

MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 26 APRIL 2023

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1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 03 MAY 2023 IN GAUTENG (INCREASE) / DECREASE

Product:

Both Grades of Petrol 93 & 95 (LRP & ULP)	(37.00)	cents per litre increase in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	73.54	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	47.54	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	33.00	cents per litre decrease in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	44.00	cents per litre decrease in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	444.00	cents per kilogram decrease in the maximum retail price

2. GENERAL FUEL LEVY (CARBON LEVY) INCREASE

The Minister of Finance, in his Budget on 22 February 2023, announced that an increase of 1.0 c/l will be made to the General Fuel Levy (Carbon Levy) in the price structures of both petrol and diesel. Furthermore, an increase of 1.0 c/l will be added to the petrol and diesel price structures to allow the industry to recoup the levy payment for April 2023. This additional 1.0 c/l will be removed from the price structures of petrol and diesel with effect from 07 June 2023. With effect from 03 May 2023, the Fuel Levy will increase to 396.0 c/l and 382.0 c/l respectively in the price structure of both petrol and diesel.

3. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 31 MARCH 2023 TO 25 APRIL 2023

The average international product prices for Petrol increased, whilst Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin decreased 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 31 March 2023 to 25 April 2023 was 18.1331 compared to 18.3045 during the previous period. This led to a lower contribution to the Basic Fuel Prices on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 12.25 c/l, 11.52 c/l and 11.62 c/l respectively.

4. SLATE LEVY

In line with the provisions of the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism, a Slate Levy of 0.00 c/l (decrease of 17.54 c/l) will be implemented into the price structures of petrol and diesel with effect from 03 May 2023.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 03 May 2023 to 06 June 2023 will be 1 859.0 compared to 1 903.0 c/l for the period 05 April 2023 to 02 May 2023.

6. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE

The maximum refinery gate price will be R12 971.56 per metric ton (719.922 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 03 May 2023 to 06 June 2023.

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 and slate ranges adjusted with effected from 7 September 2022 (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 R500.0 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
Movements in external factors				
Movement in International Product Prices	(64.517)	45.992	19.551	21.005
Movement in Exchange Rate	12.250	11.522	11.850	11.623
BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 31/03/2023 to 25/04/2023	(52.267)	57.514	31.401	32.628

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 18 days from 31/03/2023 to 25/04/2023 (cents / litre) as detailed below

(52.267) 57.514 31.401 32.628 -

Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of March 2023 (R-million)

(890.175) 1 214.528 1 214.528 67.807 -

The price adjustments consist of the following elements:

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

(53.000) 58.000 32.000 33.000 444.000

Increase in Fuel Levy (Carbon Levy)

(2.000) (2.000) (2.000) - -

Decrease in Slate Levy

17.540 17.540 17.540 - -

Pump rounding

0.460 - - - -

Total price (increase) / decrease

(37.000) 73.540 47.540 33.000 444.000

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 03/05/2023 TO 06/06/2023 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Price element	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	1 297.156	1 297.156
Primary transport costs	52.292	247.880
Operating expenses	501.698	501.698
Working capital	38.029	38.029
Depreciation	190.813	190.813
Gross margin: Cylinder-filling plant	243.815	243.815
Sub-total (1)	2 323.802	2 519.390
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	348.570	377.909
Sub-total (2)	2 672.373	2 897.299
Value Added Tax (15% Sub-total (2))	400.856	434.595
Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)	3 073.000	3 332.000

