

Motiva begins restart process on expansion at Texas refinery

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Motiva could begin the restart process of the expansion project at its Port Arthur refinery in Texas next week after repairing a crude unit, a company spokesperson said on Thursday. "Repairs to the crude distillation unit (CDU) at the Motiva Port Arthur expansion are going well. We expect to turn over the unit to operations by end November-early December, which will begin the process to safely restart the unit," said Shell spokesperson Kayla Macke. The 325,000 bbl/day expansion project at the refinery was stalled when the CDU went off line after a failed weekend start-up attempt on 9-10 June and was originally expected to be off line for two to five months. "We are still targeting early 2013 for restart, as planned," Macke said. Motiva is a joint venture by Saudi Aramco and Shell.

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