

**MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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**1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 06 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN GAUTENG (INCREASE) / DECREASE**

Product:

Both Grades of Petrol 93 & 95

(ULP & LRP)	(171.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	(284.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	(276.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	(278.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	(370.00)	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	(226.00)	cents per kilogram <b>increase</b> in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 28 JULY 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2023**

The average international product prices for Petrol, Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin increased during the period under review.

The Rand depreciated 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 28 July 2023 to 31 August 2023 was 18.6731 compared to 18.2801 during the previous period. This led to a higher contribution to the Basic Fuel Prices on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 29.60 c/l, 31.33 c/l and 31.58 c/l respectively.

**3. INCREASE IN THE RETAIL MARGIN APPLICABLE TO BOTH GRADES OF PETROL**

The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy has approved a retail margin increase of 5.0 c/l to be effected in the retail price structures of all octane grades of petrol with effect from 06 September 2023. This increase is necessary to accommodate the wage increases of pump attendants, cashiers and administrative staff at service stations.

**3. SLATE LEVY**

In line with the provisions of the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism, the Slate levy on petrol and diesel will remain at 0.00 c/l with effect from 06 September 2023.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 06 September 2023 to 03 October 2023 will be 2 261.0 compared to 1 891.0 c/l for the period 02 August 2023 to 05 September 2023.

**5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE**

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 11 793.72 per metric ton (654.551 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 06 September 2023 to 03 October 2023.

## 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 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.

## 7. 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:

	<b>Petrol 95 ULP c/l</b>	<b>Diesel 0.05% c/l</b>	<b>Diesel 0.005% c/l</b>	<b>Illuminating Paraffin c/l</b>
<b>Movements in external factors</b>				
Movement in International Product Prices	( 135.405)	( 253.415)	( 244.249)	( 247.131)
Movement in Exchange Rate	( 29.602)	( 31.332)	( 31.813)	( 31.576)
<b>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 28/07/2023 to 31/08/2023</b>	<b>( 165.007)</b>	<b>( 284.747)</b>	<b>( 276.062)</b>	<b>( 278.707)</b>

## 8. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT

<b>Petrol 95 ULP &amp; LRP</b>	<b>Diesel 0.05 (%) Sulphur</b>	<b>Diesel 0.005 (%) Sulphur</b>	<b>Illuminating Paraffin Wholesale</b>	<b>LPGAS (Gauteng, Zone 9C)</b>
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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 28/07/2023 to 31/08/2023 (cents / litre) as detailed below

( 165.007) ( 284.747) ( 276.062) ( 278.707) -

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

(426.619) 1,733.950 1,733.950 48.728 -

**The price adjustments consist of the following elements:**

**c/l c/l c/l c/l**

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

(166.000) (284.000) (276.000) (278.000) (226.000)

(Increase) on Retail Margin on Petrol

( 5.000) - - - -

**Total price (increase) / decrease**

**( 171.000) ( 284.000) ( 276.000) ( 278.000) ( 226.000)**

## 9. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The report of the independent auditors is available on request.

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**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 06/09/2023 TO 03/10/2023 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Price element	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	1 179.372	1 179.372
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)	<b>2 206.018</b>	<b>2 401.606</b>
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	330.903	360.241
Sub-total (2)	<b>2 536.921</b>	<b>2 761.847</b>
Value Added Tax (15% Sub-total (2))	380.538	414.277
<b>Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)</b>	<b>2 917.000</b>	<b>3 176.000</b>

