



Press Statement

ERB Suspends Sable Transport Tanker Fleet

11th February 2009

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has with immediate effect directed Sable Transport Limited to cease the use of its entire tanker fleet for the transportation of petroleum products due to its failure to renew its licence to transport petroleum products which expired on 25th August 2008.

The ERB directive was issued after a hearing held on 3rd February 2009, when Sable Transport Limited failed to justify why it was operating a tanker fleet without a licence duly issued by the ERB. At the same hearing, Sable also failed to justify why it had used an unlicensed tanker that was involved in an accident on 21st November 2008 on the Great North Road near Mkushi.

It is a requirement that all tankers used for the transportation of petroleum products be certified to do so by the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS), Zambia Weights and Measures Agency (ZWMA) and ERB on an annual basis and that all transporters be in possession of a valid licence issued by the ERB.

Sable Transport Limited's licence to transport petroleum products expired on 25th August 2008 and no application for renewal had been lodged by Sable before the expiry of their licence. As such Sable had until the 3rd February 2009 been operating its tanker fleet illegally.

The suspension of the operation of the Sable Transport Limited's entire tanker fleet by the ERB shall remain in force until an application is fully lodged in and approved by the Board.

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