

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SHUTDOWN ISSUED BY HON. DORA SILIYA, MP, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

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Mr. Speaker,

I thank you for this opportunity to make this statement and through this August House inform the nation on the 2015 annual maintenance shutdown of Indeni Petroleum Refinery.

Zambia consumes about 36 million liters of petrol, 66 million liters of diesel and **1,488 Litres** of kerosene per month. With regard to petrol and diesel, 60% is produced at the refinery and 40% is imported. Currently, we have fuel storage capacity that can store 46 days of petrol, 38 days of diesel and 198 days of kerosene. As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, my Ministry has embarked on a program to construct fuel depots across the country to increase storage capacity. In view of this, before the end of this year My Ministry shall commission a 15.5 million liters depot in Solwezi.

As you will recall, every year Indeni Petroleum Refinery undergoes a planned maintenance shutdown. It is mainly to regenerate the catalyst for premium production which expires after a year of use. In addition, they replace or clean certain parts such as columns and heat exchangers which are part of the refinery equipment.