions by 2030. Data from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) said that Indonesia's greenhouse gas emissions were 2.4 billion tons in 2015. The figure was 4.8 percent of total global emissions. The government wants renewable energy sources to help contribute to reducing these gas emissions.</p>
Investor Daily (p.9), 9 January 2021	<p>The Indonesian oil price rises by US\$ 7.11 per barrel</p> <p>The Indonesia Crude Price (ICP) recorded a rise of US\$ 7.11 per barrel to US\$ 47.78 per barrel. The ICP rise follows recovering and rising oil demand coming from projections of economic recovery in the Asia Pacific region. Head of a Bureau of Communications from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, (ESDM), Agung Pribadi, said on Friday (8/1) that vaccine process approvals have helped market optimism to grow and this has caused a rise in global demand for oil. Other factors include agreements from OPEC countries continuing to cut oil production.</p>
Petromindo.com, 11 January 2021	<p>Lion says processing of marine seismic at Seram PSC on track</p> <p>ASX-listed upstream oil, gas firm Lion Energy Limited reported on Monday that processing is on track of the 664 kms of high resolution 2D data recorded in November 2020 offshore Seram Island in the East Seram Production Sharing Contract (PSC), Maluku. Once processing is complete, which is expected in March 2021, Lion will have met its firm commitment obligations in the East Seram (PSC). The data is being processed in Jakarta and overseen by experts engaged by Lion. The survey is designed to investigate some large leads on the offshore Kobi area with areal closure up to 30 sq km and also the potential extension of the 20 mmbbl Bula oil field and other leads in Bula Bay area.</p>
Petromindo.com, 11 January 2021	<p>Japanese firm to offtake Merakes LNG</p> <p>Japanese firm Sojitz Corporation has signed a deal to offtake LNG from Eni-operated Merakes gas field offshore East Kalimantan. Under the deal, according to a Petromindo.com source, Sojitz will offtake 10 cargoes per</p>

	<p>year from 2022 to 2025. The source said that price will be formulated at 11.5 percent of Brent crude price, which is one of the best prices for sellers for mid-term contracts. Gas from Merakes field is expected to become onstream in April 2021.</p>
<p>Petromindo.com, 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Pertamina, Microsoft sign HoA on digital transformation</p> <p>State-owned oil and gas firm PT Pertamina signed a heads of agreement (HoA) with Microsoft on Friday as the state firm seeks to continue its digital transformation program to help bolster efficiency and security of operational data from upstream to downstream. Pertamina said in a statement that the HoA was signed by Pertamina President Director Nicke Widyawati and Microsoft Indonesia President Director Haris Izmeo in Jakarta. The HoA follows an MoU signed by the two companies in April 2020. Nicke said that Pertamina continues to make business steps and breakthroughs as a global energy company. Through this agreement, Pertamina and Microsoft, as a global company engaged in information technology, can build a commitment to accelerate digital transformation.</p>
<p>8 January 2021 Petromindo.com</p>	<p>Minister installs energy council members</p> <p>Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Arifin Tasrif, who is also Chairman of the National Energy Council (or DEN), officially installed on Friday eight DEN members from stakeholders for the period of 2020-2025. The ministry said in a statement that the eight DEN members were appointed late last year by President Joko Widodo through Presidential Decree No 135/P/2020 dated 30 December 2020. "I congratulate you, with the hope that you can carry out this mandate as well as possible. Carrying out the tasks mandated by Law Number 30 of 2007 on energy, namely designing and formulating a National Energy Policy (KEN), establishing a National Energy General Plan (RUEN), establishes energy crisis and emergency measures and conducts cross-sectoral oversight of energy policies," Arifin said in the statement. <i>(Reiner Simanjuntak)</i></p>
<p>9 January 2021 Petromindo.com</p>	<p>ELL procures turbine for Bangka biomass power plant project</p> <p>Hong Kong-listed firm ELL Environmental Holdings Limited reported on Friday that its 95 percent-owned subsidiary PT. Sentosa Jaya Purnama has placed an order to procure a turbine generator from Hangzhou Chinen Steam Turbine Power Company Limited.</p> <p>The company said it will pay US\$ 1.1 million for the turbine.</p> <p>The company said that the turbine will be utilized to build a 10-MW biomass power plant in Bangka Island, which is expected to start commercial operations in 2023. <i>(Alexander Ginting)</i></p>

