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MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF FUEL PRICES EFFECTIVE FROM 06 APRIL 2016

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The Department of Energy informs the public of the fuel price adjustments for April 2016. South Africa's fuel prices are adjusted on a monthly basis, informed by international and local factors.

International factors include the fact that South Africa imports both crude oil and finished products at a price set at the international level, including shipping costs.

The reasons for the fuel price increases in April 2016 are;

- The increase in fuel levies as determined annually by the Minister of Finance of **30.0 c/l**;
- The transportation costs increased by **5.2 c/l** in Gauteng resulting from the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) approved pipeline tariff increase as well the road transportation tariff increase obtained from the Road Freight Association (RFA). This will result in different prices for different pricing zones (adjusted annually); and
- The average increase in the prices of petroleum products in the international markets of about 52.00c/l for petrol and 61.00 c/l for diesel respectively.

The strengthening of the Rand against the US Dollar during the period under review cushioned the price increases by close to 10.00c/l.

There is no need to panic at this stage because the crude oil price fluctuations are not expected to be excessive if major geopolitical conflicts are excluded.

Based on current local and international factors, the fuel prices for April 2016 in **Gauteng** will be adjusted as follows:

1. **Diesel** (0.05% sulphur) will **increase** by 95.70 cents/ litre
2. **Diesel** (0.005% sulphur) will **increase** by 97.70 cents/ litre
3. **Petrol 95** (both ULP & LRP) will **increase** by 88.00 cents/litre.
4. **Petrol 93** (both ULP & LRP) will **increase** by 86.00 cents/litre
5. **Illuminating paraffin** will **increase** by 76.00 cents per litre
6. **Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)** will **increase** by 110.00 cents per kilogram

In other fuel pricing zones, the prices will be different due to the adjustment to the transportation costs. The pricing schedule for the different zones will be published on Tuesday, 05 April 2016.

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