

**MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 24 FEBRUARY 2023**

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**1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 01 MARCH 2023 IN GAUTENG (INCREASE) / DECREASE**

**Product:**

Both grades of Petrol 93 & 95

(ULP & LRP)	(127.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	(30.38)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	(31.38)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	(13.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	(17.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	(522.00)	cents per kilogram <b>increase</b> in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 27 JANUARY 2023 TO 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

The average international product prices for Petrol increased whilst Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin decreased during the period under review. The Rand depreciated against the US Dollar during the period under review, on average, when compared to the previous period. The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate for the period 27 January 2023 to 23 February 2023 was 17.7402 compared to 17.0462 during the previous period. This led to a higher contribution to the Basic Fuel Prices on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 48.26 c/l, 52.12 c/l and 53.56 c/l respectively.

**3. SLATE LEVY**

The combined cumulative petrol and diesel Slate balances at the end of January 2023 amounted to a negative balance of R 2.711 billion. In line with the provisions of the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism, a Slate Levy of 21.92 c/l (increase of 4.38 c/l) will be implemented into the price structures of petrol and diesel with effect from 01 March 2023.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 01 March 2023 to 04 April 2023 will be 2 104.0 compared to 2 087.0 c/l for the period 01 February 2023 to 28 February 2023.

**5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE**

The maximum refinery gate price will be R17 027.03 per metric ton (945.000 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 01 March 2023 to 04 April 2023.

## 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 and slate ranges adjusted with effected from 7 September 2022 (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 R500.0 million.

## 7. 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
<b>Movements in external factors</b>				
Movement in International Product Prices	( 73.888)	26.483	26.395	40.896
Movement in Exchange Rate	( 48.259)	( 52.120)	( 52.527)	( 53.559)
<b>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 27/01/2023 to 23/02/2023</b>	<b>( 122.147)</b>	<b>( 25.637)</b>	<b>( 26.132)</b>	<b>( 12.663)</b>

## 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 27/01/2023 to 23/02/2023 (cents / litre) as detailed below

( 122.147) ( 25.637) ( 26.132) ( 12.663) -

Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of January 2023 (R-million)

( 752.624) (1 958.701) (1 958.701) ( 115.642) -

**The price adjustments consist of the following elements:**

Average product over/(under)-recovery rounded to the nearest full cent for price (increase) / decrease

(123.000) (26.000) (27.000) (13.000) (522.000)

Increase in Slate Levy

(4.380) (4.380) (4.380) - -

Pump rounding

0.380 - - - -

**Total price (increase) / decrease**

**( 127.000) ( 30.380) ( 31.380) ( 13.000) ( 522.000)**

## 9. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

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**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 01/03/2023 TO 04/04/2023 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Price element	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	1 702.703	1 702.703
Primary transport costs	52.292	247.880
Operating expenses	501.698	501.698
Working capital	38.029	38.029
Depreciation	190.813	190.813
Gross margin: Cylinder-filling plant	243.815	243.815
Sub-total (1)	<b>2 729.349</b>	<b>2 924.937</b>
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	409.402	438.741
Sub-total (2)	<b>3 138.752</b>	<b>3 363.678</b>
Value Added Tax (15% Sub-total (2))	470.813	504.552
<b>Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)</b>	<b>3 610.000</b>	<b>3 868.000</b>

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

**ANNEXURE 1**

**COMPOSITION OF THE RETAIL PRICE OF PETROL AND THE  
WHOLESALE PRICES FOR DIESEL AND IP IN GAUTENG  
FOR THE PERIOD 01/03/2023 TO 04/04/2023 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	56.600	56.600	83.830	83.830	83.830
Secondary Storage	28.800	28.800	28.800	28.800	28.800
Secondary Distribution	16.900	16.900	16.900	16.900	16.900
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	241.900	241.900	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zone differential in Gauteng	67.900	67.900	67.900	67.900	81.900
IP Tracer levy	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.000
Fuel levy	394.000	394.000	380.000	380.000	0.000
Customs & excise duty	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	0.000
RAF levy	218.000	218.000	218.000	218.000	0.000
Petroleum Products levy	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.000
Slate levy	<b>21.920</b>	<b>21.920</b>	<b>21.920</b>	<b>21.920</b>	0.000
Pump Rounding	( 0.200)	( 0.200)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sub-total	1 050.150	1 050.150	821.780	821.780	218.830
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	1 244.850	1 214.850	1 340.630	1 350.030	1 378.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>2,295.00</u>	<u>2,265.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>2,162.410</u>	<u>2,171.810</u>	<u>1,596.958</u>

