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**AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LIQUIFIED
PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) MARKET INQUIRY**

31 March 2017

1. BACKGROUND

The Competition Commission (“the Commission”) initiated a market inquiry into the supply and distribution of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (“LPG”) in South Africa in terms of Chapter 4A of the Competition Act, No. 89 of 1998 (as amended) (“the Act”) because it has reason to believe that there are features of the sector that prevent, distort or restrict competition.

The Commission gave notice in the Government Gazette¹ on 15 August 2014 announcing the establishment of the LPG Market Inquiry in terms of Section 43B(2) of the Act. Notice was also provided in the Government Gazette² on 28 September 2016 announcing an amendment in the ToR and timeframes for the inquiry. Further notice was also given in the Government Gazette³ on 9 December 2016. In terms of the amendment, the inquiry was expected to be completed by 31 March 2017.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In terms of section 43B(5) of the Act, the Commission may, by way of an amendment to the ToR, amend the scope of the Inquiry, or the time within which the Inquiry is expected to be completed, by further notice in the Gazette.

The Commission has concluded its market inquiry but however decided to amend the completion date to allow for administrative processes such as printing and the official release of the report. In terms of the amendment, the market inquiry will be completed by **28 April 2017**.

Further details regarding the release of the report will be communicated on the Commission’s website.

¹ Gazette No.37903

² Gazette No.40307

³ Gazette No. 40486