

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 27 MARCH 2015

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1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 IN GAUTENG AND AT THE COAST [(INCREASE) / DECREASE]

	Gauteng	Coast
95 ULP & LRP	162.00	160.00
93 ULP & LRP	156.00	154.00
Diesel (0.05%) Wholesale	122.70	120.51
Diesel (0.005%) Wholesale	124.70	122.60
IP Wholesale	24.90	24.60

Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	36.0 c/l Country Wide
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	85.0 cents per kilogram Country Wide

PRICE CHANGES WILL DIFFER IN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT ZONES DUE TO THE DIFFERENT TRANSPORT INCREASES IMPLEMENTED INTO THE FUEL PRICE STRUCTURE AND THE REVISED PETROL OCTANE DIFFERENTIAL - REFER TO PARAGRAPHS 2 & 3 BELOW

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TRANSPORT TARIFFS (ZONE DIFFERENTIAL)

Based on the road transport freight rate model of the Road Freight Association (RFA) to transport petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin as at the end of October 2014 (latest data available), the road transport tariffs in the applicable road transport pricing zones, as well as for transporting fuels by road from pipeline draw-off points to supply depots have been determined. Compared to the RFA rates of 2013 (implemented in April 2014), the 2014 rates (to be implemented in 2015) have increased by 5.5 and 5.6 percent. The revised road transport tariff increases to be effected on 01 April 2015 will range from 0.1 c/l (coastal area) to 5.4 c/l (Gordonia North, Northern Cape).

3. ADJUSTMENT TO THE OCTANE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN 95 AND 93 OCTANES

In line with the Working Rules to administer the Basic Fuels Price, the 95 octane (unleaded) grade is the price-marker grade and the BFP-differentials between 95 and 93 octanes will be adjusted on the first Wednesday of each quarter. The price changes to 93 octane includes the adjustment to the differential and therefore the prices of 95 and 93 octanes will differ in each Fuel Price Zone, but also differ between zones due to the adjustment in the zone differentials.

4. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2015 TO 26 MARCH 2015

The average international product prices of Petrol, Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin increased 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 February 2015 to 26 March 2015 was 12.0423 compared to 11.5890 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 23.0 c/l, 22.0 c/l and 22.0 c/l respectively.

5. SLATE LEVY

In line with the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism Rules, the Slate levy on petrol and diesel will remain 0.00 c/l with effect from 01 April 2015.

6. FUEL AND ROAD ACCIDENT FUND LEVY INCREASES

The Minister of Finance, in his Budget Speech on 25 February 2015, announced that the Fuel and the Road Accident Fund levies on petrol and diesel will increase by 30.5 c/l and 50.0 c/l respectively on 01 April 2015. With effect from 01 April 2015, the Fuel Levy on petrol and diesel will therefore amount to 255.0 c/l and 240.0 c/l respectively. The Road Accident Fund Levy on petrol and diesel will amount to 154.0 c/l with effect from 01 April 2015.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 01 April 2015 to 05 May 2015 will be 967.0 c/l compared to 931.0 c/l for the period 04 March 2015 to 31 March 2015, this is a increase of 36.0 c/l

8. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 701.09 per metric ton (427.41 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 01 April 2015 to 05 May 2015.

9. 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

10. 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 20 days from 27/02/2015 to 26/03/2015 (cents / litre) as detailed below

(79.029)	(40.746)	(42.344)	(21.976)	N/A
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of February 2015 (R-million)

2 827.980	2 829.363	2 829.363	(200.718)	
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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	(79.000)	(40.000)	(42.000)	(22.000)	
Fuel Levy Increase	(30.500)	(30.500)	(30.500)		
Road Accident Fund Levy	(50.000)	(50.000)	(50.000)		
Transport Tariff Increases	(2.200)	(2.200)	(2.200)	(2.900)	
Price Rounding	(0.300)				
LPGas BFP, Retail and VAT				(85.000)	
<u>Total price (increase) / decrease</u>	<u>(162.000)</u>	<u>(122.700)</u>	<u>(124.700)</u>	<u>(24.900)</u>	<u>(85.000)</u>

11. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

12. 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	(56.411)	(18.753)	(20.125)	(0.326)
Movement in Exchange Rate	(22.618)	(21.993)	(22.219)	(21.650)

BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 27/02/2015 to 26/03/2015

(79.029)	(40.746)	(42.344)	(21.976)
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13. 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 01/04/2015 TO 05/05/2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

<u>Price element</u>	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	770.109	770.109
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)	1 463.229	1 602.069
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	219.484	240.310
Sub-total (2)	1 682.713	1 842.379
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	235.580	257.933
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	1 918.000	2 100.000

14. 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 01/04/2015 TO 05/05/2015 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	33.500	33.500	64.700	64.700	64.700
Secondary Storage	17.400	17.400	17.400	17.400	17.400
Secondary Distribution	12.600	12.600	12.600	12.600	12.600
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	151.100	151.100	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	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	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	673.350	663.350	528.160	528.160	157.700
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	615.650	579.650	594.630	601.030	586.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1,289.00</u>	<u>1,243.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1,122.790</u>	<u>1,129.190</u>	<u>743.828</u>

