ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PETROLEUM SECTOR – A PARTIAL INFORUM APPLICATION

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PREFACE

- The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is the regulatory authority established in terms of the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004.
- Plays a key role in the South African economy due to the fact that it regulates the energy sector.
- A priority of NERSA is the development and implementation of a suite of models for economic impact assessment of its regulatory decisions.

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BACKGROUND TO SOUTH AFRICAN PETROLEUM SECTOR

- Inputs of petroleum products plays an important part in transport and production activities of various other sectors of the economy.
- South Africa does not have its own economically extractable natural crude oil resources

domestic prices for petroleum products are dependant on world price for crude oil.

RAW MATERIAL SOURCES FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS' MANUFACTURING



67% of all petroleum products are crude oil based, the bulk of the remainder is used for coal and natural gas.

MODELLING PETROLEUM DEMAND AND SUPPLY

OVERALL DEMAND FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE LINKED TO GENERAL ECONOMIC GROWTH

PETROLEUM GROWTH MODEL

- Suite of models were developed to optimize the demand and supply of petroleum.
- The model entertains the following aspects:
 - Petroleum supply and demand;
 - Impact of price elasticity on demand;
 - Anticipated South African sustainable economic growth and development;
 - Determine future sources of petroleum;
 - Derived petroleum tariffs; and
 - Impact on economic growth and inflation.



ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PETROLEUM DEMAND



From 1989 to 2009 the demand for petroleum products increased by 2.3% on average per annum, while the economy registered annual growth of 2.8%.

PETROL AND DIESEL CONSUMPTION



PETROLEUM DEMAND TRENDS FROM 1988 TO 2009

	Average Annual Growth Percentage from 1988 to 1999 (1998 base year)	Average Annual Growth Percentage from 1999 to 2009 (1999 base year)
Petrol	2.4	0.4
Diesel	0.9	4.3
Other Petroleum	2.7	1.4

- The demand for petrol grew much faster than that of diesel in the first period (1988 to 1999).
- Changed drastically in the period 1999 to 2009, where diesel grew at 4.3% per annum and petrol only at 0.4% per annum.

PRICE ELASTICITY OF THE DEMAND FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

PRICE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEMAND FOR ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

CRUDE OIL PRICE AND CONSUMPTION EFFECT OVER THE SHORT-TERM



Note: Excluding long term changes

METHODOLOGY

THE STRUCTURE OF THE THREE DEMAND FUNCTIONS USED FOR FORECASTING THE VARIOUS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS' DEMANDS ARE SIMILAR

DEMAND MOVEMENTS

- Three variables are used to explain the demand movements over time:
 - 1. The calculated demand vector was designed to present the historic domestic demand for the various petroleum products.
 - 2. Relative prices were used to calculate a variable to reflect price sensitivity (demand elasticity) in the regression analysis.
 - 3. Time was used in the regression analysis as a variable to explain the change in technology over time, which affects the usage of a specific petroleum product.



PETROL

DEPENDANT VARIABLE IS THE ACTUAL VOLUME OF PETROL DEMAND WITH EXPLANATORY VARIABLES THE CALCULATED PETROL DEMAND INDICATOR, RELATIVE PRICES FOR PETROL AND RELATIVE PRICES FOR PETROL, LAGGED ONE PERIOD

PETROL REGRESSION ANALYSIS

PETROL						
RBSQ		0.8503				
Dependent variable: Actual domestic petrol demand						
	Reg-Coef	Elas	t-value			
Intercept	8 440.93	0.83	17.83			
Calculated Petrol Demand Indicator	1.05	0.82	8.29			
Petrol Relative Prices	-5 030.76	-0.24	-2.52			
Petrol Relative Prices [1]	-3 024.76	-0.41	-3.71			

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED DEMAND FOR PETROL



PETROL SCENARIO COMPARISON

Standard Scenario

- Estimated growth rate of domestic demand for petrol is around 3.8% p.a. (double the historic rate of 1.5% p.a.).
- Increased demand in petrol





If the price of petrol does not increase rapidly, petrol demand will follow the same trend.

 Low historic growth rate in petrol demand is the result of a relative high increase in petrol prices over the period.

High Petrol Price Scenario

- Lower growth rate in petrol demand due to the price effect
 - Forecast for petrol drops from 3.8% p.a. to 2.5% p.a. if the petrol price changes drastically (from 8% to 10% p.a.)

PETROL CONSUMPTION AND REFINING CAPACITY REQUIRED





DIESEL

THE REGRESSION EQUATIONS FOR FORECASTING DIESEL SALES ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS WITH PETROL

DIESEL REGRESSION ANALYSIS

DIESEL						
RBSQ		0.9575				
Dependent variable: Actual domestic diesel demand						
	Reg-Coef	Elas	t-value			
Intercept	1 294.62	0.20	3.00			
Calculated Diesel Demand Indicator	0.98	0.94	3.85			
Time	-72.85	-0.33	-1.38			
Diesel Relative Prices	-16 30.55	-0.19	-2.03			

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED DEMAND FOR DIESEL



DIESEL SCENARIO COMPARISON

Standard Scenario

- Historic growth rate for diesel sales was 3.3% p.a.
- Projected growth rate is 3.7% p.a.
- Future growth in diesel demand will resemble the growth in the transport sector, which is forecasted at 2.9% p.a.

High Diesel Price Scenario

- Lower growth rate in diesel demand due to the price effect
 - Forecast for diesel drops from 3.7% p.a. to 3.1% p.a. if the diesel price changes drastically (from 8% to 10% p.a.)

DIESEL CONSUMPTION AND REFINING CAPACITY REQUIRED



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