Kulevi Oil Refinery

Factual Summary

Black Sea Petroleum LLC (BSP) is a privately owned energy company based in Georgia. It owns and operates Kulevi Oil Refinery on the Black Sea coast. **The refinery operates exclusively on non-Russian crude oil.**

Purpose and basis of this summary

This summary concerns the European Commission's review of Kulevi Oil Refinery's inclusion on the EU sanctions list. It draws on BSP's detailed submissions to the Commission through its legal counsel, Steptoe, and subsequent operational updates. BSP management takes full responsibility for its factual accuracy.

1. Permanent non-Russian crude oil supply

BSP completed the operational transition on 23 August 2026. Since then, the refinery has received and processed exclusively non-Russian crude oil. This sourcing policy is permanent. The third Libyan crude shipment arrived at Kulevi on 28 October 2026 aboard the tanker FRANKOPAN. A fourth shipment has been agreed for November 2026. BSP's non-exclusive framework agreement with energy trader BGN runs through 31 December 2027.

2. Commercial sustainability

Kulevi Oil Refinery operates profitably using exclusively non-Russian crude oil.

3. Ownership and control

BSP is privately owned by Georgian nationals. It is not a state-owned company. **There is no Russian ownership or control.** Page 2 presents the ownership structure and ultimate beneficial owners.

4. Independent verification and ongoing monitoring

The initial 60-day monitoring period ended on 22 October 2026. Operational records, independent inspection reports from Intertek (a global testing, inspection and certification company) and confirmations from SOCAR's Black Sea Terminal at Kulevi support the transition within each document's scope and reporting period.

Controls include sanctions screening of counterparties and vessels, and checks of crude oil origin against contracts, shipping documents and customs records. BSP remains committed to the independent verification, monitoring and reporting arrangements set out in its 15 October 2026 submission to the European Commission. These commitments continue beyond the initial monitoring period and any subsequent delisting.

5. Early preparations for non-Russian supply

BSP began preparing Kulevi Oil Refinery for a permanent switch to exclusively non-Russian crude oil in late 2025, well before its EU listing in July 2026. This allowed BSP to complete the switch on 23 August 2026, within one month of listing and well before the end of the six-month period provided for diversification.

Preparations included a request for Turkmen crude in January 2026, BGN's agreement with Dragon Oil in April 2026 and a long-term Libyan supply agreement in July 2026.

6. Investment and European cooperation

BSP plans to expand refining capacity to up to five million tonnes annually, including Euro 5 fuel production. Listing uncertainty is holding back financing. The investment would create opportunities for EU suppliers and partners and could provide additional non-Russian fuel supply to regional and European markets. BSP's Brussels office provides a permanent point of contact for EU institutions and European partners.

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Ownership Structure and Ultimate Beneficial Owners

Black Sea Petroleum LLC (BSP) is a privately owned company that owns and operates Kulevi Oil Refinery in Georgia. The refinery processes exclusively non-Russian crude oil.



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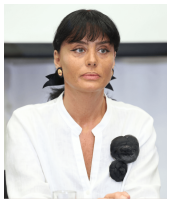
Ultimate Beneficial Owner

29.34%

Georgian national

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer

Over a decade of experience in international commodities trading and energy logistics.



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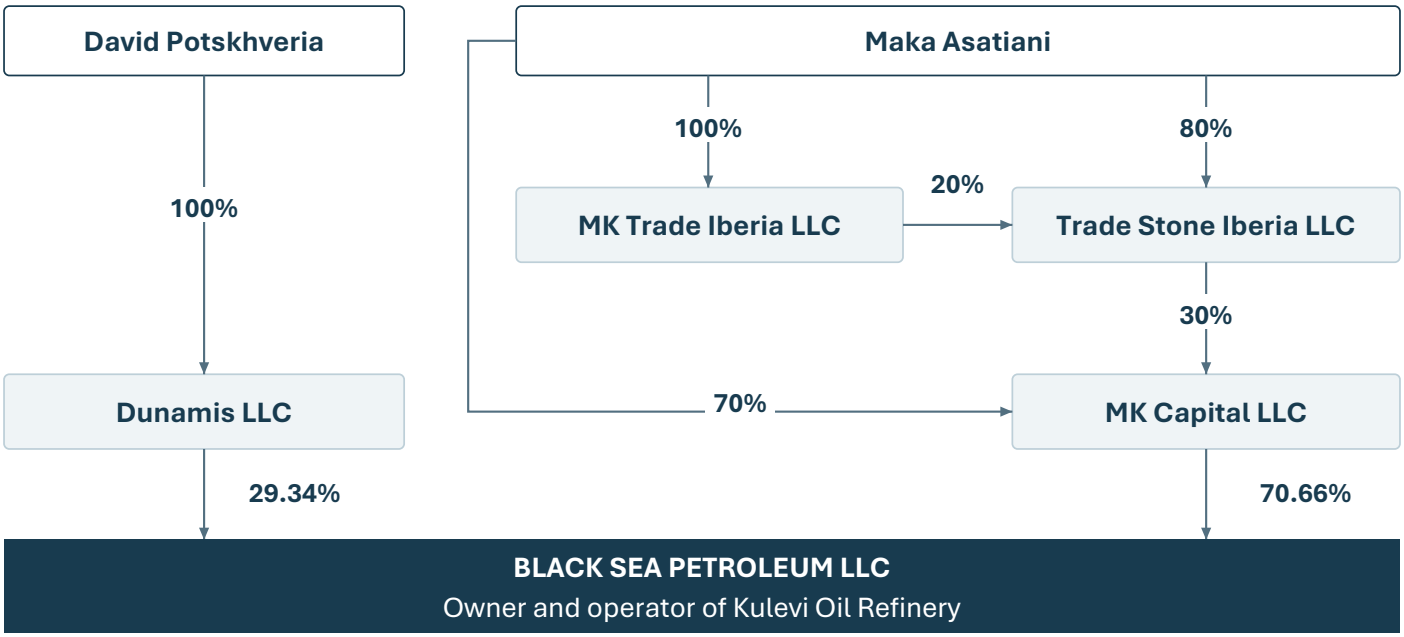
Ultimate Beneficial Owner

70.66%

Georgian national

Energy investments, petroleum imports and fuel distribution in Georgia. Long-standing shareholder in Georgia's official Mercedes-Benz distributor.

Ownership structure



Funding structure

Equity USD 54.63 million — **Loans USD 87.18 million**

38.5% | 61.5%

Management statement

BSP management confirms the accuracy of this ownership overview and takes responsibility for its content. The ownership details are based on publicly available corporate registry records. Supporting registry extracts and related corporate documents are available upon request.

Further information: BSP at a Glance | bsp.com.ge/en/at-a-glance/