

**MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 29 DECEMBER 2016**

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**1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 04 JANUARY 2017**

Product:

Petrol 93(ULP &LRP)	50.000	cents per litre increase in retail price
Petrol 95(ULP & LRP)	48.000	cents per litre increase in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	39.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	37.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	43.000	cents per litre increase in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	58.000	cents per litre increase in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	106.000	cents per kilogram increase in the maximum retail price

**2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE OCTANE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN 95 AND 93 OCTANES**

In line with the Working Rules to administer the Basic Fuel 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.

**3. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD  
02 DECEMBER 2016 TO 28 DECEMBER 2016**

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 02 December 2016 to 28 December 2016 was 13.8687 compared to 13.9125 during the previous period. This led to decreases in the contribution to the Basic Fuels Price on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 1.89 c/l, 1.82 c/l and 1.83 c/l respectively.

**4. 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 04 January 2017.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 04 January 2017 to 31 January 2017 will be 954.0 c/l compared to 896 c/l for the period 07 December 2016 to 03 January 2017, this is an increase of 58.0 c/l.

**6. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE**

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 7 723.23 per metric ton (428.63 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 04 January 2017 to 31 January 2017.

**7. 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

**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 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	( 50.480)	( 41.090)	( 38.874)	( 44.334)
Movement in Exchange Rate	1.891	1.819	1.825	1.829

**BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 02/12/2016 to 28/12/2016**

( 48.589)	( 39.271)	( 37.049)	( 42.505)
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**9. 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 02/12/2016 to 28/12/2016 (cents / litre) as detailed below	( 48.589)	( 39.271)	( 37.049)	( 42.505)	N/A
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of November 2016 (R-million)	2 452.179	2 525.815	2 525.815	( 192.615)
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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	( 48.000)	( 39.000)	( 37.000)	( 43.000)	( 106.000)
<b><u>Total price (increase) / decrease</u></b>	<b>( 48.000)</b>	<b>( 39.000)</b>	<b>( 37.000)</b>	<b>( 43.000)</b>	<b>( 106.000)</b>

**10. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

11. **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 04/01/2017 TO 31/01/2017 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

<u>Price element</u>	<b>Coast Zone 1A</b>	<b>Inland Zone 9C</b>
Maximum refinery gate price	772.323	772.323
Primary transport costs	38.456	182.295
Operating expenses	380.591	380.591
Working capital	28.849	28.849
Depreciation	140.326	140.326
Gross margin: Cylinder-filling plant	179.306	179.306
Sub-total (1)	<b>1 539.851</b>	<b>1 683.690</b>
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	230.978	252.553
Sub-total (2)	<b>1 770.829</b>	<b>1 936.243</b>
Value Added Tax (14% Sub-total (2))	247.916	271.074
<b>Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)</b>	<b>2 019.000</b>	<b>2 207.000</b>

12. 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 04/01/2017 TO 31/01/2017 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

