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PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Mines and Energy has to announce that fuel prices for **January 2014** will remain **unchanged**.

Although crude oil prices in the oil-region have been stable at the beginning of December, it has become a clear signal of an increase in crude oil prices due to the crises being experienced in South Sudan lately. This has led to a tremendous cut in output and thus the supply of crude from that country leading to an overwhelming increase in the price.

The exchange rate between the Namibia dollars against the US dollar has been awfully high, thereby threatening the prices of imports in the local market and the oil industry was no exception from these adverse effects. This led to slight under-recoveries in the local Oil Industry in the period under review, and when this happens, fuel pump prices are expected to be adjusted upward so as to compensate for the cost incurred by oil companies to bring oil to our shore and keep the country supplied with enough fuel throughout the festive season.

The Ministry, however, always supports a fuel price that is kept at the lowest possible level not to disrupt the transportation costs and thus the entire imported commodity price in Namibia. Through the National Energy Fund (NEF), it always subsidizes in the event of huge under-recoveries, and this month it will once more bear the full cost of the resultant under-recoveries recorded.

The under-recoveries recorded during the month of December are as follows:

<i>95 Octane Unleaded Petrol</i>	- (6.354 c/l)
<i>Diesel 0.05%S</i>	- (14.874 c/l) (wholesale)
<i>Diesel 0.005% S</i>	- (18.411 c/l) (wholesale)

Walvis Bay pump prices will, therefore, remain unchanged as follow:

<i>95 Octane Unleaded Petrol</i>	-	<i>N\$ 11.66 per liter</i>
<i>Diesel 500ppm</i>	-	<i>N\$ 12.27 per liter</i>
<i>Diesel 50ppm</i>	-	<i>N\$ 12.33 per liter</i>

Pump prices at various inland destinations countrywide will also remain unchanged.

