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Bitumen Specifications
& where to from here?

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- “tweaked” specs already submitted for approval!

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- Feel like a franchiser!!!!

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or

A sign of our future challenges??

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- Only a few are available for manufacture of good quality bitumen

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- Refineries need to optimise extraction of major products!
- Hence selection of appropriate crudes?
- Bitumen is at the “bottom” of the food chain

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- Free market and fixed price (for petrol)!

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Could have a major influence on our local specifications!

- Performance base or

- CEN?

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- Some lively discussion???