

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 28 AUGUST 2015

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1. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FUEL PRICES: WEDNESDAY, 02 SEPTEMBER 2015

Product:

Petrol 95 and 93 (ULP & LRP)	69.000	cents per litre decrease in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	54.000	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	51.000	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	55.000	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	74.000	c/l decrease in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP) Maximum Retail Price
for LPGAS	115.000	cents per kilogram decrease in the maximum retail price

2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 31 JULY 2015 TO 27 AUGUST 2015

The average international product prices of Petrol, Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin decreased during the period under review.

The Rand weakened against the US Dollar, on average, when compared to the previous period. The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate for the period 31 July 2015 to 27 August 2015 was 12.8609 compared to 12.4128 during the previous period.

The weakening of the Rand against the US Dollar increased the contribution to the Basic Fuels Price on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 20.45 c/l, 18.28 c/l and 17.90 c/l respectively.

3. INCREASE IN THE RETAIL MARGIN APPLICABLE TO PETROL

The Minister of Energy has approved a retail margin increase of 4.6 c/l to be effected in the retail price structures of all octane grades of petrol with effect from 02 September 2015. This increase is necessary to accommodate the wage increases of pump attendants and cashiers at retail service stations in line with the Motor Industry Bargaining Council's (MIBCO) wage increase agreement of 9.0 per cent to be effected in 2015. This money must be ring-fenced for the wages of the forecourt staff.

4. SLATE LEVY

In line with the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism Rules, the Slate levy on petrol and diesel will remain at 0.00 c/l with effect from 02 September 2015.

5. SINGLE MAXIMUM NATIONAL RETAIL PRICE FOR ILLUMINATING PARAFFIN (SMNRP)

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 02 September 2015 to 06 October 2015 will be 847.0 c/l compared to 921.0 c/l for the period 05 August 2015 to 01 September 2015, this is a decrease of 74.0 c/l.

6. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 460.65 per metric ton (414.06 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 02 September 2015 to 06 October 2015.

7. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

In terms of the agreed mechanism:

- (a) Price changes are adjusted in such a manner that the over-or under-recovery during the prior month will be corrected in the following month; and
- (b) The unit over- or under-recoveries are rounded up or down to the nearest full cent so that the effect of rounding contributes to the clearing of the cumulative balance of the individual products on the slate.
- (c) In order to manage a negative balance in the Cumulative over/(under) recovery account (the Slate), a Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism (SLM) was implemented with effect from 7 January 2009 (the SLM is available on the website of the Department of Energy). A Slate levy will only be applicable on all petrol and diesel grades if the Slate balance is negative (cumulative under recovery) by more than R250.0 million

8. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Petrol 95 ULP & LRP	Diesel 0.05(%) Sulphur	Diesel 0.005(%) Sulphur	Illuminating Paraffin Wholesale	LPGAS (Gauteng, Zone 9C)
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The price adjustments in (1) above are based on the following actual data:

Average product over/(under)-recovery, measured for the 20 days from 31/07/2015 to 27/08/2015 (cents / litre) as detailed below	73.133	53.453	50.835	55.772	N/A
Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of July 2015 (R-million)	1 867.791	2 788.378	2 788.378	(188.763)	

The price adjustments consist of the following elements:

	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	
Average product over/(under)-recovery rounded to the nearest full cent for price (increase) / decrease	74.000	54.000	51.000	55.000	
Increase Retail Margin on petrol	(4.600)				
Pump Rounding	(0.400)				
LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT (increase)/decrease					115.000
<u>Total price (increase) / decrease</u>	69.000	54.000	51.000	55.000	115.000

9. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

10. ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS THAT RESULTED IN THE BFP OVER/(UNDER)-RECOVERIES

The over/(under)-recoveries for the period under review were affected by the factors set out below, which can be quantified as follows:

	Petrol 95 ULP c/l	** Diesel 0.05% c/l	** Diesel 0.005% c/l	illuminating Paraffin c/l
<u>Movements in external factors</u>				
Movement in International Product Prices	93.586	71.730	69.381	73.676
Movement in Exchange Rate	(20.453)	(18.277)	(18.546)	(17.904)
<u>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 31/07/2015 to 27/08/2015</u>	73.133	53.453	50.835	55.772