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 03/05/2023 TO 06/06/2023 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	56.600	56.600	83.830	83.830	83.830
Secondary Storage	28.800	28.800	28.800	28.800	28.800
Secondary Distribution	16.900	16.900	16.900	16.900	16.900
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	241.900	241.900	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zone differential in Gauteng	75.700	75.700	75.700	75.700	96.000
IP Tracer levy	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.000
Fuel levy	396.000	396.000	382.000	382.000	0.000
Customs & excise duty	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	0.000
RAF levy	218.000	218.000	218.000	218.000	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
Pump Rounding	(0.200)	(0.200)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sub-total	1 038.030	1 038.030	809.660	809.660	232.930
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	1 295.970	1 262.970	1 205.630	1 240.030	1 206.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>2,334.00</u>	<u>2,301.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>2,015.290</u>	<u>2,049.690</u>	<u>1,439.058</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
06-Jan-21	1,486.00	1,416.00	1,300.420	1,240.120	739.688	658.588	2,708.00	2,472.00
03-Feb-21	1,567.00	1,497.00	1,358.420	1,298.120	798.688	717.588	2,901.00	2,666.00
03-Mar-21	1,632.00	1,562.00	1,412.420	1,352.120	845.688	764.588	2,988.00	2,752.00
07-Apr-21	1,732.00	1,661.00	1,477.620	1,416.120	880.488	798.588	3,036.00	2,801.00
05-May-21	1,723.00	1,651.00	1,446.620	1,385.120	857.488	775.588	2,864.00	2,628.00
02-Jun-21	1,713.00	1,641.00	1,466.620	1,405.120	877.488	795.588	2,721.00	2,486.00
07-Jul-21	1,739.00	1,667.00	1,508.620	1,447.120	913.488	831.588	2,784.00	2,549.00
04-Aug-21	1,830.00	1,758.00	1,564.200	1,502.700	963.488	881.588	3,010.00	2,775.00
01-Sep-21	1,834.00	1,762.00	1,548.980	1,487.480	948.488	866.588	3,104.00	2,869.00
06-Oct-21	1,833.00	1,761.00	1,571.780	1,510.280	980.488	898.588	3,097.00	2,861.00
03-Nov-21	1,954.00	1,882.00	1,719.980	1,658.480	1,125.488	1,043.588	3,387.00	3,151.00
01-Dec-21	2,029.00	1,957.00	1,792.480	1,730.980	1,167.688	1,085.788	3,570.00	3,335.00
05-Jan-22	1,961.00	1,889.00	1,724.680	1,663.180	1,096.688	1,014.788	3,500.00	3,259.00
02-Feb-22	2,014.00	1,942.00	1,804.520	1,743.020	1,197.688	1,115.788	3,376.00	3,134.00
02-Mar-22	2,160.00	2,088.00	1,948.880	1,887.380	1,318.688	1,236.788	3,446.00	3,204.00
06-Apr-22	2,196.00	2,124.00	2,101.440	2,039.940	1,584.688	1,502.788	3,696.00	3,454.00
04-May-22	2,184.00	2,109.00	2,199.440	2,134.240	1,664.288	1,585.088	3,765.00	3,523.00
01-Jun-22	2,417.00	2,352.00	2,309.440	2,244.240	1,820.288	1,741.088	3,714.00	3,472.00
06-Jul-22	2,674.00	2,609.00	2,540.440	2,475.240	1,986.288	1,907.088	3,496.00	3,255.00
03-Aug-22	2,542.00	2,477.00	2,452.440	2,387.240	1,842.288	1,763.088	3,553.00	3,311.00
07-Sep-22	2,338.00	2,273.00	2,396.100	2,330.900	1,760.288	1,681.088	3,388.00	3,146.00
05-Oct-22	2,236.00	2,171.00	2,406.100	2,340.900	1,699.288	1,620.088	3,407.00	3,166.00
02-Nov-22	2,287.00	2,222.00	2,548.960	2,483.760	1,776.288	1,697.088	3,309.00	3,068.00
07-Dec-22	2,346.00	2,281.00	2,391.770	2,326.570	1,718.958	1,639.758	3,404.00	3,146.00
04-Jan-23	2,140.00	2,075.00	2,122.870	2,057.670	1,525.958	1,446.758	3,486.00	3,227.00
01-Feb-23	2,168.00	2,103.00	2,132.030	2,066.830	1,583.958	1,504.758	3,346.00	3,087.00
01-Mar-23	2,295.00	2,230.00	2,162.410	2,097.210	1,596.958	1,517.758	3,868.00	3,610.00
05-Apr-23	2,297.00	2,225.00	2,088.830	2,016.630	1,472.058	1,379.558	3,776.00	3,517.00
03-May-23	2,334.00	2,262.00	2,015.290	1,943.090	1,439.058	1,346.558	3,332.00	3,073.00