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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Gas safety

20 December 2012 – Minister Dipuo Peters wishes to extend her heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of those involved in the tragic gas accident that happened this morning in Eesterust, east of Pretoria.

With this tragic accident in mind, the Minister of Energy wishes to remind all citizens to use energy sources with the greatest care at all times, especially during this season when we are all in a festive mood. Let us make this a time of joy and rest to be enjoyed with family and friends across the country. If you are not sure of how to use flammable energy sources like gas, call the LPGas Association for advice at 0860 102 003.

Some of the basic safety practices that we must adhere to when we deal with Gas are that we must handle it with care at all times. We must adhere to all safety requirements including storage in a cool space, and limiting the amounts of Gas stored on our premises. Store your cylinders away from any heat source, and, know that the standard amounts allowed for storage on individual properties are as follows: Inside a Flat – 9kg; or in a Stand-alone house – 19kg.

Outside your home the maximums are 38kg in the Western Cape and 100kg Gauteng respectively. These quantities can vary by municipality, and you are encouraged to check the limitations with your own municipality's fire department.

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