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We've been recording month-on-month the best volumes ever handled in Fujairah. That started in February and March, when we

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Capt. Salem Al Hamoudi, Director, Fujairah Oil Industry Zone

started to see very healthy throughput volumes coming through the Port of Fujairah and the Fujairah Oil Industry Zone (FOIZ), and that kept increasing. So, April saw an increase again to the best volume ever, and this continued in the months that followed. If we talk about the storage side of Fujairah, it's been witnessing

a very healthy demand, and most of the time there is shortage of storage space in Fujairah. We are trying to diversify the activities from what has been traditionally mainly towards oil products, now there is more storage being added towards crude oil. We have seen the announcement of

ADNOC to add more crude oil storage, and we have BBGIC adding more crude tanks in the range of 600,000 cubic meters, as well as ECOMAR. There is a healthy mix between the amount of oil product storage that is getting added in Fujairah, as well as the crude storage.

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What's the state of play with Covid and India's economic recovery?

Several parts of the country are still in lockdown but overall, the situation and sentiment are better - traffic jams are back in the big cities. At the same time, we have yet to see any significant rise in terms of demand for petroleum products and that's mainly because many are still working from home. But this fiscal year, we expect demand for petrol and diesel to go up by 14% and 17% respectively, in comparison to last year. We would also hope that by the festival season next March, we will be out of the Covid situation, but this virus is as unpredictable as North Korea.

What's your perspective on the disagreement within OPEC?

This is more than just about oil volumes - it's more complex than that. The UAE is also a kind of broker to the relationship between Iran and Saudi Arabia; there's not only one dimension to keep in mind. At the same time, if the UAE can and wants to pump four million barrels a day, we would be happy with that as an importer. The appointment in India this week of a new oil minister, a veteran diplomat, shows that the government is preparing for effective conversations with OPEC and exporting countries like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Iran.

Do you concur that low-cost producers should be pumping at full capacity?

The super majors are under tremendous pressure from public opinion and their own shareholders on the energy transition and dividends so there's no doubt that the significance of state-owned entities like Saudi Aramco and others, is growing in the overall energy scene. In fact, for countries like India and China, it's easier to strike a deal on energy supply with NOCs on the political level than with IOCs.

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