11. 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 06/09/2023 TO 03/10/2023 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	<b>246.900</b>	<b>246.900</b>	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	395.000	395.000	381.000	381.000	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	1 042.030	1 042.030	808.660	808.660	232.930
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	1 411.970	1 371.970	1 496.630	1 520.030	1 508.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>2,454.00</u>	<u>2,414.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>2,305.290</u>	<u>2,328.690</u>	<u>1,741.058</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	<b>1,300.420</b>	<b>1,240.120</b>	739.688	658.588	2,708.00	2,472.00
03-Feb-21	1,567.00	1,497.00	<b>1,358.420</b>	<b>1,298.120</b>	798.688	717.588	2,901.00	2,666.00
03-Mar-21	1,632.00	1,562.00	<b>1,412.420</b>	<b>1,352.120</b>	845.688	764.588	2,988.00	2,752.00
07-Apr-21	1,732.00	1,661.00	<b>1,477.620</b>	<b>1,416.120</b>	880.488	798.588	3,036.00	2,801.00
05-May-21	1,723.00	1,651.00	<b>1,446.620</b>	<b>1,385.120</b>	857.488	775.588	2,864.00	2,628.00
02-Jun-21	1,713.00	1,641.00	<b>1,466.620</b>	<b>1,405.120</b>	877.488	795.588	2,721.00	2,486.00
07-Jul-21	1,739.00	1,667.00	<b>1,508.620</b>	<b>1,447.120</b>	913.488	831.588	2,784.00	2,549.00
04-Aug-21	1,830.00	1,758.00	<b>1,564.200</b>	<b>1,502.700</b>	963.488	881.588	3,010.00	2,775.00
01-Sep-21	1,834.00	1,762.00	<b>1,548.980</b>	<b>1,487.480</b>	948.488	866.588	3,104.00	2,869.00
06-Oct-21	1,833.00	1,761.00	<b>1,571.780</b>	<b>1,510.280</b>	980.488	898.588	3,097.00	2,861.00
03-Nov-21	1,954.00	1,882.00	<b>1,719.980</b>	<b>1,658.480</b>	1,125.488	1,043.588	3,387.00	3,151.00
01-Dec-21	2,029.00	1,957.00	<b>1,792.480</b>	<b>1,730.980</b>	1,167.688	1,085.788	3,570.00	3,335.00
05-Jan-22	1,961.00	1,889.00	<b>1,724.680</b>	<b>1,663.180</b>	1,096.688	1,014.788	3,500.00	3,259.00
02-Feb-22	2,014.00	1,942.00	<b>1,804.520</b>	<b>1,743.020</b>	1,197.688	1,115.788	3,376.00	3,134.00
02-Mar-22	2,160.00	2,088.00	<b>1,948.880</b>	<b>1,887.380</b>	1,318.688	1,236.788	3,446.00	3,204.00
06-Apr-22	2,196.00	2,124.00	<b>2,101.440</b>	<b>2,039.940</b>	1,584.688	1,502.788	3,696.00	3,454.00
04-May-22	2,184.00	2,109.00	<b>2,199.440</b>	<b>2,134.240</b>	1,664.288	1,585.088	3,765.00	3,523.00
01-Jun-22	2,417.00	2,352.00	<b>2,309.440</b>	<b>2,244.240</b>	1,820.288	1,741.088	3,714.00	3,472.00
06-Jul-22	2,674.00	2,609.00	<b>2,540.440</b>	<b>2,475.240</b>	1,986.288	1,907.088	3,496.00	3,255.00
03-Aug-22	2,542.00	2,477.00	<b>2,452.440</b>	<b>2,387.240</b>	1,842.288	1,763.088	3,553.00	3,311.00
07-Sep-22	2,338.00	2,273.00	<b>2,396.100</b>	<b>2,330.900</b>	1,760.288	1,681.088	3,388.00	3,146.00
05-Oct-22	2,236.00	2,171.00	<b>2,406.100</b>	<b>2,340.900</b>	1,699.288	1,620.088	3,407.00	3,166.00
02-Nov-22	2,287.00	2,222.00	<b>2,548.960</b>	<b>2,483.760</b>	1,776.288	1,697.088	3,309.00	3,068.00
07-Dec-22	2,346.00	2,281.00	<b>2,391.770</b>	<b>2,326.570</b>	1,718.958	1,639.758	3,404.00	3,146.00
04-Jan-23	2,140.00	2,075.00	<b>2,122.870</b>	<b>2,057.670</b>	1,525.958	1,446.758	3,486.00	3,227.00
01-Feb-23	2,168.00	2,103.00	<b>2,132.030</b>	<b>2,066.830</b>	1,583.958	1,504.758	3,346.00	3,087.00
01-Mar-23	2,295.00	2,230.00	<b>2,162.410</b>	<b>2,097.210</b>	1,596.958	1,517.758	3,868.00	3,610.00
05-Apr-23	2,297.00	2,225.00	<b>2,088.830</b>	<b>2,016.630</b>	1,472.058	1,379.558	3,776.00	3,517.00
03-May-23	2,334.00	2,262.00	<b>2,015.290</b>	<b>1,943.090</b>	1,439.058	1,346.558	3,332.00	3,073.00
07-Jun-23	2,263.00	2,191.00	<b>1,931.290</b>	<b>1,859.090</b>	1,396.058	1,303.558	3,407.00	3,148.00
05-Jul-23	2,246.00	2,174.00	<b>1,949.290</b>	<b>1,877.090</b>	1,392.058	1,299.558	3,111.00	2,853.00
02-Aug-23	2,283.00	2,211.00	<b>2,021.290</b>	<b>1,949.090</b>	1,463.058	1,370.558	2,950.00	2,691.00
06-Sep-23	2,454.00	2,382.00	<b>2,305.290</b>	<b>2,233.090</b>	1,741.058	1,648.558	3,176.00	2,917.00