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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ILLEGAL SALE OF PETROLEUM LICENSES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The Ministry has observed with deep concern the proliferation of advertisements on social media platforms wherein individuals or entities are offering to sell wholesale fuel licenses, retail fuel licenses, and are marketing fuel at prices not officially gazetted, often from locations lacking the necessary licensing.

It is crucial to inform and remind the public that the Ministry of Mines and Energy is responsible for regulating the distribution of petroleum products, specifically referring to petrol and diesel, within the petroleum downstream sector. This regulatory oversight is governed by the Petroleum Products and Energy Act of 1990, the Petroleum Products and Energy Amendment Act of 2000, and the Petroleum Products Regulations of 2000.

In accordance with the aforementioned regulations, the Ministry may grant and issue the following licenses and certificates for specific operational purposes:

- Fuel Retail License - This permits the operation of a fuel retail outlet.
- Fuel Wholesale License - This authorizes business operations as a fuel wholesaler.
- Fuel Consumer Installation Certificate - This is required for commercial or industrial enterprises, legitimate farming activities, or mining operations.

It is important to emphasize that, as stipulated in Regulation 29(1)(2), fuel wholesale licenses, fuel retail licenses, and fuel installation certificates are non-transferable and, therefore, cannot be offered for sale.

The pricing of fuel, encompassing petrol and diesel, is subject to regulatory control as outlined in the Petroleum Products and Energy Act of 1990. These prices are regularly updated and officially published in monthly gazette releases. Consequently, it is illegal to market or sell fuel licenses or certificates, as stated in the Petroleum Products Regulations 2000, Regulation 29 (1) and (2), that "a license or certificate is not transferable except by way of amendment under Regulation 30".

Furthermore, selling fuel (petrol and diesel) from an unlicensed outlet or without the requisite license is strictly prohibited.

We strongly urge those engaging in such activities to immediately cease their unlawful practices.

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