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Russia's Orsk refinery resumes operations after flooding, sources say

By Reuters

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MOSCOW, April 23 (Reuters) - Russia's Orsk oil refinery resumed full operations early on Tuesday after flooding in the region caused a two-week suspension, two sources close to the matter told Reuters.

The refinery declared force majeure on April 8 and was expected to start fuel production on April 19.

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Fortinvest, the Orsk refinery operator, declined to comment.

Fortinvest shut the plant on April 8 to avoid environmental risks and ensure labour safety. Last year the refinery processed 4.5 million metric tons (90,000 barrels per day) of oil.

The source said Fortinvest will first supply fuel to fulfil required sales via Saint-Petersburg

Exchange to domestic market and then under export contracts.

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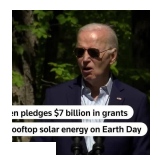
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