

MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY

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FUEL PRICE REVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Mines and Energy has completed the review of the fuel price for June 2024 and hereby informs the public of its decision.

Notwithstanding the oil production cuts by some OPEC+ members, crude oil prices have declined due to the cumulative oversupply of oil by major oil-producing countries and other non-OPEC members, which has outpaced the global demand. Additionally, the passthrough effects of the depreciation of the US Dollar (USD) against the South African Rand/Namibia Dollar contributed to the products becoming relatively cheaper over the review period.

Against the above background, the latest calculation by the Ministry indicates that the average price of Unleaded Petrol 95 over May 2024 stood at USD99.555 per barrel, compared to USD108.690 per barrel at the end of April 2024, indicating a decrease of USD9.135 per barrel or 8.4% over the review period. Additionally, the average price of Diesel 50ppm over May 2024 stood at USD94.597 per barrel, compared to USD102.382 per barrel at the end of April 2024. This is a decrease of USD7.785 per barrel or 7.6% over the review period. Moreover, the average price of Diesel 10ppm over May 2024 stood at USD95.283 per barrel, compared to USD103.301 per barrel at the end of April 2024, indicating a decrease of USD8.018 per barrel or 7.8 percent.

Furthermore, the exchange rate figures for the period of 01–27 May 2024 indicated a 2.6% appreciation of the NAD against the USD at N\$18.4015 per USD, compared to N\$18.8834 per USD at the end of April 2024.

Having, considered all the input factors mentioned above into the fuel pricing model, the Ministry noted over-recoveries on both petrol and diesel products,

amounting to an over-recovery of 52.747 cents per litre on petrol and over-recoveries of 86.103 cents on diesel 50ppm and 98.120 cents per litre on diesel 10ppm. Nevertheless, the observed over-recoveries remain temporary in nature, given the elevated prevailing market volatilities. In this context, the recorded over-recoveries provide an opportunity to rebuild a heathy balance of the national slate account to boost our capacity to better absorb future market volatilities.

Thus, the Ministry is hereby announcing that the prices of petrol and of both variants of diesel will remain unchanged. In Walvis Bay, petrol will remain priced at N\$ 23.00 per litre, diesel 50 ppm at N\$ 22.17 per litre, and diesel 10 ppm at N\$ 22.37 per litre. Fuel prices across the rest of the country will remain the same.

Inconclusion, the observed moderation in oil prices globally, if sustained, augurs well for Namibia as an oil importing country. The Ministry will continue to monitor this trend going forward.

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