



Press Statement

MONTHLY BULLETIN ON IMPORT PARITY PRICING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

14th December 2006

The Energy Regulation Board, at a Board Meeting held on 14th December 2006, after taking into account factors impacting on the prices of fuel, determined that it is inevitable that pump prices of petroleum products be increased.

Therefore, the pump prices of petroleum products for the month of December are as follows:

- a) Petrol prices will **increase** by approximately **6.03%** representing a difference of **K301 per litre**;
- b) Diesel prices will **increase** by approximately **4.03%** representing a difference of **K188 per litre**; and
- c) Kerosene prices will increase by approximately **4.52%** which translates into a difference of **K163 per litre**.

The upward changes have been attributed to trends in international oil prices and the exchange rate of the Kwacha against the US Dollar, since the last monthly review of prices in November.

These changes in prices are effective **midnight** of the **14th of December 2006**.

EXPECTED PUMP PRICES

In view of these changes, the expected average pump prices of petroleum products for the month of December, in Lusaka, will be as follows:

AVERAGE LUSAKA BENCHMARK PUMP PRICES

PRODUCT	BENCHMARK PUMP PRICES K/Litre		ABSOLUTE VARIANCE (K/Litre)	% CHANGE
	Current	New		
Petrol	4,988	5,289	301	6.03
Diesel	4,679	4,867	188	4.03
Kerosene	3,615	3,778	163	4.52

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