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1. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FUEL PRICE: WEDNESDAY, 07 DECEMBER 2011

Product:

Petrol (ALL GRADES)	11.000	cents per litre decrease in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	47.239	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	44.239	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	43.015	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	57.000	c/l increase in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	41.000	cents per kilogram decrease in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD
28 OCTOBER 2011 TO 01 DECEMBER 2011**

During the period under review, the average international product prices of Petrol decreased, whilst that of Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin increased.

The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate weakened when compared to the previous period. The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate for the period 28 October 2011 to 01 December 2011 was 8.1398 compared to 8.0012 during the previous period.

The deterioration of the Rand against the US Dollar increased the contribution to the Basic Fuels Price on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 10.21 c/l, 11.87 c/l and 11.72 c/l respectively.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED OPERATING COST RECOVERIES AND INVESTOR MARGIN

The Minister of Energy has approved the implementation of revised operating cost recoveries and investor margin into the price structures of petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin with effect from 07 December 2011. The retail margin on petrol will increase from 85,2 c/l to 91,8 c/l, the wholesale margin on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin will be adjusted to 52,5 c/l, that is a decrease of 1,601 c/l on 95 petrol octanes and a decrease of 1,369 c/l on 93 petrol octanes, a decrease of 1,361 c/l on diesel (0,05% and 0,005% Sulphur) and a decrease of 1,585 c/l on illuminating paraffin. The Storage, handling and delivery cost on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin increases from 11,4 c/l to

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for Illuminating Paraffin changes on a monthly basis and is promulgated in the Government Gazette. The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 07 December 2011 to 03 January 2012 will be 1 064.0c/l compared to 1 007.0 c/l for the period 02 November 2011 to 06 December 2011, that is an increase of 57.00 c/l.

5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 847.10 per metric ton (435.51 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 07 December 2011 to 03 January 2012.

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

6. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Petrol 95 ULP	Diesel 0.05(%)	Diesel 0.005(%)	Illuminating Paraffin	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 25 days from 28/10/2011 to 01/12/2011 (cents / litre) as detailed below

26.617	(38.148)	(35.470)	(34.525)
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of September 2011 (R-million)

(639.766)	(621.071)	(621.071)	(168.920)
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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

<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>
26.000	(39.000)	(36.000)	(35.000)

Increase in Retail Margin

(6.600)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Decrease in Wholesale Margin

1.601	1.361	1.361	1.585
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Increase in Storage, Handling and Delivery costs

(9.600)	(9.600)	(9.600)	(9.600)
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Rounding

(0.401)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT (increase)/decrease

41.000

Total price (increase) / decrease

11.000	(47.239)	(44.239)	(43.015)	41.000
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7. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

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:

	Petrol 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	36.828	(26.273)	(23.515)	(22.799)
Movement in Exchange Rate	(10.212)	(11.875)	(11.955)	(11.726)
<u>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 28/10/2011 to 01/12/2011</u>	26.617	(38.148)	(35.470)	(34.525)

9. **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 07/12/2011 TO 03/01/2012 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

<u>Price element</u>	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	784.710	784.710
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)	1 477.830	1 616.670
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	221.675	242.501
Sub-total (2)	1 699.505	1 859.171
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	237.931	260.284
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	1 937.000	2 119.000

10. ANNEXURE

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 07/12/2011 TO 03/01/2012 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	Illuminating Paraffin c/l
Wholesale margin	52.500	52.500	52.500	52.500	52.500
Service cost recoveries	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000	28.400
Storage, handling & delivery costs	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000
Distribution cost	0	0	0	0	7.400
Dealers margin	91.800	91.800	0	0	0
Zone differential in Gauteng	22.900	22.900	22.900	22.900	38.400
IP Tracer levy	0	0	0.010	0.010	0
Fuel levy	177.500	177.500	162.500	162.500	0
Customs & excise duty	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	0
RAF levy	80.000	80.000	80.000	80.000	0
Petroleum Products levy	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0
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
Incremental Inland Transport Recovery levy	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	
Pump Rounding	(0.400)	(0.400)			
Sub-total	462.450	452.450	346.060	346.060	119.300
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	603.550	596.550	702.630	707.030	694.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1,066.00</u>	<u>1,049.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1,048.690</u>	<u>1,053.090</u>	<u>813.428</u>

STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES

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

Effective from:

From 4 January 2006 0,05% Sulphur

03-Dec-08	735.00	711.00	822.30	808.50	628.00	604.10		
07-Jan-09	601.00	576.00	654.35	639.65	496.70	467.60		
04-Feb-09	662.00	637.00	649.35	634.65	482.70	453.60		
04-Mar-09	707.00	682.00	611.35	596.65	456.70	427.60		
01-Apr-09	738.00	713.00	650.85	636.15	451.70	422.60		
06-May-09	735.00	710.00	658.85	644.15	464.70	435.60		
03-Jun-09	750.00	727.00	645.95	632.65	455.70	426.60		
01-Jul-09	790.00	767.00	685.95	672.65	501.70	472.60		
05-Aug-09	769.00	746.00	665.95	652.65	487.70	458.60		
02-Sep-09	805.00	782.00	700.95	687.65	508.70	479.60		
07-Oct-09	765.00	742.00	668.45	655.15	481.20	452.10		
04-Nov-09	765.00	742.00	678.45	665.15	495.20	466.10		
02-Dec-09	792.00	769.00	703.45	690.15	524.20	495.10		
06-Jan-10	786.00	763.00	689.45	676.15	512.20	483.10		
03-Feb-10	804.00	781.00	699.45	686.15	517.20	488.10		
03-Mar-10	810.00	787.00	703.45	690.15	515.20	486.10		
07-Apr-10	858.00	835.00	751.95	738.65	536.20	507.10		
05-May-10	872.00	848.00	781.45	767.65	566.20	538.10		
02-Jun-10	845.00	821.00	766.45	752.65	553.20	525.10		
14-Jul-10	827.00	803.00	751.45	737.65	541.20	513.10	1 727.00	1 569.00
04-Aug-10	817.00	793.00	738.45	724.65	526.20	498.10	1 801.00	1 619.00
01-Sep-10	807.00	783.00	738.45	724.65	521.20	493.10	1 775.00	1 593.00
06-Oct-10	812.00	788.00	735.45	721.65	520.20	492.10	1 768.00	1 586.00
03-Nov-10	832.00	808.00	746.45	732.65	534.20	506.10	1 800.00	1 618.00
01-Dec-10	845.00	821.00	760.45	746.65	548.20	520.10	1 817.00	1 635.00
05-Jan-11	873.00	849.00	784.051	770.251	569.813	541.713	1 863.00	1 681.00
02-Feb-11	899.00	875.00	814.051	800.251	601.813	573.713	1 904.00	1 722.00
02-Mar-11	942.00	918.00	878.051	864.251	671.813	643.713	1 975.00	1 793.00
06-Apr-11	996.00	966.00	948.451	928.051	720.413	684.513	2 025.00	1 843.00
04-May-11	1 025.00	995.00	964.451	944.051	735.413	699.513	2 078.00	1 896.00
01-Jun-11	1 023.00	993.00	926.451	906.051	703.413	667.513	2 068.00	1 886.00
06-Jul-11	992.00	962.00	915.451	895.051	691.413	655.513	2 026.00	1 844.00
03-Aug-11	1 009.00	979.00	930.451	910.051	701.413	665.513	2 064.00	1 882.00
07-Sep-11	1 018.00	988.00	930.451	910.051	699.413	663.513	2 064.00	1 882.00
05-Oct-11	1 054.00	1 024.00	965.451	945.051	729.413	693.513	2 126.00	1 944.00
02-Nov-11	1 077.00	1 047.00	1001.451	981.051	770.413	734.513	2 160.00	1 978.00
07-Dec-11	1 066.00	1 036.00	1048.690	1028.290	813.428	777.528	2 119.00	1 937.00