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BOTSWANA OIL
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BOTSWANA OIL'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY, QUALITY AND SECURITY OF FUEL SUPPLY

Botswana Oil Limited (BOL) imports petroleum products from various suppliers from South Africa, Mozambique and Namibia. BOL has a comprehensive internal quality assurance process that is applied across the entire fuel supply chain, from sourcing through to storage and delivery to customers. Upon arrival of fuel at Botswana Oil depots, routine quality assurance screening is conducted as part of standard operating procedures. In the event the screening indicates that the sample may be off specification, further samples are submitted to an independent accredited laboratory for validation testing. Only once the validation results confirm compliance with required specifications is the product accepted into storage. In addition, quality checks are conducted prior to loading products for customers to ensure continued compliance with specifications.

1. Compliance with Quality Standards Specifications

As industry standard practice, BOL assesses quality of products such as the ULP95 fuel against the national BOS 577:2014 and other internationally recognized standards. These standards prescribe the required specifications for petrol quality and are applied to ensure that fuel supplied into Botswana meets regulatory requirements.

2. Misleading Media Statements on Quality of Products

Over the month of January 2026, Botswana Oil has imported ULP95 petroleum product from Namibia. In line with Botswana Oil's quality assurance procedures, all product was screened to ensure compliance with the required specifications. Any adverse results from the screening process which indicated a lack of compliance with the required specification were sent to an independently accredited laboratory in South Africa for testing and validation. As a control measure, trucks carrying the consignment are isolated and quarantined.

The products that were confirmed to meet the required specifications were accordingly accepted into storage. Any product that does not meet specification is flagged with the relevant stakeholders and the due process is followed in line with regulatory requirements.

BOL notified both the Ministry of Minerals and Energy and Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) on the suspected fuel quality concerns.

4. Customer Complaints and Performance of Vehicles

BOL has not received any complaints or reports of engine damage or performance issues linked to the fuel supplied.

5. Commitment to Operational Efficiencies and Controls

Botswana Oil subscribes and adheres to local and international quality standards and remains committed to compliance to its quality assurance processes including routine quality screening.

Validation testing of fuel samples at accredited laboratory is part of the quality assurance to ensure compliance with set fuel standards. Should there be any quality issues in the future, BOL is committed to conducting comprehensive investigations to determine the root cause and prevent recurrence.

Botswana Oil Limited is a company incorporated in 2013 under the Companies Act (2008) wholly owned by the Government of Botswana through the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME).

The company was established to achieve Government's broader economic objectives of ensuring security of fuel supply and facilitating active citizen involvement in the petroleum industry. BOL is the Government's transformation agent charged with the responsibility of managing state-owned strategic fuel reserve facilities, managing strategic stocks as well as bulk storage and distribution.

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