



Press Statement

ERB Fines 3 Licensees for Unauthorized Parking of Road Tank Vehicles

Thursday, 15th June 2023

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has fined **three** (03) energy companies **K30,000.00** (Thirty thousand kwacha) each for unauthorised parking of road tank vehicles at service stations contrary to the ERB circular dated 4th January 2022.

Following recently held enforcement hearings, the ERB fined Karan Petroleum Zambia Limited, Zamfuel Petroleum Zambia Limited, and Lake Petroleum Limited for Failure to comply with the DIRECTIVE issued by the Board guiding all Importers/ Suppliers, Distributors and Transporters to desist from the unlawful parking of fuel tankers in undesignated areas.

Penalties on named erring licensees were applied following enforcement hearings held where the three entities were charged for the unauthorised parking of a road tank vehicles at service stations contrary to their licence conditions. After hearing the licensees' mitigation, the ERB, however found the above named three (3) licensees wanting and undertook enforcement action against them.

It's worth noting that previously, the ERB had issued a DIRECTIVE on 4th January 2022, guiding all Importers/ Suppliers, Distributors and Transporters to desist from the unlawful parking of fuel tankers in undesignated areas for public safety and that failure to comply with the above Directive would constitute breach of licence conditions. This DIRECTIVE was further re-emphasised on 28th February 2023 through a press statement.

Therefore, non-adherence to licence conditions specifically with respect to parking in undesignated areas and the use of unauthorised routes for fuel tankers attracts sanctions, including fines ranging from 100,000 to 200,000 penalty units, while repeated breaches may attract suspension or revocation of a licence.

Further, the Board has implored members of the public to continue to be vigilant and report all cases of unauthorized parking of Fuel tank vehicles in undesignated locations to the ERB or other relevant institutions. To report such incidents, members of the public may contact ERB on the Toll-Free Line, **8484** or email: erb@erb.org.zm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Namukolo Kasumpa', is positioned above the typed name.

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