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**MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENERGY ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF FUEL PRICES EFFECTIVE  
FROM 06 JANUARY 2016  
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The Department of Energy herewith informs the public about the fuel prices for January 2016. South Africa's fuel prices are adjusted on a monthly basis, informed by international and local factors.

The wholesale price of diesel, 0.05% sulphur and 0.005% sulphur, will decrease by 76c/l and 78c/l respectively and the wholesale price of illuminating paraffin will decrease by 63c/l and the single maximum national retail price (SMNRP) will decrease by 84.0c/l with effect from 06 January 2016. The pump price of petrol 95 Octane will decrease by 3.0c/l, and that of 93 Octane will remain unchanged with effect from 06 January 2016. The maximum retail price of liquid petroleum gas (LPGas) will increase by 45c/kg.

The main reasons for these fuel price adjustments are the weakening of the Rand against the US Dollar despite the drop in the prices of all petroleum products during the period under review. The Minister of Energy, Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson, has approved the adjustments to some of the pricing elements of the maximum retail price structure of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPGas). The maximum retail margin of LPGas will increase by 50.0c/kg with effect from 06 January 2016.

Based on current local, international factors as well as the margin adjustments international factors, the fuel prices for January 2016 in the South African market will be adjusted as follows:

1. **Petrol (93 Octane)** will ***remain unchanged***
2. **Petrol (95 Octane)** will **decrease** by 3.00 cents/litre
3. **Diesel (0.05% Sulphur)** will **decrease** by 76.00 cents/ litre.
4. **Diesel (0.005% Sulphur)** will **decrease** by 78.00 cents/ litre
5. **Illuminating paraffin (SMNRP)** will **decrease** by 63.00 cents/litre.
6. **Illuminating paraffin (wholesale)** will **decrease** by 84.00 cents/litre.
7. **Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)** will **increase** by 45.00 cents/kilogram.

The pricing schedule for all the pricing zones will be published on Tuesday, 05 January 2016.

The Minister of Energy, Ms Tina Joematt-Pettersson, wishes all the people of South Africa a happy and prosperous new year. Please do not drink and drive.

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