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NATIONAL FUEL SUPPLY UPDATE

The Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security and the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) would like to inform the public that the quantities of fuel that Botswana imports from South Africa has been reduced. This is as a result of the closure of three refineries in South Africa.

In response, the Ministry and other stakeholders in the Petroleum industry have started to increase the quantity of fuel sourced via alternative routes of Namibia and Mozambique to make up for the reduced supply from South Africa.

Currently, we are still able to meet the country's demand and strategic stock is available as back-up. However, strategic stock will only be used if the situation deteriorates further.

The Ministry will keep on monitoring the situation, work closely with the Petroleum Industry and respond accordingly to the situation as it develops. The public will be updated as and when necessary.

We encourage the public to observe the set COVID-19 protocols at all times when they visit filling stations.

For Further information, contact Public Relations offices at 3656600 and 5330932.

Thank You.

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Mmetla Masire
Permanent Secretary