

**MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 27 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

Product:

Petrol 95 and 93 (ULP & LRP)	1.000	cents per litre	<b>increase</b> in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	3.800	cents per litre	decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	1.800	cents per litre	decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	0.200	cents per litre	<b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	1.000	c/l	<b>increase</b> in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
	4.000	cents per kilogram	decrease in the maximum retail price

**2. IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTS SYSTEM MARGINS ON PETROL AND ADJUSTMENTS TO DIESEL AND IP MARGINS**

The Minister of Energy has approved the implementation of the Regulatory Accounts System margins with an adjustment of 7.9 c/l on petrol and a 2.2 c/l adjustment to margins applicable in the wholesale list price structures of diesel and IP with effect from 02 December 2015. The new margins are reflected in Annexure 1 (Paragraph 12) below.

**3. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 30 OCTOBER 2015 TO 26 NOVEMBER 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 30 October 2015 to 26 November 2015 was 14.0938 compared to 13.4734 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 24.57 c/l, 24.34 c/l and 24.23 c/l respectively.

**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 December 2015.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 02 December 2015 to 05 January 2016 will be 912.0 c/l compared to 911.0 c/l for the period 04 November 2015 to 01 December 2015, this is an increase of 1.0 c/l.

**6. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE**

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 155.83 per metric ton (397.15 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 02 December 2015 to 05 January 2016.

## 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. 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:

	<b>Petrol 95 ULP c/l</b>	<b>** Diesel 0.05% c/l</b>	<b>** Diesel 0.005% c/l</b>	<b>illuminating Paraffin c/l</b>
<b><u>Movements in external factors</u></b>				
Movement in International Product Prices	30.602	29.479	28.112	26.309
Movement in Exchange Rate	( 24.569)	( 24.336)	( 24.654)	( 24.226)
<b><u>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 30/10/2015 to 26/11/2015</u></b>	<b>6.033</b>	<b>5.143</b>	<b>3.458</b>	<b>2.083</b>

## 9. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT

<b>Petrol 95 ULP &amp; LRP</b>	<b>Diesel 0.05(%) Sulphur</b>	<b>Diesel 0.005(%) Sulphur</b>	<b>illuminating Paraffin Wholesale</b>	<b>LPGAS (Gauteng, Zone 9C)</b>
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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 30/10/2015 to 26/11/2015 (cents / litre) as detailed below

	6.033	5.143	3.458	2.083	N/A
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of October 2015 (R-million)

	2 591.033	2 641.390	2 641.390	( 198.915)
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**The price adjustments consist of the following elements:**

	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	<b><u>c/l</u></b>
Average product over/(under)-recovery rounded to the nearest full cent for price (increase) / decrease	7.000	6.000	4.000	2.000
Increase in Retail Margin	( 6.000)			
Decrease in Wholesale Margin	0.300			
Increase in Secondary Storage	( 1.100)	( 1.100)	( 1.100)	( 1.100)
Increase in Secondary Distribution	( 1.100)	( 1.100)	( 1.100)	( 1.100)
Pump Rounding	( 0.100)			
LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT (increase)/decrease				4.000
<b><u>Total price (increase) / decrease</u></b>	<b>( 1.000)</b>	<b>3.800</b>	<b>1.800</b>	<b>( 0.200)</b>
				<b>4.000</b>

**10. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

**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 02/12/2015 TO 05/01/2016 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

<u>Price element</u>	<b>Coast Zone 1A</b>	<b>Inland Zone 9C</b>
Maximum refinery gate price	715.583	715.583
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>1 408.703</b>	<b>1 547.543</b>
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	211.305	232.131
Sub-total (2)	<b>1 620.008</b>	<b>1 779.674</b>
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	226.801	249.154
<b>Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)</b>	<b>1 847.000</b>	<b>2 029.000</b>

12. 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 02/12/2015 TO 05/01/2016 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	33.200	33.200	64.700	64.700	64.700
Secondary Storage	18.500	18.500	18.500	18.500	18.500
Secondary Distribution	13.700	13.700	13.700	13.700	13.700
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	161.700	161.700	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	686.030	676.030	530.540	530.540	159.900
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	553.970	532.970	550.630	558.030	550.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1 240.00</u>	<u>1 209.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1 081.170</u>	<u>1 088.570</u>	<u>710.028</u>

**STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES**

<b>Effective from:</b>	<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
03-Jun-15	1 336.00	1 293.00	<b>1166.790</b>	<b>1134.090</b>	780.828	727.828	2 217.00	2 035.00
01-Jul-15	1 377.00	1 334.00	<b>1170.790</b>	<b>1138.090</b>	786.828	733.828	2 273.00	2 091.00
05-Aug-15	1 326.00	1 283.00	<b>1094.970</b>	<b>1062.270</b>	716.828	663.828	2 184.00	2 002.00
02-Sep-15	1 257.00	1 214.00	<b>1040.970</b>	<b>1008.270</b>	661.828	608.828	2 069.00	1 887.00
07-Oct-15	1 261.00	1 218.00	<b>1093.970</b>	<b>1061.270</b>	711.828	658.828	2 080.00	1 898.00
04-Nov-15	1 239.00	1 196.00	<b>1084.970</b>	<b>1052.270</b>	709.828	656.828	2 033.00	1 851.00
02-Dec-15	1 240.00	1 197.00	<b>1081.170</b>	<b>1048.470</b>	710.028	657.028	2 029.00	1 847.00