



# Press Statement

## FUEL SHORTAGE IN CHINGOLA

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Following the reported fuel shortage in Chingola, the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has conducted investigations at various service stations in the district. Results from the investigations indicate that the shortage of petroleum products has been addressed after five of the six service stations received their allocations from the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

In that regard, ERB has confirmed the availability of stocks in Chingola as follows:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Petrol	46,464 litres
Diesel	25,779 litres
Kerosene	5,521 litres

Further, ERB investigations have also revealed that the district experienced problems with regard to fuel supply due to the following:

1. The change-over in supply from BP to Indeni resulted in the Terminal not distributing any products to the OMC's for some days. This created a gap in the distribution of products, hence the dwindling stocks at some service stations;
2. The delays in processing orders and distribution of products by parent OMC's. Related to that, is the requirement by some OMC's for upfront payments from dealers before delivery may have contributed to the problem;

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