<p>Petromindo.com, 9 January 2021</p>	<p>PGE, PLN GG to complete geothermal joint study mid-2021</p> <p>PT Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE) and PT PLN Gas & Geothermal (PLN GG) are currently conducting joint study at the Ulubelu geothermal concession in Lampung Province and Lahendong geothermal concession in North Sulawesi Province for possible development of new geothermal power generation units in the two areas. Government & Public Relation Manager at PGE, Sentot Yulianugroho said that the joint study is expected to be completed in June of this year. “We’d started on January 5 the kick-off meeting for the cooperation program (joint study). The study is targeted to be completed within six months,” he told Petromindo.com on Friday. He explained that the study covers various aspects including technical, legal, environmental, social commercial (including funding) and risk.</p>
<p>Investor Daily (p.9), 9 January 2021</p>	<p>Electricity tariffs will be the same until March</p> <p>The government, through the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM), has decided to not raise the electricity tariffs for the period of January 2021 to March 2021. The government will also not change any tariffs for 25 subsidized categories which cover various small and medium businesses (SMEs) and other smaller industries. The tariffs will be the same as they were in October - December 2020. Executive Vice President of Corporate Communications and CSR for state electricity company PLN, Agung Murdifi, said on Friday (8/1) that the company is prepared to follow the Ministry's new tariff rules.</p>
<p>Bisnis Indonesia (p.6), 9 January 2021</p>	<p>PLN Expedites Infrastructure Projects in 7 West Sumatera Villages</p> <p>PLN is targeting all areas of West Sumatera to have electricity access this year. According to PLN West Sumatera Unit's general manager Bambang Dwiyanto, there are still seven villages in the province that have no electricity due to infrastructure problems. West Sumatera's electrification ratio now stands at 99.4% with a total power capacity of 743.62 MW.</p>
<p>Investor Daily (p.10), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Pertamina-Medco Collaborate to Develop Geothermal Block</p> <p>Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE) and Medco Power Indonesia (MPI) will collaborate to conduct a study on the development of their geothermal blocks located in various areas across Indonesia. This joint study is expected to speed up the development of these blocks. The kick off meeting for this study was held on Friday (8/1). During the meeting, Pertamina Power Indonesia (PPI) President Director Heru Setiawan said a solid collaboration is crucial for the development of a geothermal project.</p>
<p>Investor Daily (p.10), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Indonesia Starts to Fix National Oil and Gas Data</p>

	<p>The Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Ministry announced the government will immediately start to fix its data on potential oil and gas and finish this improvement within a year. So far, through Pertamina Hulu Energi, Indonesia has partnered up with Tomlinson Geophysical Services to conduct a survey on oil and gas data. Indonesia expects to discover jumbo oil and gas reserves by improving its data on this sector. Energy Minister Arifin Tasrif said the government will be massively perfecting its national oil and gas data using various methods, one of which is through Pseudo-3D Seismic Reprocessing.</p>
<p>Investor Daily (p.10), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Coordinating with the Finance Ministry to Increase Incentives for Mahakam Block</p> <p>The Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Ministry is in the midst of coordinating with the Finance Ministry to provide additional incentives for the Mahakam Block operated by Pertamina Hulu Mahakam (PHM). Incentives are required to increase output at the block located in East Kalimantan. Energy Minister Arifin Tasrif said more than one ministry has the authority to provide incentives for an oil and gas block, including the Mahakam Block. The ESDM Ministry must coordinate with other related ministries, such as the Finance Ministry, to obtain additional incentives.</p>
<p>Kompas (p.11), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Illegal Mines Grow More Massive in Sarolangum</p> <p>Illegal oil mines hiding behind industrial forests (HTI) have been growing massive in Sarolangun Regency, Jambi Province. In the past three months, the number of illegal oil wells increased from around 100 wells to more than 400 wells. This has led to the state suffering losses amounting up to billions of rupiahs. Head of the Law Enforcement Department at the Sumatra Region Environmental and Forestry Office Eduward Hutapea said illegal mines in these forests have garnered special attention. Mid last year, a joint task force comprised of the police and this department approached the location to collect data and shut down a number of illegal wells.</p>
<p>Kontan (p.16), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Corporate Acts by Oil and Gas Producers</p> <p>More oil and gas companies are merging and making acquisitions amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Deal making among oil and gas producers was at its highest for the year in the fourth quarter of 2020, analytics firm Enverus said, as cited from Reuters. Oil and gas producers made deals worth US\$27.1 billion in the fourth quarter, up from \$21 billion in the third quarter. ConocoPhillips acquired Concho Resources for \$13.3 billion, the biggest pure shale acquisition by any company since 2011, topping the list. "The limiting factor for consolidation in 2021 will be the number of attractive merger partners left at the end of a very active year," Enverus M&A analyst Andrew Dittmar said.</p>
<p>Bisnis Indonesia (p.13), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Oil Prices Hit Record High</p> <p>Saudi Arabia's plan to cut output has boosted the demand for oil in the global market. As a result, oil prices reached record highs since September</p>