11. COMPOSITION OF THE MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES FOR LPGAS AT THE COAST (ZONE 1A) AND IN THE INLAND AREA (ZONE 9C) IN CENTS PER KILOGRAM FOR THE PERIOD 02/09/2015 TO 06/10/2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

<u>Price element</u>	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	746.065	746.065
Primary transport costs	37.120	175.960
Operating expenses	343.000	343.000
Working capital	26.000	26.000
Depreciation	126.000	126.000
Gross margin: Cylinder-filling plant	161.000	161.000
Sub-total (1)	1 439.185	1 578.025
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	215.878	236.704
Sub-total (2)	1 655.063	1 814.729
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	231.709	254.062
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	1 887.000	2 069.000

12. The annexure attached contains details of the composition of product prices as well as history of the price

ANNEXURE 1

**COMPOSITION OF THE RETAIL PRICE OF PETROL AND THE
WHOLESALE PRICES FOR DIESEL AND IP IN GAUTENG
FOR THE PERIOD 02/09/2015 TO 06/10/2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

	Petrol 95 ULP c/l	Petrol 93 ULP & LRP c/l	Diesel 0.05% S c/l	Diesel 0.005% S c/l	Illumi- nating Paraffin c/l
Wholesale margin	33.500	33.500	64.700	64.700	64.700
Secondary Storage	17.400	17.400	17.400	17.400	17.400
Secondary Distribution	12.600	12.600	12.600	12.600	12.600
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	155.700	155.700	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zone differential in Gauteng	35.300	35.300	35.300	35.300	55.600
IP Tracer levy	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.000
Fuel levy	255.000	255.000	240.000	240.000	0.000
Customs & excise duty	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	0.000
RAF levy	154.000	154.000	154.000	154.000	0.000
Petroleum Products levy	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.000
Slate levy	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DSML	10.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Equalisation Fund Levy	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pump Rounding	0.300	0.300			
Sub-total	678.130	668.130	528.340	528.340	157.700
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	578.870	563.870	512.630	521.030	504.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	1,257.00	1,232.00			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			1,040.970	1,049.370	661.828

STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES

Effective from:	Petrol 95 ULP		Diesel		Illuminating Paraffin		LPGAS	
	Gauteng SA c/l	Coast SA c/l	Gauteng SA c/l	Coast SA c/l	Gauteng SA c/l	Coast SA c/l	Gauteng SA c/Kg	Coast SA c/Kg
	From 4 January 2006 0,05% Sulphur							
04-Jan-12	1 061.00	1 031.00	1027.690	1007.290	788.428	752.528	2 121.00	1 939.00
01-Feb-12	1 095.00	1 065.00	1026.690	1006.290	785.428	749.528	2 171.00	1 989.00
07-Mar-12	1 123.00	1 093.00	1037.070	1016.670	789.428	753.528	2 207.00	2 025.00
04-Apr-12	1 194.00	1 159.00	1088.970	1064.270	816.028	774.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
02-May-12	1 222.00	1 187.00	1098.370	1073.670	825.028	783.128	2 306.00	2 124.00
06-Jun-12	1 167.00	1 132.00	1073.550	1048.850	804.028	762.128	2 207.00	2 025.00
04-Jul-12	1 082.00	1 047.00	1010.970	986.270	746.028	704.128	2 094.00	1 912.00
01-Aug-12	1 104.00	1 069.00	1025.590	1000.890	761.028	719.128	2 146.00	1 964.00
05-Sep-12	1 197.00	1 162.00	1094.590	1069.890	834.028	792.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
03-Oct-12	1 220.00	1 185.00	1133.750	1109.050	867.028	825.128	2 272.00	2 090.00
07-Nov-12	1 210.00	1 175.00	1143.950	1119.250	870.028	828.128	2 273.00	2 091.00
05-Dec-12	1 201.00	1 166.00	1138.950	1114.250	866.028	824.128	2 238.00	2 056.00
02-Jan-13	1 186.00	1 151.00	1111.370	1086.670	849.028	807.128	2 229.00	2 047.00
06-Feb-13	1 227.00	1 192.00	1129.170	1104.470	875.028	833.128	2 302.00	2 120.00
06-Mar-13	1 308.00	1 273.00	1187.550	1162.850	932.028	890.128	2 420.00	2 238.00
03-Apr-13	1 320.00	1 283.00	1196.610	1170.010	906.228	860.328	2 365.00	2 183.00
01-May-13	1 247.00	1 210.00	1141.050	1114.450	848.228	802.328	2 284.00	2 102.00
05-Jun-13	1 239.00	1 202.00	1137.070	1110.470	849.228	803.328	2 289.00	2 107.00
03-Jul-13	1 323.00	1 286.00	1215.270	1188.670	924.228	878.328	2 418.00	2 236.00
07-Aug-13	1 355.00	1 318.00	1248.230	1221.630	949.228	903.328	2 440.00	2 258.00
04-Sep-13	1 350.00	1 313.00	1262.050	1235.450	974.228	928.328	2 449.00	2 267.00
02-Oct-13	1 330.00	1 293.00	1260.050	1233.450	970.228	924.328	2 409.00	2 227.00
06-Nov-13	1 302.00	1 265.00	1244.850	1218.250	954.228	908.328	2 368.00	2 186.00
04-Dec-13	1 319.00	1 282.00	1254.970	1228.370	970.728	924.828	2 386.00	2 204.00
01-Jan-14	1 357.00	1 320.00	1287.150	1260.550	1009.728	963.828	2 442.00	2 260.00
05-Feb-14	1 396.00	1 359.00	1311.350	1284.750	1021.728	975.828	2 496.00	2 314.00
05-Mar-14	1 432.00	1 395.00	1338.550	1311.950	1037.728	991.828	2 554.00	2 372.00
02-Apr-14	1 439.00	1 398.00	1329.750	1299.150	1003.228	953.028	2 532.00	2 350.00
07-May-14	1 424.00	1 383.00	1299.970	1269.370	984.228	934.028	2 528.00	2 346.00
04-Jun-14	1 402.00	1 361.00	1276.390	1245.790	974.228	924.028	2 501.00	2 319.00
02-Jul-14	1 433.00	1 392.00	1290.390	1259.790	997.228	947.028	2 559.00	2 377.00
06-Aug-14	1 433.00	1 392.00	1284.770	1254.170	990.228	940.028	2 547.00	2 365.00
03-Sep-14	1 366.00	1 325.00	1259.390	1228.790	971.228	921.028	2 439.00	2 257.00
01-Oct-14	1 361.00	1 320.00	1246.390	1215.790	957.228	907.028	2 451.00	2 269.00
05-Nov-14	1 316.00	1 275.00	1185.390	1154.790	905.228	855.028	2 346.00	2 164.00
03-Dec-14	1 247.00	1 206.00	1132.090	1101.490	855.928	805.728	2 221.00	2 039.00
07-Jan-15	1 124.00	1 083.00	1028.090	997.490	747.928	697.728	2 011.00	1 829.00
04-Feb-15	1 031.00	990.00	926.090	895.490	645.928	595.728	1 861.00	1 679.00
04-Mar-15	1 127.00	1 086.00	1000.090	969.490	718.928	668.728	2 015.00	1 833.00
01-Apr-15	1 289.00	1 246.00	1122.790	1090.090	743.828	690.828	2 100.00	1 918.00
06-May-15	1 289.00	1 246.00	1117.790	1085.090	738.828	685.828	2 117.00	1 935.00
03-Jun-15	1 336.00	1 293.00	1166.790	1134.090	780.828	727.828	2 217.00	2 035.00
01-Jul-15	1 377.00	1 334.00	1170.790	1138.090	786.828	733.828	2 273.00	2 091.00
05-Aug-15	1 326.00	1 283.00	1094.970	1062.270	716.828	663.828	2 184.00	2 002.00
02-Sep-15	1 257.00	1 214.00	1040.970	1008.270	661.828	608.828	2 069.00	1 887.00