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The Ministry of Mines and Energy would like to inform the general public that Diesel 500 ppm will begin to be phased out of the Namibian market with effect from 1 January 2019. All industry players have been advised to put measures in place to ensure a smooth process that will not disadvantage the consumer in any way. Diesel 50 ppm will continue to be available in the market throughout the country.

In the same vein, low sulphur diesel or 10 ppm (0.001%) sulphur diesel will also be introduced in Namibia, also as from 1 January 2019. There is an increasing demand for it due to newer vehicle models available on the market. The phasing-in of low sulphur diesel (10 ppm sulphur diesel) is also in line with the Namibian government's policy of cleaner fuels and global initiatives to reduce CO₂ emissions. Low sulphur diesel (10 ppm) will allow the introduction of advanced engine technology that requires low sulphur. It is possible that not all retail sites will have the cleaner diesel at the beginning but with time 10 ppm sulphur diesel will be available countrywide.

The Ministry of Mines and Energy will co-ordinate the implementation of the phase out of 500 ppm sulphur diesel and the introduction of 10 ppm sulphur diesel in Namibia by working in concert with the oil industry. The public should be on the lookout, access the relevant information and be prepared when the time comes. The transparency of the campaign will be decisive of the success of the changes

in the fuel grades, which will mean that Namibia will have two types of diesel and one type of petrol.



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