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## **UPDATE 1-Shell lifts force majeure on Nigeria Forcados oil**

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LONDON, Oct 8 (Reuters) - Royal Dutch Shell <RDSa.L> last week lifted a force majeure on shipments from its Forcados oil export terminal in Nigeria, a company spokeswoman said on Monday.

The force majeure had been in place since output was shut-in at Forcados and EA fields, which typically produce around 477,000 barrels per day, due to damage from militant attacks in February 2006.

"We lifted the force majeure because we have had more liftings from Forcados, so we've been able to honour our contracts," said spokeswoman Eurwen Thomas.

A force majeure allows companies to suspend contractual obligations, such as deliveries of oil and gas, following unforeseen events without incurring penalties.

The spokeswoman said there was only a small amount of output currently being produced at the oilfields.

Most of the crude being shipped from the Forcados terminal, which usually takes in about 380,000 bpd, was from storage.

The terminal is expected to export 112,000 bpd in November, up from 92,000 bpd the previous month, according to Nigeria's loading programmes.

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