STATISTICS OF PRICE CHANGES

Effective from:	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							
4-Jan-12	1 061.00	1 031.00	1027.690	1007.290	788.428	752.528	2 121.00	1 939.00
1-Feb-12	1 095.00	1 065.00	1026.690	1006.290	785.428	749.528	2 171.00	1 989.00
7-Mar-12	1 123.00	1 093.00	1037.070	1016.670	789.428	753.528	2 207.00	2 025.00
4-Apr-12	1 194.00	1 159.00	1088.970	1064.270	816.028	774.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
2-May-12	1 222.00	1 187.00	1098.370	1073.670	825.028	783.128	2 306.00	2 124.00
6-Jun-12	1 167.00	1 132.00	1073.550	1048.850	804.028	762.128	2 207.00	2 025.00
4-Jul-12	1 082.00	1 047.00	1010.970	986.270	746.028	704.128	2 094.00	1 912.00
1-Aug-12	1 104.00	1 069.00	1025.590	1000.890	761.028	719.128	2 146.00	1 964.00
5-Sep-12	1 197.00	1 162.00	1094.590	1069.890	834.028	792.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
3-Oct-12	1 220.00	1 185.00	1133.750	1109.050	867.028	825.128	2 272.00	2 090.00
7-Nov-12	1 210.00	1 175.00	1143.950	1119.250	870.028	828.128	2 273.00	2 091.00
5-Dec-12	1 201.00	1 166.00	1138.950	1114.250	866.028	824.128	2 238.00	2 056.00
2-Jan-13	1 186.00	1 151.00	1111.370	1086.670	849.028	807.128	2 229.00	2 047.00
6-Feb-13	1 227.00	1 192.00	1129.170	1104.470	875.028	833.128	2 302.00	2 120.00
6-Mar-13	1 308.00	1 273.00	1187.550	1162.850	932.028	890.128	2 420.00	2 238.00
3-Apr-13	1 320.00	1 283.00	1196.610	1170.010	906.228	860.328	2 365.00	2 183.00
1-May-13	1 247.00	1 210.00	1141.050	1114.450	848.228	802.328	2 284.00	2 102.00
5-Jun-13	1 239.00	1 202.00	1137.070	1110.470	849.228	803.328	2 289.00	2 107.00
3-Jul-13	1 323.00	1 286.00	1215.270	1188.670	924.228	878.328	2 418.00	2 236.00
7-Aug-13	1 355.00	1 318.00	1248.230	1221.630	949.228	903.328	2 440.00	2 258.00
4-Sep-13	1 350.00	1 313.00	1262.050	1235.450	974.228	928.328	2 449.00	2 267.00
2-Oct-13	1 330.00	1 293.00	1260.050	1233.450	970.228	924.328	2 409.00	2 227.00
6-Nov-13	1 302.00	1 265.00	1244.850	1218.250	954.228	908.328	2 368.00	2 186.00
4-Dec-13	1 319.00	1 282.00	1254.970	1228.370	970.728	924.828	2 386.00	2 204.00
1-Jan-14	1 357.00	1 320.00	1287.150	1260.550	1009.728	963.828	2 442.00	2 260.00
5-Feb-14	1 396.00	1 359.00	1311.350	1284.750	1021.728	975.828	2 496.00	2 314.00
5-Mar-14	1 432.00	1 395.00	1338.550	1311.950	1037.728	991.828	2 554.00	2 372.00
2-Apr-14	1 439.00	1 398.00	1329.750	1299.150	1003.228	953.028	2 532.00	2 350.00
7-May-14	1 424.00	1 383.00	1299.970	1269.370	984.228	934.028	2 528.00	2 346.00
4-Jun-14	1 402.00	1 361.00	1276.390	1245.790	974.228	924.028	2 501.00	2 319.00
2-Jul-14	1 433.00	1 392.00	1290.390	1259.790	997.228	947.028	2 559.00	2 377.00
6-Aug-14	1 433.00	1 392.00	1284.770	1254.170	990.228	940.028	2 547.00	2 365.00
3-Sep-14	1 366.00	1 325.00	1259.390	1228.790	971.228	921.028	2 439.00	2 257.00
1-Oct-14	1 361.00	1 320.00	1246.390	1215.790	957.228	907.028	2 451.00	2 269.00
5-Nov-14	1 316.00	1 275.00	1185.390	1154.790	905.228	855.028	2 346.00	2 164.00
3-Dec-14	1 247.00	1 206.00	1132.090	1101.490	855.928	805.728	2 221.00	2 039.00
7-Jan-15	1 124.00	1 083.00	1028.090	997.490	747.928	697.728	2 011.00	1 829.00
4-Feb-15	1 031.00	990.00	926.090	895.490	645.928	595.728	1 861.00	1 679.00
4-Mar-15	1 127.00	1 086.00	1000.090	969.490	718.928	668.728	2 015.00	1 833.00
1-Apr-15	1 289.00	1 246.00	1122.790	1090.000	743.828	693.328	2 100.00	1 918.00