

Press Statement

Kalomo Fuel Shortages

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Following media reports of a shortage of fuel at Kobil Service station in Kalomo, the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) would like to assure the general public that the temporary disruption in the supply of Diesel has now been addressed.

Our investigations into the unexpected shortage of diesel have so far established the following:

1. The road tanker which was consigned to Kalomo to deliver 20,000L of diesel and 11,000L of petrol experienced a breakdown enroute between Lusaka and Kalomo on 8th May 2018 on account of a double tyre burst. The breakdown led to a delayed delivery which resulted in a stock out of diesel at Kalomo's only service station;
2. On the morning of the 8th of May 2018, the service station opened with a stock of 7,500L and 1,875L of petrol and diesel, respectively. The fuel shortage experienced yesterday afternoon at Kalomo's only service station related **only** to Diesel. At the time, there was adequate stock of 4,400 litres of petrol at the station to meet normal demand;
3. The tanker later delivered 20,000L of diesel and 11,000L of petrol to the service station in Kalomo around 19:00hrs yesterday; and
4. The opening stock for today 9th May was 15,330 litres of petrol and 19,800 litres of Diesel.

Therefore, industries, residents of Kalomo and surrounding areas, along with the travelling public must rest assured that the situation has now been normalised as sufficient stocks of both diesel and petrol are available at the service station. Further, our inspectors are on the ground to engage with the affected licensee to ensure compliance to licence conditions by the retailer.

It must be emphasised that the opening up of government depots in various parts of the country in recent years is primarily meant to forestall shortages in areas far

away from the Ndola Fuel Terminal which is the main storage facility for petroleum products for the Zambian market.

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