

**MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 30 APRIL 2015**

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**1. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FUEL PRICES: WEDNESDAY, 06 MAY 2015**

Product:

Petrol 95 and 93 (ULP & LRP)	0.000	NO CHANGE
Both Diesel 0.05% and 0.005% Sulphur	5.000	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	5.000	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	7.000	c/l decrease in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	17.000	cents per kilogram increase in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 27 MARCH 2015 TO 29 APRIL 2015**

The average international product prices of Petrol slightly increased, whilst 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 27 March 2015 to 29 April 2015 was 12.0459 compared to 12.0423 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 0.18 c/l, 0.17 c/l and 0.17 c/l respectively.

**3. SLATE LEVY**

In line with the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism Rules, the Slate levy on petrol and diesel will remain 0.00 c/l with effect from 06 May 2015.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 06 May 2015 to 02 June 2015 will be 950.0 c/l compared to 957.0 c/l for the period 01 April 2015 to 05 May 2015, this is a decrease of 7.0 c/l

**5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE**

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 830.37 per metric ton (434.58 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 06 May 2015 to 02 June 2015.

**6. 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

**7. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT**

	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>Illuminating</b>	<b>LPGAS</b>
<b>Petrol 95</b>	<b>0.05(%)</b>	<b>0.005(%)</b>	<b>Paraffin</b>	<b>(Gauteng,</b>
<b>ULP &amp; LRP</b>	<b>Sulphur</b>	<b>Sulphur</b>	<b>Wholesale</b>	<b>Zone 9C)</b>

**The price adjustments in (1) above are based on the following actual data:**

Average product over/(under)-recovery, measured for the 24 days from 27/03/2015 to 29/04/2015 (cents / litre) as detailed below

( 0.352)	4.836	4.556	5.343	N/A
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of March 2015 (R-million)

2 101.376	2 382.834	2 382.834	( 207.764)
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**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	0.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT				( 17.000)
<b><u>Total price (increase) / decrease</u></b>	<b><u>0.000</u></b>	<b><u>5.000</u></b>	<b><u>5.000</u></b>	<b><u>5.000 ( 17.000)</u></b>

**8. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

**9. 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
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**Movements in external factors**

Movement in International Product Prices	( 0.171)	5.011	4.733	5.516
Movement in Exchange Rate	( 0.181)	( 0.175)	( 0.177)	( 0.173)

**BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period  
27/03/2015 to 29/04/2015**

( 0.352)	4.836	4.556	5.343
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**10. 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 06/05/2015 TO 02/06/2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

<u>Price element</u>	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	783.037	783.037
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)	<b>1 476.157</b>	<b>1 614.997</b>
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	221.424	242.250
Sub-total (2)	<b>1 697.581</b>	<b>1 857.247</b>
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	237.661	260.015
<b>Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)</b>	<b>1 935.000</b>	<b>2 117.000</b>

11. 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 06/05/2015 TO 02/06/2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

	<b>Petrol 95 ULP c/l</b>	<b>Petrol 93 ULP &amp; LRP c/l</b>	<b>Diesel 0.05% S c/l</b>	<b>Diesel 0.005% S c/l</b>	<b>Illumi- nating Paraffin c/l</b>
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	151.100	151.100	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	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	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	673.350	663.350	528.160	528.160	157.700
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	615.650	597.650	589.630	596.030	581.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1,289.00</u>	<u>1,261.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1,117.790</u>	<u>1,124.190</u>	<u>738.828</u>

**STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES**

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