	<p>last year. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil at the NYMEX increased by US\$3.72 to \$52.24 per barrel last week, Bloomberg reported. Saudi Arabia's surprise cut appears to have caught some Asian buyers by surprise and demand for US crude for export to Asia has gained this week, said Bill O'Grady, executive vice president at Confluence Investment Management LLC in St Louis.</p>
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<p>Kontan (p.12), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Renegotiating the 35 GW Project</p> <p>The Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Ministry will be renegotiating the 35 GW power megaproject this year because the demand for electricity has been quite low due to the Covid-19 outbreak. This led to a surplus in power last year. The development of power plants has been lowered to power plants generating 41,775 MW in the 2020-2029 electricity procurement business plan (RUPTL) from 56,395 MW in the 2019-2028 RUPTL. ESDM Minister Arifin Tasrif said projects that have already begun to be executed under their power purchase agreements (PPA) for the 35 GW project will not be disrupted. "We will try to negotiate with all parties affected by the Covid-19," he said.</p>
<p>Bisnis Indonesia (p.T2), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Oil Prices Strengthens</p> <p>The prices of crude oil in the US market on Friday (8/1) increased when compared to the previous week's price, supported by the increasing prospect of demand. Bloomberg reported that the price of West Texas Intermediate for delivery in February 2020 rose 6.54% to US\$51.27 per barrel. The price of Brent for delivery in March 2021 rose to US\$54.79 per barrel compared to Wednesday (30/12) which stood at US\$51.09 per barrel.</p>
<p>Republika (p.9), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Pertamina Completes Peralite Initial Transfer from Cilacap Refinery</p> <p>PT Pertamina (Persero) through the Cilacap Refinery Unit IV successfully made the initial transfer of Peralite products on Thursday (7/1). This transfer was made via a pipeline to the Lomanis Fuel Terminal. Peralite produced by Refinery Unit IV Cilacap is a special fuel with a research octane number of at least 90 and a maximum sulfur content of 500 ppm as a form of the company's commitment to providing environmentally friendly fuel oil</p>

	for the community.
Suara Pembaruan (p.6), 11 January 2021	<p>Advanced Technology Supports Environmentally Friendly Steam Power Plants</p> <p>Coal-fired Steam Power Plants still dominate the national source of electricity supply. However, various technological innovations have been implemented to reduce the level of pollution from the production process. Apart from reducing emissions, the application of technology also makes the use of fuel more effective and efficient. For example, Ultra Super Critical (USC) technology enables increased efficiency of power plants through the process of controlling the pressure and temperature of the steam entering the turbine.</p>
Investor Daily (p.10), 11 January 2021	<p>PLN Maintain Electricity Supply During Mobility Restrictions</p> <p>PT PLN (Persero) is ready to maintain electricity supply to support community activities during the Implementation of Community Activity Restrictions (PPKM) in Java and Bali from January 11 to January 25. Currently the Java-Bali electricity system has a power of up to 37 thousand megawatts (MW). Therefore, there is a power reserve of around 11 thousand MW. To maintain electricity supply, PLN has alerted personnel assigned to critical units such as generators, transmissions, load control and distribution, 123 Call Center services, Command Centers, and Technical service posts. In addition, PLN is also prioritizing power supply to Covid-19 referral hospitals in Java and Bali.</p>

