HPCL Aims To Start Refurbish Mumbai Refinery By July

India's Hindustan Petroleum Corp.'s Mumbai refinery will start full-scale operation at a higher capacity of 190,000 barrels per day (BPD) by the end-June or in July, its chairman M. K. Surana said on Thursday.

HPCL had fully shut the 150,000 BPD Mumbai refinery in western Maharashtra from April 1 for maintenance and capacity expansion, Surana said at a press conference to announce March quarter earnings.

"One crude unit of 3.5 million tonnes (70,000 BPD) is under commissioning and we are revamping the second unit to add capacity," he said. The state-run refiner aims to add 40,000 BPD capacity to the second crude unit.

He also said the company is operating its 166,000 BPD Vizag refinery in southern India at full capacity.