



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF MINES, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT 2012 INDENI PETROLEUM
MAINTENANCE SHUTDOWN:

Mr. Speaker,

This statement serves to inform the general public and fuel consumers that Indeni Petroleum Refinery is currently on its annual maintenance shutdown that started on midnight of 7th October 2012. The refinery will be on shutdown until about 28th October, 2012. As of today 18th October 2012, there are 10 days remaining before the refinery resumes its operations.

The shutdown was postponed for one week from the initial planned date of 1st October 2012 to enable adequate stock-piling of fuel. As of today, 18th October, 2012 the Ndola Fuel Terminal (NFT) and Indeni Petroleum Refinery have sufficient fuel stocks to meet the national consumption for the remaining 10 days. To put this into perspective, we have 19,144 cubic meters of Petrol that can cover 24 days of national consumption, 26,064 cubic meters of diesel that can cover 14 days, 1,633 cubic meters of Kerosene that can cover for 33 days.

As regards availability of Jet A1, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMC's) that supply Jet A1 have been authorised to import a total volume of 12,900 cubic meters of Jet A1 and are currently doing so. This is to ensure that sufficient quantities of Jet A1 are available for the recent increased demand in air traffic to Zambia.

In addition to the above mentioned stocks, the Ministry of Mines, Energy & Water Development has continued to receive imported diesel and petrol at a rate of 1,200 cubic meters and 525 cubic meters respectively per day.

Mr. Speaker.

The nation may wish to know that maintenance works are proceeding well and are on schedule. Some of the selected maintenance works that will be carried out at the refinery during this period are inspection of the seven refinery furnaces and fourteen heat exchangers as well as servicing of the main compressor, K301. It should be noted that the refinery shutdown is mainly for regeneration of the catalyst used in the production of petrol which usually finishes after a year of use.

As has been in the case in the past, the Government is appealing to all fuel bulk suppliers, retailers and consumers to go about their usual business without any anxiety at all. Members of the public should feel free to contact my ministry or the Energy Regulation Board for any required clarifications. My ministry is positive that the measures taken to avoid disruptions in fuel supply are adequate enough to ensure constant supply of fuel in the country.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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