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The Jakarta Post (p.1), 11 January 2021	<p>Sriwijaya Air crash adds to troubling safety record</p> <p>Authorities said they have picked up signals believed to be from the black boxes belonging to the Sriwijaya Air SJ-182 passenger jet that crashed off the coast of Jakarta. The National Search and Rescue Agency (Basarnas), assisted by the Indonesian Navy and relevant agencies, is racing against time to find both the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder of the aircraft that was meant to land in Pontianak, West Kalimantan, but disappeared from the radar only minutes after taking off on Saturday afternoon. “We continue to monitor the two signals transmitted by the black boxes, and we have marked them. Hopefully we can lift the black boxes soon, so that we can find the cause of the accident,” Indonesian Military commander Air Chief Marshal Hadi Tjahjanto said on Sunday in a televised press briefing.</p>
Investor Daily (p.1+2), 9 January 2021	<p>Funds reallocated to help support the economy</p> <p>The government plans to reallocate some of its state budget funds to support economic recovery and optimize efforts to handle the Covid-19</p>

	<p>situation. The funds will be diverted to push activities that have what is described as a productive element. Funds for social protection will still also be available. The points were made by Coordinating Minister for the Economy, Airlangga Hartarto, in an online event on Friday (8/1). The funds for the government's Covid-19 efforts and National Economic Recovery (PEN) program for its 2021 state budget (APBN) is Rp 403.9 trillion.</p>
<p>Kontan (p.1), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Supported by Employers, Protested by Workers</p> <p>The government is socializing several derivative rules of the Job Creation Law, one of which is the most awaited one; the rules in the labor sector, particularly regarding Fixed-Time Work Agreements (PKWT), Outsourcing, Working and Rest Time, and Termination of Employment (PHK). Head of Law and Foreign Cooperation Department at the Manpower Ministry, Agatha Widianawati, said the draft has been uploaded to a special Job Creation Law website to gather public input. Meanwhile, Secretary-General of the Indonesian Workers Organization (OPSI), Timboel Siregar, says the regulation is detrimental to workers, such as the possibility of employment termination when a company suffers losses for two consecutive years by paying the severance pay half of the amount stipulated in the Law, where information regarding the loss in details should be made available, such as audit results, that the loss has been caused by the company's poor performance or for other reasons.</p>
<p>Bisnis Indonesia (p.1), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Bond Issuance, an Option</p> <p>Several issuers will implement a refinancing strategy at the beginning of the year, by issuing new bonds to pay off obligations that mature this year, in line with the trend of lower issuance costs. Data from the Indonesian Central Securities Depository (KSEI) shows the total of maturing corporate bonds at Rp 93.01 trillion, of which there is Rp 41.29 trillion from 61 series of debt securities that will mature in the first semester and 104 bond series at Rp 51.71 trillion in the second semester. Amid the increasingly challenging economic conditions, the issuance of new bonds is deemed more profitable compared to other options such as internal cash or bank loans, where the issuance of corporate bonds has would be supported by high demand for investment instruments due to high market liquidity and investors are seeking investment instruments that promise maximum returns.</p>
<p>Kompas (p.10), 11 January 2021</p>	<p>Recovery Rate May Run Slower</p> <p>The pace of Indonesia's economic recovery may run slower if the policy that restricts economic activities occurs repeatedly due to surge in Covid-19 cases. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects this year's economic growth at 4.8%, down from the previous projection in September at 6.1%, while the World Bank lowers its projection from 4.8% to 4.4%, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) from 5.3 % to 4.5%, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) from 5.3% to 4%. A researcher at the Center of Reform on Economics (Core) in Indonesia, Yusuf Rendi Manilet, said the revision indicates vulnerable economic growth as it depends on several factors, such as the increase in Covid-19 case, where the</p>

government has two options in maintaining the economic recovery momentum: executing health policies and preparing social safety nets for those affected by government policies related to economic restrictions.
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