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Mineral Resources and Energy  
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## Media Statement: Public Petroleum Products Act Compliance Enforcement Forum

*To: All media*

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The rampant illegal and illicit fuel trade has prompted the need to collaborate with all petroleum industry stakeholders, including the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and the South African Police Services (SAPS), as part of the intervention to create a public policing forum that enforces the provisions of the Petroleum Products Act No. 120 of 1977 as amended (PPA). The PPA, amongst others, prohibits certain activities related to petroleum products without an applicable license issued by the Controller of Petroleum Products (section 2A); provides for the appointment and powers of inspectors and regional controllers of petroleum products (section 3()); and creates offences such that any person who contravenes a provision of the PPA shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding R1 000 000.00, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment (section 12).

**Issuance of Notices:** Further, section 2(A) (2) (a) provides for Issuance of Notice if a person engages in an activity in contravention of sub-section (1), whereby the Controller of Petroleum Products must by written notice direct that person to cease such activity forthwith.

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has established the Public Petroleum Products Act Compliance Forum comprised of petroleum industry stakeholders including wholesalers and retail associations, and law enforcement agencies such as the SAPS and SARS, with the aim of finding solutions to curb non-compliance. We call upon the public to be vigilant and report to the DMRE's Regional inspectors any petroleum operator suspected of non-compliance with the PPA, or of engaging in illegal and illicit fuel trading, including any of the following:

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- Conducting petroleum products manufacturing, wholesaling or retailing activities without an applicable license by the Controller of Petroleum Products.
- Wholesalers operating as retailers (dual operations).
- Site development without a relevant site license.
- Sale of inferior quality petrol and diesel, contrary to prescribed specifications and standards.
- Sale of ULP 93 at the price of ULP 95 to unsuspecting retailers and motorists (especially in outlying areas,) or sale of petroleum products contrary to the price determined by the Minister.
- Non-disclosure of fuel storage facilities.
- Huge diesel price discounts.
- Suspected mixing of diesel with paraffin (diesel adulteration.)
- Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Fronting.

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