	<b>Petrol 95 ULP c/l</b>	<b>Petrol 93 ULP &amp; LRP c/l</b>	<b>Diesel 0.05% S c/l</b>	<b>Diesel 0.005% S c/l</b>	<b>Illumi- nating Paraffin c/l</b>
Wholesale margin	35.600	35.600	67.660	67.660	67.660
Secondary Storage	17.900	17.900	17.900	17.900	17.900
Secondary Distribution	17.300	17.300	17.300	17.300	17.300
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	176.400	176.400	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zone differential in Gauteng	41.000	41.000	41.000	41.000	57.200
IP Tracer levy	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.000
Fuel levy	285.000	285.000	270.000	270.000	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	0.330	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	( 0.400)	( 0.400)			
Sub-total	741.130	731.130	572.200	572.200	167.460
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	591.870	577.870	569.630	572.030	574.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>1 333.00</u>	<u>1 309.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>1 141.830</u>	<u>1 144.230</u>	<u>741.588</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							
04-Jan-12	1 061.00	1 031.00	<b>1027.690</b>	<b>1007.290</b>	788.428	752.528	2 121.00	1 939.00
01-Feb-12	1 095.00	1 065.00	<b>1026.690</b>	<b>1006.290</b>	785.428	749.528	2 171.00	1 989.00
07-Mar-12	1 123.00	1 093.00	<b>1037.070</b>	<b>1016.670</b>	789.428	753.528	2 207.00	2 025.00
04-Apr-12	1 194.00	1 159.00	<b>1088.970</b>	<b>1064.270</b>	816.028	774.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
02-May-12	1 222.00	1 187.00	<b>1098.370</b>	<b>1073.670</b>	825.028	783.128	2 306.00	2 124.00
06-Jun-12	1 167.00	1 132.00	<b>1073.550</b>	<b>1048.850</b>	804.028	762.128	2 207.00	2 025.00
04-Jul-12	1 082.00	1 047.00	<b>1010.970</b>	<b>986.270</b>	746.028	704.128	2 094.00	1 912.00
01-Aug-12	1 104.00	1 069.00	<b>1025.590</b>	<b>1000.890</b>	761.028	719.128	2 146.00	1 964.00
05-Sep-12	1 197.00	1 162.00	<b>1094.590</b>	<b>1069.890</b>	834.028	792.128	2 275.00	2 093.00
03-Oct-12	1 220.00	1 185.00	<b>1133.750</b>	<b>1109.050</b>	867.028	825.128	2 272.00	2 090.00
07-Nov-12	1 210.00	1 175.00	<b>1143.950</b>	<b>1119.250</b>	870.028	828.128	2 273.00	2 091.00
05-Dec-12	1 201.00	1 166.00	<b>1138.950</b>	<b>1114.250</b>	866.028	824.128	2 238.00	2 056.00
02-Jan-13	1 186.00	1 151.00	<b>1111.370</b>	<b>1086.670</b>	849.028	807.128	2 229.00	2 047.00
06-Feb-13	1 227.00	1 192.00	<b>1129.170</b>	<b>1104.470</b>	875.028	833.128	2 302.00	2 120.00
06-Mar-13	1 308.00	1 273.00	<b>1187.550</b>	<b>1162.850</b>	932.028	890.128	2 420.00	2 238.00
03-Apr-13	1 320.00	1 283.00	<b>1196.610</b>	<b>1170.010</b>	906.228	860.328	2 365.00	2 183.00
01-May-13	1 247.00	1 210.00	<b>1141.050</b>	<b>1114.450</b>	848.228	802.328	2 284.00	2 102.00
05-Jun-13	1 239.00	1 202.00	<b>1137.070</b>	<b>1110.470</b>	849.228	803.328	2 289.00	2 107.00
03-Jul-13	1 323.00	1 286.00	<b>1215.270</b>	<b>1188.670</b>	924.228	878.328	2 418.00	2 236.00
07-Aug-13	1 355.00	1 318.00	<b>1248.230</b>	<b>1221.630</b>	949.228	903.328	2 440.00	2 258.00
04-Sep-13	1 350.00	1 313.00	<b>1262.050</b>	<b>1235.450</b>	974.228	928.328	2 449.00	2 267.00
02-Oct-13	1 330.00	1 293.00	<b>1260.050</b>	<b>1233.450</b>	970.228	924.328	2 409.00	2 227.00
06-Nov-13	1 302.00	1 265.00	<b>1244.850</b>	<b>1218.250</b>	954.228	908.328	2 368.00	2 186.00
04-Dec-13	1 319.00	1 282.00	<b>1254.970</b>	<b>1228.370</b>	970.728	924.828	2 386.00	2 204.00
