

MEDIA STATEMENT

01 July 2020, Johannesburg – The South African Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA) can confirm that ongoing challenges with incidents of theft and tampering of the pipeline network is interrupting supply to the inland market. Several occurrences have been reported since April 2020 which is having a severe impact on the supply of fuel.

SAPIA members have given assurance that there is sufficient stock to meet current demand but stoppages in the pipeline network due to fuel theft and the associated repairs, is resulting in delayed deliveries and reported shortages in some areas. These incidents are of serious concern, threatening not only the security of supply of product to the inland region but also economic activity in this area.

SAPIA is monitoring the situation and engaging with Transnet Pipelines and other relevant stakeholders to manage the impact and mitigate potential stockouts.

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About SAPIA:

SAPIA represents the collective interests of the South African petroleum industry and plays a strategic role in addressing a range of common issues relating to the refining, distribution and marketing of petroleum products, as well as promoting the industry's environmental and socio-economic progress. SAPIA fulfils this role by contributing to the development of regulation in certain areas of South African policy; proactively engaging with key stakeholders; sharing research information; providing expert advice; and communicating the industry's views.

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