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

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## 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 Gazette<sup>1</sup> on 15 August 2014 announcing the establishment of the LPG Market Inquiry in terms of Section 43B(2) of the Act. The Commission set out its Terms of Reference (“ToR”) and timeframes for the inquiry in the Government Gazette. The LPG Market inquiry officially commenced on 15 September 2014 and it was expected to be completed by 31 March 2016.

Notice was also provided in the Government Gazette<sup>2</sup> on 23 March 2016 announcing an amendment in the ToR and timeframes for the inquiry. In terms of the amendment, the inquiry was expected to be completed by 30 September 2016.

## 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.

Having regard to the comments, submissions and information gathered by the inquiry to date, the scope of the Inquiry remains unchanged. However, the Commission has decided to amend the completion date to allow for sufficient time to finalise the report. In terms of the amendment, the Inquiry will be completed by **20 December 2016**.

Further details regarding key activities during the final phase of the Inquiry will be communicated on the Commission’s website.

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