

## Deputy PM Delighted with Refinery

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport, Hon John Anderson MP visited the SOR Lube Oil Re-refinery in Wagga Wagga during May to see for himself the achievements of the company in producing virgin quality base oils by re-refining used lube oils. He was escorted to the Refinery by long-term project supporter Kay Hull, the Federal Member for Riverina, and hosted by Chairman Jim Graham.



Plant Manager Frank Kirkwood explaining the process to Hon John Anderson and Chairman Jim Graham

John Anderson was able to see the refinery operating at record throughputs of up to 66,000 litres per day and producing two high quality base oils; SN 150 and SN 300 which are being used by several of lube oil blenders to produce a range of motor oils and hydraulic oils for sale throughout Australia.

## New Banking Partner for SOR

On 10 May 2004 the ANZ Bank came on board as the new banking partner for SOR. After a long period of support during the research and development phase of the project, the Commonwealth Bank decided to realign its banking strategies. The ANZ Bank however is now making a strategic push to be involved with commercially successful environmental projects throughout Australia and after an extended due diligence period including a requirement that the company demonstrate its

ability to operate its refinery at nameplate capacity while producing on-specification base oils, is enthusiastic about being the new banking partner for the Company's used oil re-refining operations in Wagga Wagga.

## SOR Base Oils Pass Health and Safety Tests Again

SOR is again delighted to announce that its premium base oil fully complies with the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage extremely strict standards for harmful contaminants.

The six monthly tests for Dioxins and Furans, Poly-Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), Poly-Chlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), and Mutagenicity Index all came in inside limits. These compounds are at risk of being present in high concentrations in used oil as a result of the normal combustion of petrol and diesel, or through illegal dumping. SOR's unique process is extremely effective in removing the contaminants to safe levels, in some cases lower than virgin oils, ensuring that lube oils blended from SOR base oils are safe to use.

Risk Factor	Standard	Result
Dioxin/Furan	<10 (pg/g)	3.1(picogm/gm)
PAH	< 1 ppm	Not detected
PCB	< 1 ppm	Not detected
Mutagenicity Index	< 1.0	0.002 average of 3 samples

Of particular interest is the Dioxin test which when excluding limit of detection values was 3.1 picograms per gram, or 3.1 parts per trillion and well inside the limit of 10. The mutagenicity index measures the probability of a substance being carcinogenic, with SOR base oils getting the best possible result.

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