

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 28 DECEMBER 2017

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1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 03 JANUARY 2018 IN GAUTENG (INCREASE) / DECREASE

Product:

Petrol 93 ULP & LRP	29.00	cents per litre decrease in retail price
Petrol 95 ULP & LRP	34.00	cents per litre decrease in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	22.00	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	26.00	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	28.00	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	37.00	cents per litre decrease in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	71.00	cents per kilogram decrease in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD
01 DECEMBER 2017 TO 27 DECEMBER 2017**

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

The Rand appreciated 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 01 December 2017 to 27 December 2017 was 13.2303 compared to 14.0964 during the previous period. This led to a lower contribution to the Basic Fuels Price on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 42.03c/l, 42.75c/l and 42.90c/l respectively.

3. 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 03 January 2018.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 03 January 2018 to 06 February 2018 will be 1 082.0 c/l compared to 1 119.0 c/l for the period 06 December 2017 to 02 January 2018.

5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 8 329.08 per metric ton (462.26 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 03 January 2018 to 06 February 2018.

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. 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	(8.554)	(20.762)	(17.272)	(14.718)
Movement in Exchange Rate	42.034	42.748	42.956	42.896
<u>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 01/12/2017 to 27/12/2017</u>	33.480	21.986	25.684	28.178

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 19 days from 01/12/2017 to 27/12/2017 (cents / litre) as detailed below

	33.480	21.986	25.684	28.178	N/A
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of November 2017 (R-million)

	1 080.990	694.477	694.477	(69.335)	
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The price adjustments consist of the following elements:

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

	c/l	c/l	c/l	c/l	
	34.000	22.000	26.000	28.000	

Increase in LP Gas BFP, Retail and VAT

71.000

Total price (increase) / decrease

	34.000	22.000	26.000	28.000	71.000
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9. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

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 03/01/2018 TO 06/02/2018 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

Price element	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	832.908	832.908
Primary transport costs	41.148	195.056
Operating expenses	404.949	404.949
Working capital	30.695	30.695
Depreciation	150.149	150.149
Gross margin: Cylinder-filling plant	191.857	191.857
Sub-total (1)	1 651.706	1 805.614
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	247.756	270.842
Sub-total (2)	1 899.462	2 076.456
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	265.925	290.704
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	2 165.000	2 367.000

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 03/01/2018 TO 06/02/2018 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	34.000	34.000	67.660	67.660	67.660
Secondary Storage	18.600	18.600	18.600	18.600	18.600
Secondary Distribution	15.900	15.900	15.900	15.900	15.900
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	187.200	187.200	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zone differential in Gauteng	41.500	41.500	41.500	41.500	60.700
IP Tracer levy	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.000
Fuel levy	315.000	315.000	300.000	300.000	0.000
Customs & excise duty	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	0.000
RAF levy	163.000	163.000	163.000	163.000	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	789.830	779.830	611.000	611.000	170.260
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	652.170	640.170	662.630	665.030	667.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1 442.00</u>	<u>1 420.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1 273.630</u>	<u>1 276.030</u>	<u>837.388</u>

STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES

Effective from:	Petrol 95 ULP		Diesel		Illuminating Paraffin		LPGAS	
	Gauteng	Coast	Gauteng	Coast	Gauteng	Coast	Gauteng	Coast
	SA c/l	SA c/l	SA c/l	SA c/l	SA c/l	SA c/l	SA c/Kg	SA c/Kg
	From 4 January 2006 0,05% Sulphur							
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
07-Oct-15	1 261.00	1 218.00	1093.970	1061.270	711.828	658.828	2 080.00	1 898.00
04-Nov-15	1 239.00	1 196.00	1084.970	1052.270	709.828	656.828	2 033.00	1 851.00
02-Dec-15	1 240.00	1 197.00	1081.170	1048.470	710.028	657.028	2 029.00	1 847.00
06-Jan-16	1 237.00	1 194.00	1005.170	972.470	647.028	594.028	2 074.00	1 892.00
03-Feb-16	1 243.00	1 200.00	943.170	910.470	588.028	535.028	2 075.00	1 893.00
02-Mar-16	1 174.00	1 131.00	958.170	925.470	605.028	552.028	1 955.00	1 773.00
06-Apr-16	1 262.00	1 214.00	1053.870	1015.470	662.628	608.028	2 065.00	1 883.00
04-May-16	1 274.00	1 226.00	1052.870	1014.470	655.628	601.028	2 060.00	1 877.00
01-Jun-16	1 326.00	1 278.00	1128.870	1090.470	717.628	663.028	2 158.00	1 976.00
06-Jul-16	1 334.00	1 286.00	1170.870	1132.470	760.628	706.028	2 170.00	1 988.00
03-Aug-16	1 235.00	1 187.00	1096.870	1058.470	694.628	640.028	2 010.00	1 828.00
07-Sep-16	1 217.00	1 169.00	1048.870	1010.470	647.628	593.028	2 001.00	1 819.00
05-Oct-16	1 260.00	1 212.00	1071.870	1033.470	669.628	615.028	2 059.00	1 877.00
02-Nov-16	1 305.00	1 257.00	1134.870	1096.470	726.628	672.028	2 118.00	1 936.00
07-Dec-16	1 285.00	1 237.00	1102.830	1064.430	698.588	643.988	2 101.00	1 913.00
04-Jan-17	1 333.00	1 285.00	1141.830	1103.430	741.588	686.988	2 207.00	2 019.00
01-Feb-17	1 362.00	1 314.00	1162.830	1124.430	758.588	703.988	2 228.00	2 040.00
01-Mar-17	1 354.00	1 306.00	1160.830	1122.430	750.588	695.988	2 226.00	2 038.00
05-Apr-17	1 330.00	1 281.00	1150.330	1111.630	702.088	644.188	2 125.00	1 937.00
03-May-17	1 379.00	1 330.00	1180.330	1141.630	736.088	678.188	2 221.00	2 032.00
07-Jun-17	1 354.00	1 305.00	1157.330	1118.630	714.088	656.188	2 144.00	1 955.00
05-Jul-17	1 286.00	1 237.00	1097.330	1058.630	657.088	599.188	2 053.00	1 864.00
02-Aug-17	1 305.00	1 256.00	1126.330	1087.630	683.088	625.188	2 092.00	1 904.00
06-Sep-17	1 372.00	1 323.00	1170.330	1131.630	732.088	674.188	2 178.00	1 990.00
04-Oct-17	1 401.00	1 352.00	1212.330	1173.630	771.088	713.188	2 217.00	2 028.00
01-Nov-17	1 405.00	1 356.00	1235.330	1196.630	792.088	734.188	2 234.00	2 045.00
06-Dec-17	1 476.00	1 427.00	1295.630	1256.930	865.388	807.488	2 438.00	2 236.00
03-Jan-18	1 442.00	1 393.00	1273.630	1234.930	837.388	779.488	2 367.00	2 165.00