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FUEL PRICE REVISION OF THE CONTROLLED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS: PETROL AND DIESEL

The Ministry of Mines and Energy has to announce that fuel pump prices will decrease **at 00h01 on Wednesday the 5th June 2013.**

As summer approaches in countries with enormous appetite for oil, global aggregate demand for the commodity falls, thereby stabilizing the oil market in the Asian countries especially. The second largest consumer of oil, China, has also seen in recent days a slow growth in their manufacturing base. This reduced China use of oil in May and her demand fell significantly. It is now well understood that the average price per barrel is the largest component in the local pricing system, and when it falls as it did in May, expectations are that the local oil market will pull through that particular month with an over-recovery. This could not be avoided in the period under review.

The exchange rate between the Namibian dollar against the US dollar is still weak, and it hovered close to N\$ 9.20 throughout May. It is for this reason that the local market recorded substantial over-recoveries to trigger a reduction in the current pump prices. The oil market remains volatile and the Ministry is monitoring the situation to ensure that the market is shielded from distortion by any oil price shock.

Thus, the present Walvis Bay fuel pump prices for the controlled petroleum products, Petrol and Diesel, are to be adjusted as follows:

93 Octane Lead Replacement Petrol - *Unchanged (phasing out)*
95 Octane Unleaded Petrol - *Decreased by 20 c/l (retail)*
Diesel (All grades) - *Decreased by 15 c/l (wholesale)*

Thus, the new Walvis Bay pump prices will be:

93 Octane Leaded Replacement Petrol - N\$ 10.74 per liter
95 Octane Unleaded Petrol - N\$ 10.65 per liter
Diesel - N\$ 10.91 per liter

Fuel pump prices at various inland destinations countrywide will also be adjusted accordingly on the 5th of June 2013.



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