01-Jan-14	1 357.00	1 320.00	<b>1287.150</b>	<b>1260.550</b>	1009.728	963.828	2 442.00	2 260.00
05-Feb-14	1 396.00	1 359.00	<b>1311.350</b>	<b>1284.750</b>	1021.728	975.828	2 496.00	2 314.00
05-Mar-14	1 432.00	1 395.00	<b>1338.550</b>	<b>1311.950</b>	1037.728	991.828	2 554.00	2 372.00
02-Apr-14	1 439.00	1 398.00	<b>1329.750</b>	<b>1299.150</b>	1003.228	953.028	2 532.00	2 350.00
07-May-14	1 424.00	1 383.00	<b>1299.970</b>	<b>1269.370</b>	984.228	934.028	2 528.00	2 346.00
04-Jun-14	1 402.00	1 361.00	<b>1276.390</b>	<b>1245.790</b>	974.228	924.028	2 501.00	2 319.00
02-Jul-14	1 433.00	1 392.00	<b>1290.390</b>	<b>1259.790</b>	997.228	947.028	2 559.00	2 377.00
06-Aug-14	1 433.00	1 392.00	<b>1284.770</b>	<b>1254.170</b>	990.228	940.028	2 547.00	2 365.00
03-Sep-14	1 366.00	1 325.00	<b>1259.390</b>	<b>1228.790</b>	971.228	921.028	2 439.00	2 257.00
01-Oct-14	1 361.00	1 320.00	<b>1246.390</b>	<b>1215.790</b>	957.228	907.028	2 451.00	2 269.00
05-Nov-14	1 316.00	1 275.00	<b>1185.390</b>	<b>1154.790</b>	905.228	855.028	2 346.00	2 164.00
03-Dec-14	1 247.00	1 206.00	<b>1132.090</b>	<b>1101.490</b>	855.928	805.728	2 221.00	2 039.00
07-Jan-15	1 124.00	1 083.00	<b>1028.090</b>	<b>997.490</b>	747.928	697.728	2 011.00	1 829.00
04-Feb-15	1 031.00	990.00	<b>926.090</b>	<b>895.490</b>	645.928	595.728	1 861.00	1 679.00
04-Mar-15	1 127.00	1 086.00	<b>1000.090</b>	<b>969.490</b>	718.928	668.728	2 015.00	1 833.00
01-Apr-15	1 289.00	1 246.00	<b>1122.790</b>	<b>1090.090</b>	743.828	690.828	2 100.00	1 918.00
06-May-15	1 289.00	1 246.00	<b>1117.790</b>	<b>1085.090</b>	738.828	685.828	2 117.00	1 935.00
03-Jun-15	1 336.00	1 293.00	<b>1166.790</b>	<b>1134.090</b>	780.828	727.828	2 217.00	2 035.00
01-Jul-15	1 377.00	1 334.00	<b>1170.790</b>	<b>1138.090</b>	786.828	733.828	2 273.00	2 091.00
05-Aug-15	1 326.00	1 283.00	<b>1094.970</b>	<b>1062.270</b>	716.828	663.828	2 184.00	2 002.00
02-Sep-15	1 257.00	1 214.00	<b>1040.970</b>	<b>1008.270</b>	661.828	608.828	2 069.00	1 887.00
07-Oct-15	1 261.00	1 218.00	<b>1093.970</b>	<b>1061.270</b>	711.828	658.828	2 080.00	1 898.00
04-Nov-15	1 239.00	1 196.00	<b>1084.970</b>	<b>1052.270</b>	709.828	656.828	2 033.00	1 851.00
02-Dec-15	1 240.00	1 197.00	<b>1081.170</b>	<b>1048.470</b>	710.028	657.028	2 029.00	1 847.00
06-Jan-16	1 237.00	1 194.00	<b>1005.170</b>	<b>972.470</b>	647.028	594.028	2 074.00	1 892.00
03-Feb-16	1 243.00	1 200.00	<b>943.170</b>	<b>910.470</b>	588.028	535.028	2 075.00	1 893.00
02-Mar-16	1 174.00	1 131.00	<b>958.170</b>	<b>925.470</b>	605.028	552.028	1 955.00	1 773.00
06-Apr-16	1 262.00	1 214.00	<b>1053.870</b>	<b>1015.470</b>	662.628	608.028	2 065.00	1 883.00
04-May-16	1 274.00	1 226.00	<b>1052.870</b>	<b>1014.470</b>	655.628	601.028	2 060.00	1 877.00
01-Jun-16	1 326.00	1 278.00	<b>1128.870</b>	<b>1090.470</b>	717.628	663.028	2 158.00	1 976.00
06-Jul-16	1 334.00	1 286.00	<b>1170.870</b>	<b>1132.470</b>	760.628	706.028	2 170.00	1 988.00
03-Aug-16	1 235.00	1 187.00	<b>1096.870</b>	<b>1058.470</b>	694.628	640.028	2 010.00	1 828.00
07-Sep-16	1 217.00	1 169.00	<b>1048.870</b>	<b>1010.470</b>	647.628	593.028	2 001.00	1 819.00
05-Oct-16	1 260.00	1 212.00	<b>1071.870</b>	<b>1033.470</b>	669.628	615.028	2 059.00	1 877.00
02-Nov-16	1 305.00	1 257.00	<b>1134.870</b>	<b>1096.470</b>	726.628	672.028	2 118.00	1 936.00
07-Dec-16	1 285.00	1 237.00	<b>1102.830</b>	<b>1064.430</b>	698.588	643.988	2 101.00	1 913.00
04-Jan-17	1 333.00	1 285.00	<b>1141.830</b>	<b>1103.430</b>	741.588	686.988	2 207.00	2 019.00