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New Liquefied Petroleum Gas Price for June – September 2015

The Ministry of Commerce, Tourism & Labour wishes to advise that the Tonga Competent Authority (TCA) has approved the new Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP Gas) Price for June - September 2015 to be effective from Tuesday 16th June 2015.

All LP Gas consumers are notified that wholesale and retail prices for LP Gas is decreasing for Tongatapu and Vava'u for the month of June - September 2015. The retail price for LP Gas in Tongatapu is decreased by -0.09 seniti to a new price of TOP\$3.80 per kilogram. The retail price for LP Gas in Vava'u will also decrease by -0.02 seniti to a new price of TOP\$3.89 per kilogram. Please note that all price changes include consumption tax.

The second quarter 2015 price change is based on the published monthly Saudi Contract Price (Saudi CP) for the LPG cargoes discharged in March, April and May. Vava'u received only one cargo (May); as a result the Vava'u price is determined using May Saudi CP only. The average delivery parcel in the first quarter was 108 tonnes and 48 tonne cargo for Tongatapu and Vava'u respectively. Based on the delivery volumes, the LPG demand in Tonga (Tongatapu and Vava'u combined discharge) has increased compared with fourth quarter of last year. Falling LPG prices appears to have an impact on the demand in Tonga.

On the outlook, LPG prices are expected to further reduce with weak demand and plentiful supply. The June Saudi CP Butane price is set at USD 440/tonne (USD35/tonne less than May price) while crude oil rose to USD 64/bbl (May 2015 average prices).

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