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MEDIA STATEMENT

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PCC March to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Against Fuel Price Increases and SLP Non-Compliance by Mines

The Progressive Civics Congress (PCC) will be embarking on a peaceful march on the 14th April 2026 to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) in order to convey a message of disapproval of the fuel price increases and SLP non-compliant mines operating in Gauteng.

We strongly condemn the recent fuel price increases announced for April 2026, which have placed an unbearable burden on South African households, workers, and businesses.

The increase of over R2.06 per litre for petrol, over R7.00 per litre for diesel, and over R11.00 per litre for paraffin is not only excessive but also economically damaging. These hikes will trigger a ripple effect across the economy, driving up the cost of food, transport, and basic services—further deepening poverty and inequality.

DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON THE POOR

Fuel is a foundational input cost in the economy. When fuel rises:

Public transport fares increase, agricultural products and food prices surge due to higher logistics costs; and small businesses struggle to survive. The working class and the poor are once again forced to carry the heaviest burden.

NON-COMPLIANCE TO MINING REGULATION

We urge the DMPR to shut down operations of all the mines in Gauteng that are not complying to the mining Act (MPRDA) by not having valid social and labour plans. Such compliance would assist in



ensuring that mineral benefits accrue to all the communities that are affected by mining operations. In this critical phase of rising prices mining communities should be able to survive the price shock by benefiting from mining activities in their own areas to avert the negative economic impact of fuel price hikes.

GOVERNMENT MUST INTERVENE

While global oil prices and exchange rates have been cited, these factors do not justify the magnitude of the increases. The government has policy tools at its disposal but has failed to act decisively.

We call for:

Immediate review and reduction of the inconsiderate fuel price increases

Suspension of excessive taxes on fuel

Greater transparency in fuel price composition

Urgent implementation of a fuel price stabilization mechanism

Opening of remaining refineries in the country

Compel compliance of mines to MPRDA or suspend mining licenses

OUR POSITION

We reject these increases as unjust, anti-poor, and economically reckless. South Africans cannot continue to absorb escalating costs while wages remain stagnant and unemployment remains high. We demand urgent intervention to protect livelihoods and stabilize the economy.

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