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Alon USA Partners Conducting Maintenance Work on Big Spring Refinery Unit

DALLAS, Jan. 29, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Alon USA Partners, LP (NYSE: ALDW) today announced that the partnership's Big Spring, Texas, refinery will undergo maintenance in February, primarily to make repairs to the facility's vacuum tower.

While making these repairs, the partnership will also complete a reformer catalyst regeneration and a diesel hydro-treater catalyst replacement that were scheduled to be performed later in the year. Completing this work now will eliminate the planned crude reductions scheduled to occur later in the year and minimize the overall impact on annual throughput.

This maintenance is expected to take approximately 10 days to complete. "Our focus is to ensure the work is performed safely and properly while also minimizing downtime," according to Paul Eisman, President and CEO of the general partner of Alon USA Partners, LP.

As a result of these activities, total throughput at Big Spring Refinery during the first quarter of 2013 is expected to be reduced to 62,000 barrels per day. However, the impact on total throughput for 2013 is expected to be minimal.

Alon USA Partners, LP is a Delaware limited partnership formed in August 2012 by Alon USA Energy, Inc. ("Alon Energy") to own, operate and grow our strategically located refining and petroleum products marketing business. Our integrated downstream business operates primarily in the South Central and Southwestern regions of the United States. Alon USA Partners, LP owns and operate a crude oil refinery in Big Spring, Texas with total throughput capacity of approximately 70,000 barrels per day. Alon USA Partners, LP refines crude oil into finished products, which we market primarily in West Texas, Central Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona through our wholesale distribution network to both Alon Energy's retail convenience stores and other third-party distributors.

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