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BPCL to start bunker supply at Indian port

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Indian state-owned refiner Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) said it will start offering bunker fuels at the port of Kandla, in the western Indian state of Gujarat, next month.

BPCL will offer 380 centistokes (cSt) bunker fuel starting April 1, a company source told Bunkerworld on Friday.

"It is quite difficult at the moment to estimate [the] volumes we will be able to sell at the port," the source said.

The product will be sourced from BPCL's Mumbai refinery and will be delivered by barges, he said.

BPCL also plan to offer 180 cSt grade and marine gas oil (MGO) in Kandla at a later date.

The refiner currently offers 380 cSt product, 180 cSt material and MGO at Mumbai port and 380 cSt grade at Kochi port.

Other suppliers at Kandla include Chemoil Adani, BGH Exim and Global Fuels & Lubricants (GFL) which offer 380 cSt grade, 180 cSt product and MGO.

Last month, BPCL said it planned to improve its position in the marine fuels industry by focusing on bunker fuel production at its Mumbai refinery.

The refiner added that the move would be advantageous as local refiners focused on producing lighter products.