

**MEDIA STATEMENT - FOR RELEASE ON 28 DECEMBER 2023**

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**1. PRICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTED ON WEDNESDAY 03 JANUARY 2024 IN GAUTENG (INCREASE) / DECREASE**

Product:

Petrol 93 (ULP & LRP)	62.00	cents per litre <b>decrease</b> in retail price
Petrol 95 (ULP & LRP)	76.00	cents per litre <b>decrease</b> in retail price
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	118.32	cents per litre <b>decrease</b> in wholesale price
Diesel 0.005% Sulphur	126.32	cents per litre <b>decrease</b> in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	93.00	cents per litre <b>decrease</b> in wholesale price
Illuminating Paraffin (SMNRP)	124.00	cents per litre <b>decrease</b> in the Single Maximum National Retail price (SMNRP)
Maximum Retail Price for LPGAS	(11.00)	cents per kilogram <b>increase</b> in the maximum retail price

**2. ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING THE UNIT OVER/UNDER-RECOVERIES FOR THE PERIOD 01 DECEMBER 2023 TO 27 DECEMBER 2023**

The average international product prices for Petrol, Diesel and Illuminating Paraffin decreased 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 01 December 2023 to 27 December 2023 was 18.6608 compared to 18.5756 during the previous period. This led to a higher contribution to the Basic Fuel Prices on petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin by 5.30 c/l, 5.83 c/l and 6.00 c/l respectively.

**3. SLATE LEVY**

In line with the provisions of the Self-Adjusting Slate Levy Mechanism, a Slate Levy of 0.00 c/l (decrease of 26.32 c/l) will be implemented into the price structures of petrol and diesel with effect from 03 January 2024.

**4. ADJUSTMENT TO THE OCTANE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN 95 AND 93 BFP OCTANE**

In terms of the Working Rules to administer the BFP, the differentials between 95 and 93 petrol grades are adjusted at the beginning of each quarter. The BFP differentials between 95 and 93 petrol grades have not changed and therefore there were no different price adjustments between the two grades.

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

The Single Maximum National Retail Price for the period 03 January 2024 to 06 February 2024 will be 1 981.0 c/l compared to 2 105.0 c/l for the period 06 December 2023 to 02 January 2024.

**5. MAXIMUM LPGAS REFINERY GATE PRICE**

The maximum refinery gate price will be R 14 799.91 per metric ton (821.395 c/l), excluding VAT, for the period 03 January 2024 to 06 February 2024.

## 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><u>Movements in external factors</u></b>				
Movement in International Product Prices	56.129	96.903	105.814	99.001
Movement in Exchange Rate	( 5.302)	( 5.829)	( 5.873)	( 5.996)
<b><u>BFP Over/(under)-recovery for the period 01/12/2023 to 27/12/2023</u></b>	<b>50.827</b>	<b>91.074</b>	<b>99.941</b>	<b>93.005</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 19 days from 01/12/2023 to 27/12/2023 (cents / litre) as detailed below

50.827	91.074	99.941	93.005	-
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Cumulative positive/(negative) slate balances end of November 2023 (R-million)

(11.341)	199.929	199.929	(226.774)	-
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**The price adjustments consist of the following elements:**

	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	<b><u>c/l</u></b>	
Average product over/(under)-recovery rounded to the nearest full cent for price (increase) / decrease	50.000	92.000	100.000	93.000	(11.000)
Decrease in Slate Levy	26.320	26.320	26.320	-	-
Pump rounding	( 0.320)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total price (increase) / decrease</b>	<b>76.000</b>	<b>118.320</b>	<b>126.320</b>	<b>93.000</b>	<b>( 11.000)</b>

## 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 03/01/2024 TO 06/02/2024 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Price element	Coast Zone 1A	Inland Zone 9C
Maximum refinery gate price	1 479.991	1 479.991
Primary transport costs	59.822	283.575
Operating expenses	536.315	536.315
Working capital	40.653	40.653
Depreciation	218.290	218.290
Gross margin: Cylinder-filling plant	278.924	278.924
Sub-total (1)	<b>2 613.996</b>	<b>2 837.748</b>
Retail Margin: (15% of Subtotal (1))	392.099	425.662
Sub-total (2)	<b>3 006.095</b>	<b>3 263.411</b>
Value Added Tax (15% Sub-total (2))	450.914	489.512
<b>Maximum Retail Price (Rounded to full cents)</b>	<b>3 457.000</b>	<b>3 753.000</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 03/01/2024 TO 06/02/2024 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	69.800	69.800	89.610	89.610	89.610
Secondary Storage	36.600	36.600	36.600	36.600	36.600
Secondary Distribution	17.200	17.200	17.200	17.200	17.200
Router Differential	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.400
Retail margin	285.700	285.700	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	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.000
Pump Rounding	( 0.200)	( 0.200)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sub-total	1 102.130	1 102.130	822.540	822.540	246.810
<u>Contribution to the Basic Fuel Price</u>	1 146.870	1 114.870	1 240.630	1 250.030	1 284.128
<u>Retail Price</u>	<u>2,249.00</u>	<u>2,217.00</u>			
<u>Wholesale price</u>			<u>2,063.170</u>	<u>2,072.570</u>	<u>1,530.938</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
04-Oct-23	2,568.00	2,496.00	<b>2,501.990</b>	<b>2,429.790</b>	1,892.058	1,799.558	3,426.00	3,167.00
01-Nov-23	2,390.00	2,318.00	<b>2,416.910</b>	<b>2,344.710</b>	1,795.058	1,702.558	3,575.00	3,316.00
06-Dec-23	2,325.00	2,253.00	<b>2,181.490</b>	<b>2,109.290</b>	1,623.938	1,531.438	3,742.00	3,446.00
03-Jan-24	2,249.00	2,177.00	<b>2,063.170</b>	<b>1,990.970</b>	1,530.938	1,438.438	3,753.00	3,457.00