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The Ministry of Mines and Energy hereby announce that fuel pump prices for **December, 2016** will remain **unchanged**.

In the global oil market, November has been a very volatile month. It has been characterised by uncertainties in terms of the OPEC output and relatively lower demand. The prices per barrel of crude and refined petroleum products have been mean-reverting. Crude has been hovering slightly above US\$47, while refined oil has been fluctuating around US\$58.

Expectations were that both prices of crude and refined products would increase owing to the much-talked about OPEC agreement of cutting production outputs to help stabilize prices. That agreement is yet to see the light of day. There is still an over-supply of oil in the market against a very low demand. OPEC countries are still holding on to the "market share" politics, a situation that will keep prices low for a considerable period of time.

For a net-importer like Namibia, low oil prices naturally translate into low fuel pump prices. However, despite the low oil prices, the exchange rate between the Namibia Dollar against the US dollar has increased, thereby making imports expensive. This development offsets the benefits otherwise brought about by low oil prices. The average NAD/US\$ exchange rate for November was N\$13.9, which is slightly higher than the N\$13.6 recorded in October.

As a result of the aforementioned developments, the local market pulled through November with a mixture of under and over-recoveries on different products. The following is an account of the BFP import parity landed in Walvis Bay, calculated as at 25 November, 2016:

95 Octane Unleaded Petrol	-	9.040 c/ℓ
Diesel 0.05% S	-	(3.892) c/ℓ
Diesel 0.005% S	-	(2.959) c/ℓ

The present Walvis Bay fuel pump prices will remain unchanged as follows:

95 Octane Unleaded Petrol	-	N\$ 10.48 per liter
Diesel 500ppm	-	N\$ 10.28 per liter
Diesel 50ppm	-	N\$ 10.33 per liter

Fuel pump prices at various inland destinations countrywide will also remain **unchanged.**


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