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The Ministry of Mines and Energy has to announce that petrol and diesel pump prices for May 2017 will **remain unchanged**.

After climbing steadily since March, global oil prices have stabilized around the \$53-\$57 range throughout April with no sign of increasing beyond that range in the immediate future. That is good news to net oil importers like Namibia because, other things remaining the same, that would mean paying less for refined petroleum products, low prices at the pumps for motorists and, ultimately, a stable transportation network in terms of cost.

However, opposites are in conflict. Oil is priced in the US dollar and the exchange rate between the Namibia Dollar against the US Dollar has not been favourable to us for consumers to enjoy the full benefits of low oil prices for an extended period of time. April has witnessed massive fluctuations in the exchange rate, going as low as N\$12.40 and bouncing back to a five-month high of N\$13.50 within a week. These massive fluctuations were caused by events in South Africa whose currency, Rand, the Namibia Dollar is pegged to. These fluctuations made it difficult for importers, including oil companies, to maintain a balance between their budgets and the need to import products into the country, especially the ones priced in the US Dollar such as oil.

When filtered through the local market, the aforementioned conditions deprived consumers of anticipated over-recoveries that would, otherwise, trigger a decrease in the fuel pump prices. They rather stabilized the cost of bringing oil to our shores. To that end, a combination of over-recoveries and under-recoveries were recorded on controlled petroleum product, but very minimal, prompting the Ministry to, once more, keep the fuel pump prices unchanged for the month of May.


The over/(under)-recoveries per product on the BFP import parity landed in Walvis Bay calculated as at **25 April 2017** are indicated below:

95 Octane Unleaded Petrol	-	(-5.795) c/ℓ
Diesel 500ppm	-	(-0.188) c/ℓ
Diesel 50ppm	-	0.990 c/ℓ

Thus, the Walvis Bay pump prices will remain unchanged as follow:

95 Octane Unleaded Petrol	-	N\$ 11.00 per liter
Diesel 500ppm	-	N\$ 10.83 per liter
Diesel 50ppm	-	N\$ 10.88 per liter

Petrol and diesel pump prices at various inland destinations countrywide will also remain unchanged.


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