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1. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FUEL PRICE: WEDNESDAY, 05 OCTOBER 2011

Product:

Petrol 93 ULP & LRP	37.000	cents per litre increase in retail price
Petrol 95 ULP & LRP	36.000	cents per litre increase in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	35.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	37.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	30.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	40.000	c/l increase in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	62.000	cents per kilogram increase in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD
02 SEPTEMBER 2011 TO 29 SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate weakened when compared to the previous period. The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate for the period 02 September 2011 to 29 September 2011 was 7.5657 compared to 7.0590 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 40.36 c/l, 41.94 c/l and 41.25 c/l respectively.*

3. INCREASE IN THE RETAIL MARGIN ON PETROL

The Minister of Energy, on 29 September 2011, approved that the retail margin on all grades of petrol be increased by 4.0 c/l from 81.2 c/l to 85.2 c/l with effect from 05 October 2011. This increase was necessary to accommodate wage increases of 9% in 2011 in terms of the 3-year wage settlement agreement between the Petroleum Retailers Alignment Forum (PRAF) and unions representing service station industry staff that was signed in September 2010.

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 05 October 2011 to 01 November 2011 will be 952.0c/l compared to 912.0 c/l for the period 07 September 2011 to 04 October 2011, that is an increase of 40.00 c/l.

5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 895.03 per metric ton (438.17 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 05 October 2011 to 01 November 2011.

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

Petrol ULP	95	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 20 days from 02/09/2011 to 29/09/2011 (cents / litre) as detailed below

(31.974) (35.850) (37.395) (29.645)

Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of August 2011 (R-million)

(143.549) 52.641 52.641 (144.669)

The price adjustments consist of the following elements:

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

(32.000) (35.000) (37.000) (30.000)

LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT (increase)/decrease

(62.000)

Increase in retail margin on petrol

(4.000)

0.000

Total price (increase) / decrease

(36.000) (35.000) (37.000) (30.000) (62.000)

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 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	8.390	6.097	5.016	11.607
Movement in Exchange Rate	(40.364)	(41.947)	(42.410)	(41.252)
<u>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 02/09/2011 to 29/09/2011</u>	(31.974)	(35.850)	(37.395)	(29.645)

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 05/10/2011 TO 01/11/2011 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

<u>Price element</u>	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	789.503	789.503
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)	1 482.623	1 621.463
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	222.393	243.219
Sub-total (2)	1 705.016	1 864.682
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	238.702	261.056
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	1 944.000	2 126.000

11. 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 05/10/2011 TO 01/11/2011 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	54.101	53.869	53.861	53.861	54.085
Service cost recoveries	11.400	11.400	11.400	11.400	18.800
Storage, handling & delivery costs	11.400	11.400	11.400	11.400	11.400
Distribution cost	0	0	0	0	7.400
Dealers margin	85.200	85.200	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	447.851	437.619	337.821	337.821	111.285
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	606.149	599.381	627.630	635.030	618.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1,054.00</u>	<u>1,037.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>965.451</u>	<u>972.851</u>	<u>729.413</u>

STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES

<u>Effective from:</u>	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
	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