**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
06-Jan-21	1,486.00	1,416.00	<b>1,300.420</b>	<b>1,240.120</b>	739.688	658.588	2,708.00	2,472.00
03-Feb-21	1,567.00	1,497.00	<b>1,358.420</b>	<b>1,298.120</b>	798.688	717.588	2,901.00	2,666.00
03-Mar-21	1,632.00	1,562.00	<b>1,412.420</b>	<b>1,352.120</b>	845.688	764.588	2,988.00	2,752.00
07-Apr-21	1,732.00	1,661.00	<b>1,477.620</b>	<b>1,416.120</b>	880.488	798.588	3,036.00	2,801.00
05-May-21	1,723.00	1,651.00	<b>1,446.620</b>	<b>1,385.120</b>	857.488	775.588	2,864.00	2,628.00
02-Jun-21	1,713.00	1,641.00	<b>1,466.620</b>	<b>1,405.120</b>	877.488	795.588	2,721.00	2,486.00
07-Jul-21	1,739.00	1,667.00	<b>1,508.620</b>	<b>1,447.120</b>	913.488	831.588	2,784.00	2,549.00
04-Aug-21	1,830.00	1,758.00	<b>1,564.200</b>	<b>1,502.700</b>	963.488	881.588	3,010.00	2,775.00
01-Sep-21	1,834.00	1,762.00	<b>1,548.980</b>	<b>1,487.480</b>	948.488	866.588	3,104.00	2,869.00
06-Oct-21	1,833.00	1,761.00	<b>1,571.780</b>	<b>1,510.280</b>	980.488	898.588	3,097.00	2,861.00
03-Nov-21	1,954.00	1,882.00	<b>1,719.980</b>	<b>1,658.480</b>	1,125.488	1,043.588	3,387.00	3,151.00
01-Dec-21	2,029.00	1,957.00	<b>1,792.480</b>	<b>1,730.980</b>	1,167.688	1,085.788	3,570.00	3,335.00
05-Jan-22	1,961.00	1,889.00	<b>1,724.680</b>	<b>1,663.180</b>	1,096.688	1,014.788	3,500.00	3,259.00
02-Feb-22	2,014.00	1,942.00	<b>1,804.520</b>	<b>1,743.020</b>	1,197.688	1,115.788	3,376.00	3,134.00
02-Mar-22	2,160.00	2,088.00	<b>1,948.880</b>	<b>1,887.380</b>	1,318.688	1,236.788	3,446.00	3,204.00
06-Apr-22	2,196.00	2,124.00	<b>2,101.440</b>	<b>2,039.940</b>	1,584.688	1,502.788	3,696.00	3,454.00
04-May-22	2,184.00	2,109.00	<b>2,199.440</b>	<b>2,134.240</b>	1,664.288	1,585.088	3,765.00	3,523.00
01-Jun-22	2,417.00	2,352.00	<b>2,309.440</b>	<b>2,244.240</b>	1,820.288	1,741.088	3,714.00	3,472.00
06-Jul-22	2,674.00	2,609.00	<b>2,540.440</b>	<b>2,475.240</b>	1,986.288	1,907.088	3,496.00	3,255.00
03-Aug-22	2,542.00	2,477.00	<b>2,452.440</b>	<b>2,387.240</b>	1,842.288	1,763.088	3,553.00	3,311.00
07-Sep-22	2,338.00	2,273.00	<b>2,396.100</b>	<b>2,330.900</b>	1,760.288	1,681.088	3,388.00	3,146.00
05-Oct-22	2,236.00	2,171.00	<b>2,406.100</b>	<b>2,340.900</b>	1,699.288	1,620.088	3,407.00	3,166.00
02-Nov-22	2,287.00	2,222.00	<b>2,548.960</b>	<b>2,483.760</b>	1,776.288	1,697.088	3,309.00	3,068.00
07-Dec-22	2,346.00	2,281.00	<b>2,391.770</b>	<b>2,326.570</b>	1,718.958	1,639.758	3,404.00	3,146.00
04-Jan-23	2,140.00	2,075.00	<b>2,122.870</b>	<b>2,057.670</b>	1,525.958	1,446.758	3,486.00	3,227.00
01-Feb-23	2,168.00	2,103.00	<b>2,132.030</b>	<b>2,066.830</b>	1,583.958	1,504.758	3,346.00	3,087.00
01-Mar-23	2,295.00	2,230.00	<b>2,162.410</b>	<b>2,097.210</b>	1,596.958	1,517.758	3,868.00	3,610.00