

MONTHLY REVIEW

DRIVERS SMACKED WITH BIG FUEL HIKE



Johannesburg - The price of petrol will rise by between 48c and 49c a litre on April 7.

Petrol 93 ULP and LRP will increase by 49c (to R8.40 in Gauteng) per litre while petrol 95 ULP and LRP will cost 48c (to R8.58) per litre more.

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The wholesale price of illuminating paraffin would jump by 21c a litre while the single maximum national retail price for illuminating paraffin would increase by 28c a litre.

The department said there had been increases in fuel tax on both petrol and diesel. "The minister of finance, in his Budget speech on February 17, 2010, announced an increase of 17.5c per litre in the fuel tax (this includes 7.5c per litre to contribute to the funding of the New Multi-Product Pipeline between Durban and Gauteng) on petrol and diesel with effect from April 7 2010," the department said.

The minister also announced an increase in the Road Accident Fund levy on petrol and diesel of eight cents a litre. This would also come into effect on April 7.

On economic factors affecting the fuel price, the department said that during the period under review - February 26 to March 30 - the average international product prices of petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin increased.

The average rand/dollar exchange rate had strengthened when compared to the previous period.

"The average rand/dollar exchange rate for the period February 26 to March 30, 2010 was R7.4753 compared to 7.6902 during the previous period."

Source – SAPA

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British American Tobacco (BAT) South Africa has been the main corporate sponsor of Roodepoort Chamber of Commerce & Industry's SMME's Development Programme since 2008. BAT South Africa's major investment in ROCCI's SMME Development Programme contributes towards creating jobs and growing South Africa's economy. It empowers aspirant emerging entrepreneurs with the necessary skills, knowledge and exposure to start or grow their businesses. This is done through continuous business skills training and development courses and workshops, mentorship programmes, networking & exhibition opportunities, as well as an annual SMME Conference.

The training subjects include everything from developing a persuasive business plan, through to accessing finance and marketing your small business. The SMME Training Programme is available at Roodepoort Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and Durban Chamber of Commerce.



Above: Itumeleng Langeni, BAT South Africa

Annual SMME Conference

ROCCI hosted its second SMME conference on 30 March 2010 at Montecasino with approximately 200 SMME's participating. The theme of the 2010 conference was "SMME Sustainability".

The conference attracted top notch speakers who addressed and inspired SMME's who had participated in ROCCI/BAT South Africa's SMME Training Programme during 2009/10.

South African Chamber of Commerce & Industry, C.E.O., Neren Rau

- British American Tobacco South Africa, Area Head of Communications & CSR, Itumeleng Langeni
- Clem Sunter, Scenario Plann, Futurologist and popular Author of "The Mind of a Fox";
- "The Games Foxes Play" and "Socrates & the Fox", to name but a few.
- Business Partners Ltd, Regional General Manager, Chris Koen
- Michael Jackson, one of the best business to business presenters on the global professional speaking circuit spoke on "Challenge of Change
- Konitek Training & Development CC, Helene Jonck
- ZA Group Pty Ltd, C.E.O., Theresa Muller
- Standard Bank, Franchising Manager, Rolene Govindasamy
- South African Revenue Services (SARS); and
- The Covey Institute, "Habits of Highly Effective People



Chris Koen, Business Partners Ltd

SMME delegates received the ROCCI/BAT South Africa Training Participation Certificates and used the opportunity to gain valuable information from captains of industry.

The conference culminate with a gala dinner at La Toscana Montecasino, with South African's top Comedian, David Kabuuka, entertaining delegates during dinner.



Above: SMME delegates receiving certificates

Get involved

Corporate companies are encouraged to get involved with the SMME training initiative to ensure future sustainability of SMME's in our area. Contact the SMME Project Director, Sakkie Stoltz at Tel 086 111 3304 or email smme@rocci.org.



