

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 31 JANUARY 2014

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1. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FUEL PRICES: WEDNESDAY, 05 FEBRUARY 2014

Product:

Petrol (ALL GRADES)	39.000	cents per litre increase in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	24.200	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
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Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	12.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	16.000	c/l increase in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	54.000	cents per kilogram increase in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD
27 DECEMBER 2013 TO 30 JANUARY 2014**

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

The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate weakened when compared to the previous period. The average Rand/US Dollar exchange rate for the period 27 December 2013 to 30 January 2014 was 10.8105 compared to 10.3581 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 34.49 c/l, 36.58 c/l and 36.44 c/l respectively.

3. SLATE LEVY

In line with the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism Rules, the Slate levy on petrol and diesel will therefore be increased by 2.20 c/l from 10.96 c/l to 13.16 c/l with effect from 05 February 2014.

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 February 2014 to 04 March 2014 will be 1 336.0 c/l compared to 1 320.0 c/l for the period 01 January 2014 to 04 February 2014, that is an increase of 16.0 c/l

5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 10 716.17 per metric ton (594.75 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 05 February 2014 to 04 March 2014.

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 25 days from 27/12/2013 to 30/01/2014 (cents / litre) as detailed below	(36.3588)	(21.0793)	(21.6267)	(11.342)	N/A
Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of December 2013 (R-million)	(572.275)	(835.157)	(835.157)	(280.386)	

The price adjustments consist of the following elements:

	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	<u>c/l</u>	
Average product over/(under)-recovery rounded to the nearest full cent for price (increase) / decrease	(37.000)	(22.000)	(22.000)	(12.000)	
Slate	(2.200)	(2.200)	(2.200)		
Price Rounding	0.200				
LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT (increase)/decrease					(54.000)
<u>Total price (increase) / decrease</u>	<u>(39.000)</u>	<u>(24.200)</u>	<u>(24.200)</u>	<u>(12.000)</u>	<u>(54.000)</u>

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 95 ULP 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	(1.8645)	15.5016	15.1194	25.100
Movement in Exchange Rate	(34.4943)	(36.5809)	(36.7461)	(36.442)

**BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period
27/12/2013 to 30/01/2014**

(36.3588)	(21.0793)	(21.6267)	(11.342)
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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 05/02/2014 TO 04/03/2014 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

Price element

Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
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Maximum refinery gate price	1 071.617	1 071.617
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)	1 764.737	1 903.577
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	264.711	285.537
Sub-total (2)	2 029.448	2 189.114
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	284.123	306.476
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	2 314.000	2 496.000

11. ANNEXURE

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

ANNEXURE 1

**COMPOSITION OF THE RETAIL PRICE OF PETROL AND THE
WHOLESALE PRICES FOR DIESEL AND IP IN GAUTENG
FOR THE PERIOD 05/02/2014 TO 04/03/2014 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	Illumi- nating Paraffin c/l
Wholesale margin	31.000	31.000	61.200	61.200	61.200
Secondary Storage	17.100	17.100	17.100	17.100	17.100
Secondary Distribution	11.700	11.700	11.700	11.700	11.700
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	139.100	139.100	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zone differential in Gauteng	28.900	28.900	28.900	28.900	48.200
IP Tracer levy	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.000
Fuel levy	212.500	212.500	197.500	197.500	0.000
Customs & excise duty	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	0.000
RAF levy	96.000	96.000	96.000	96.000	0.000
Petroleum Products levy	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000
Slate levy	13.160	13.160	13.160	13.160	0.000
DSML	10.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Incremental Inland Transport Recovery levy	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	0.000
Pump Rounding	0.400	0.400			
Sub-total	567.010	557.010	432.720	432.720	145.600
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	828.990	817.990	878.630	882.030	876.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1,396.00</u>	<u>1,375.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1,311.350</u>	<u>1,314.750</u>	<u>1,021.728</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							
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
04-Jan-12	1 061.00	1 031.00	1027.690	1007.290	788.428	752.528	2 121.00	1 939.00
01-Feb-12	1 095.00	1 065.00	1026.690	1006.290	785.428	749.528	2 171.00	1 989.00
07-Mar-12	1 123.00	1 093.00	1037.070	1016.670	789.428	753.528	2 207.00	2 025.00
04-Apr-12	1 194.00	1 159.00	1088.970	1064.270	816.028	774.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
02-May-12	1 222.00	1 187.00	1098.370	1073.670	825.028	783.128	2 306.00	2 124.00
06-Jun-12	1 167.00	1 132.00	1073.550	1048.850	804.028	762.128	2 207.00	2 025.00
04-Jul-12	1 082.00	1 047.00	1010.970	986.270	746.028	704.128	2 094.00	1 912.00
01-Aug-12	1 104.00	1 069.00	1025.590	1000.890	761.028	719.128	2 146.00	1 964.00
05-Sep-12	1 197.00	1 162.00	1094.590	1069.890	834.028	792.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
03-Oct-12	1 220.00	1 185.00	1133.750	1109.050	867.028	825.128	2 272.00	2 090.00
07-Nov-12	1 210.00	1 175.00	1143.950	1119.250	870.028	828.128	2 273.00	2 091.00
05-Dec-12	1 201.00	1 166.00	1138.950	1114.250	866.028	824.128	2 238.00	2 056.00
02-Jan-13	1 186.00	1 151.00	1111.370	1086.670	849.028	807.128	2 229.00	2 047.00
06-Feb-13	1 227.00	1 192.00	1129.170	1104.470	875.028	833.128	2 302.00	2 120.00
06-Mar-13	1 308.00	1 273.00	1187.550	1162.850	932.028	890.128	2 420.00	2 238.00
03-Apr-13	1 320.00	1 283.00	1196.610	1170.010	906.228	860.328	2 365.00	2 183.00
01-May-13	1 247.00	1 210.00	1141.050	1114.450	848.228	802.328	2 284.00	2 102.00
05-Jun-13	1 239.00	1 202.00	1137.070	1110.470	849.228	803.328	2 289.00	2 107.00
03-Jul-13	1 323.00	1 286.00	1215.270	1188.670	924.228	878.328	2 418.00	2 236.00
07-Aug-13	1 355.00	1 318.00	1248.230	1221.630	949.228	903.328	2 440.00	2 258.00
04-Sep-13	1 350.00	1 313.00	1262.050	1235.450	974.228	928.328	2 449.00	2 267.00
02-Oct-13	1 330.00	1 293.00	1260.050	1233.450	970.228	924.328	2 409.00	2 227.00
06-Nov-13	1 302.00	1 265.00	1244.850	1218.250	954.228	908.328	2 368.00	2 186.00
04-Dec-13	1 319.00	1 282.00	1254.970	1228.370	970.728	924.828	2 386.00	2 204.00
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