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Alon USA Purchases Additional Pipelines in California

DALLAS, July 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) ("Alon") today announced that it has finalized the purchase of the crude and unfinished products pipeline system from Kinder Morgan, Inc. known as the "Black Oil System" for a purchase price of \$4.5 million. The "Black Oil" system includes approximately six miles of active and thirteen miles of inactive pipelines in the Long Beach, California area.

Jeff Morris, President and CEO of Alon, commented, "These pipelines provide us with enhanced flexibility with our logistics in the Long Beach area, as well as support the expansion of our California refinery system to 90,000 barrels per day ("bpd") planned for next year. Logistics are critical in any environment, but they are especially valuable in densely populated areas such as the Los Angeles basin. The acquired pipeline system will allow us to better optimize our current pipeline network along with giving us direct access to marine terminals and refineries in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Port area.

"This is one more step in our continued progress to expand and improve the facilities we purchased last year. We have already increased throughput from our combined Paramount operation to almost 70,000 bpd and look forward to continuing to increase fuels and asphalt production for our West Coast customers."

Alon USA Energy, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the South Central, Southwestern and Western regions of the United States. The Company owns and operates four sour and heavy crude oil refineries in Texas, California and Oregon, with an aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of approximately 170,000 barrels per day. Alon markets gasoline and diesel products under the FINA brand name and is a leading producer of asphalt. Alon also operates more than 300 convenience stores in West Texas and New Mexico under the 7-Eleven and FINA brand names and supplies motor fuels to these stores from its Big Spring refinery. In addition, Alon supplies approximately 900 additional FINA branded locations.

Any statements in this press release that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect Alon's current expectations regarding future events, results or outcomes, including Alon's expectations regarding the benefits of acquiring the Black Oil pipelines and the anticipated timing and results of the other projects referenced in this press release. Such statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations of Alon's management and are subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond Alon's control, which could result in Alon's expectations not being realized. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements contained in this press release because of a variety of factors. Additional factors that may affect the future results of Alon are set forth in Alon's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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