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LAC to strike against the tariff increase that NERSA granted to Eskom in February. Although SACCI is of the view that the tariff increases will adversely impact employment, equally strike action for such reasons will further impede job opportunities that may have resulted from an improved economic outlook. Strike action could also mitigate the reestablishment of jobs that were lost during the global economic downturn. The proposed strikes will impact negatively on investor sentiment at a time when South Africa has the opportunity to rally positive exposure as host of the soccer world cup.

SACCI points out that recently there have been significant developments in the electricity supply industry; these include:

- Assurances by the Minister of Public Enterprises that Eskom has sufficient coal for generation. The long term coal supply contract between Exxaro and Eskom provides certainty that it will not be necessary to purchase coal on the spot market for Medupi generation as was the recent case at other power stations.
- The imminent completion of frameworks for the introduction of independent power producers into the industry and the completion of contracts for co-generation that should relieve pressure in the short to medium term.
- Proposals from the private sector in the Western Cape to introduce wind and gas generated electricity that will contribute to the reduction of South Africa's carbon footprint.
- The apparent reversal of Government's decision not to extend South Africa's reliance on nuclear energy that indicates that the mix of generation options is being considered in a proactive manner. In this regard SACCI hopes that the NERSA decision on the renewable energy feed-in tariff (REFIT) currently under consideration will result in the introduction of power from renewable sources into the grid in the foreseeable future.

These developments are all in line with recommendations that SACCI made to NERSA during the January public hearings on Eskom's application for a multi-year tariff increase.

The Department of Energy has also announced that the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Energy has approved the public engagement process that will underpin the formulation and finalisation of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP2). This will afford stakeholders an opportunity to comment on issues that are of concern to them. SACCI believes that business, labour and government should jointly focus on seeking positive, constructive solutions to the electricity supply challenges facing South Africa rather than resorting to unconstructive, confrontational strategies which may exacerbate rather than improve conditions.

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The Roodepoort Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with the Bestgroup to deliver a first community based Business Support and Loyalty Program. The main objective is to assist the business growth of all our service providers by generating more foot traffic. This program has been developed to not only showcase businesses to a huge database on the Westrand but also allow ROCCI members to get excellent discounts and benefits at restaurants, accommodation and various other services.

The list of services and offerings are expanding continuously as more and more providers come on board. Please visit www.rocciassist.co.za For more info to become a service provider or just join the program as a user please contact sakkie.s@rocciassist.co.za

TOURISM CONFERENCE 2010



ROCCI together with FNB hosted an informative and practical conference on Tourism business opportunities in 2010 and beyond. The conference was held at FNB Fairlands on 16 March 2010 and attracted some 200 delegates mainly from the tourism and hospitality industries. ROCCI welcomed conference delegates and introduced the following speakers at the conference:

SATSA, C.E.O Mike Tatalias (Transport business opportunities)

Quirk Marketing, Rob Stokes (How can eMarketing help position and grow your business)

Tourism Business Council of SA, C.E.O. Mmatsatsi Marobe (Role and Vision of the Tourism Business Council in SA)

Grant Thornton Strategic Solutions, Gillian Saunders (Expected impact of 2010 and business opportunities leading up to and beyond 2010)

If you missed the opportunity to participate in ROCCI/FNB's free Tourism Conference, speakers notes are available on www.rocci.org



ROCCI's POPULAR 1 HOUR NETWORK



ROCCI's weekly networking sessions are proving to be of great value to ROCCI Members. These weekly sessions are designed to provide Members with the opportunity to get together and make valuable business contacts whilst promoting products and services within the allocated 1 hour per session.

Members also have an opportunity to host the 'coffee & muffin' meetings at their business premises.

If you haven't attended ROCCI's weekly networking sessions, we encourage you to make an effort to attend the next meeting on Friday, 19th April 2010 at Cabanga Conference Centre.

Booking essential.

Contact ROCCI Tel. 086 111 3304

NOTICE ROCCI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Roodepoort Chamber of Commerce & Industry
22nd Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 29 April 2010 at 16h00 Monash South Africa

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