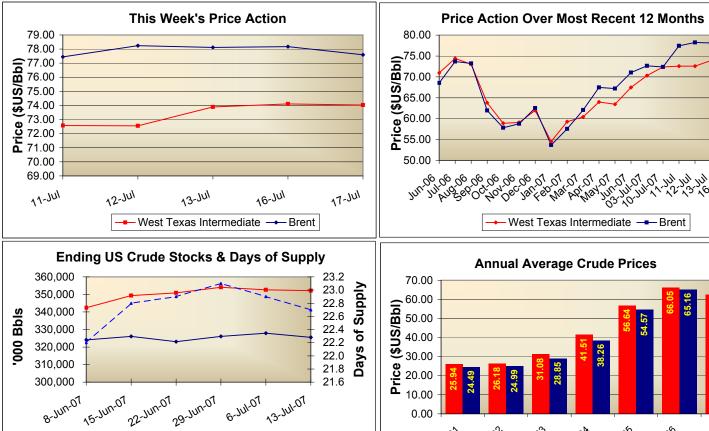
## Weekly Crude Price Report - For the Week Ending July 17, 2007

	Week									<b>COMMENTARY:</b>
	Ended	Current Week							For the July 11	
							July 11 - July	July Month-	2007 Year-	Texas Intermediate
Benchmark Crudes (US\$/bbl)	10-Jul-07	11 <b>-</b> Jul	12-Jul	13 <b>-</b> Jul	16-Jul	17 <b>-</b> Jul	17 Average	to-Date	to-Date	week-over-week, e
- West Texas Intermediate	70.32	72.58	72.55	73.89	74.11	74.03	73.43	72.66	02.45	Brent lost \$0.29 w
- Brent Crude	72.64	77.44	78.24	78.12	<b>78.1</b> 7	77.59	77.91	76.70	64.31	\$77.59.



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West Texas Intermediate Brent Crude

For the July 11 - July 17 period, West exas Intermediate closed higher by \$1.23 eek-over-week, ending the week at \$74.03. rent lost \$0.29 week-over-week to close at 77.59.

► US Crude stocks decreased by 0.4 million bbls. At the same time, days of crude supply decreased by 0.2 to 22.7 days of supply. Gasoline and distillate stocks decreased by 2.4 million bbls.

WTI prices continued their steady upward climb this week, adding another \$1.23. Brent, meanwhile, took a breather from its ascent, losing \$0.29. In any case, both crudes remain in elevated territory with little apparent likelihood of any substantial declines coming. Both crude and gasoline stocks unexpectedly declined this week. although markets did not react aggressively to the news. Expectations are for up to 0.9 1.0 million barrel build in gasoline stocks next week so this may have tempered any substantial price spike based on this week's data. If, however, we see another decline in gasoline stocks in the July 20th data, there may be a sharper response.

## Sources/Notes:

Ending Total Weekly Crude Stocks

Days of Crude Supply

Ending Total Weekly Gasoline and Distillate Stocks

1. West Texas Intermediate and Brent Crude prices are spot prices as reported weekly by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the United States

2. Inventory stocks are reported weekly by the EIA and include all inventories held with "primary" enterprises such as refiners and wholesalers of crude. Secondary and tertiary inventories held by retailers or end users are not included. Crude stocks include all unrefined crude; gasoline stocks include all grades of gasoline; and distillate stocks include all grades of distillates (including home heating fuel and diesel fuel).

3. Annual and monthly average prices for spot WTI and Brent crude from 2001 to 2007 are simple averages calculated from daily prices as reported by EIA.

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year-to-date.

\*\*NOTE: 2007 figures are

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