



Press Statement

ERB Fines Eight (08) Licensees for Breaching Licence Conditions

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The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has fined Eight (8) energy companies a total of K420,000.00 for breaching various licence conditions in violation of regulatory guidelines. The penalties were imposed following enforcement hearings, at which the offending licensees were accorded an opportunity to be heard. However, the ERB subsequently found the licensees wanting and undertook enforcement action against the entities.

Three (3) companies were levied a fine of K75,000 each for operating without the necessary licence, contrary to the Energy Regulation Act No. 12 of 2019. The Licensees fined include; ZESCO Limited for the distribution of electricity, Endrone Petroleum Limited and Almacs Limited for operating road tank vehicles without approval.

In addition, Oasis Oil Zambia Limited and Surya Energy Limited have both been fined K45,000 each for making unauthorized variations to their site layout without obtaining approval from the ERB. Refuel Petroleum Corporation Limited and Dizab Investments Limited have also both been fined K30,000 each for delivery of fuel to an unlicensed facility contrary to their respective licence conditions, with Luapula Oils being fined K45,000 for engaging an unlicensed transporter to transport petroleum products.

The imposition of these fines underscores ERB's commitment to enforcing licence conditions and maintaining regulatory standards. It serves to discourage non-compliant behavior and promotes an efficient and transparent energy sector that ensures public safety and protects consumer interests.

The ERB has since directed all licensed companies operating in the energy sector to ensure that they always adhere to their licence conditions and set regulatory standards. The ERB will continue to proactively monitor licensees and will not hesitate to institute enforcement action against any erring licensee(s) to ensure provision of sustainable and reliable energy services and products.

The ERB further encourages members of the public to continue reporting any concerns relating to the provision of energy products and services by any licensee, to the ERB Toll Free Line **8484**.



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