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SUBJECT: **PROPOSED MAIZE LOCATION DIFFERENTIALS AND STORAGE RATES FOR 2015/16 MARKETING SEASON**

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1. Proposed Maize Location Differentials for 2015/16 marketing season

The 2015/16 maize marketing season is approaching and we are pleased to submit to you provisional location differentials for the new marketing season.

As per previous years, the JSE extended an open invitation to all registered storage operators and market participants to contribute rail vs road out-loading information as well as contribute road and rail tariffs directly to the exchange.

This year we continued to use our established methodology by deriving the location differentials off actual distances of the respective silos to Randfontein.

The Rand-per-Kilometer (RPK) rate was calculated by the JSE after aggregating all the information provided by the road transporters, thus making this the closest indication of actual road costs. Based on this information the rate per km varied depending on the range of distance travelled as can be seen below:

	2014	2015	%
Distance	RPK	RPK	Difference
0-15 Km	85.67	80.70	-5.80%
16-25 Km	59.10	60.55	2.45%
26-50 Km	30.07	31.47	4.66%

51-75 Km	21.63	22.80	5.41%
76-100 Km	20.37	20.81	2.16%
101-125 Km	19.58	18.42	-5.92%
126-150 Km	18.83	17.27	-8.29%
151-175 Km	18.08	16.96	-6.17%
176-200 Km	18.01	16.75	-6.99%
201-225 Km	17.75	16.68	-6.03%
226-250 Km	17.46	16.43	-5.91%
251-275 Km	17.25	16.36	-5.16%
276-300 Km	17.19	16.11	-6.28%
301-325 Km	17.19	15.94	-7.26%
326-350 Km	17.13	15.84	-7.53%
351-375 Km	16.89	15.66	-7.27%
376-400 Km	16.85	15.50	-8.02%
>400 Km	16.45	15.01	-8.77%

Compared to last year, the RPK rates have dropped by **-4.48%** on average, with shorter distance ranges having seen an increase while the long haul distance ranges have experienced a drop.

The above RPK values were used in the formula below to finally determine the rand-per-ton (RPT) road rates for all silo locations that are now commonly accepted among the transporters and market participants in the grain industry:

$$RPT = \frac{Distance * RLF * RPK}{Payload}$$

Where: Distance is the distance in km to Randfontein,
 RLF is the return load factor,
 RPK is in Rand per km and
 Payload is in tons with 34 tons applied.

Distances to Randfontein that were agreed upon by market participants were used in this exercise.

You will recall from previous seasons that a return load factor (RLF) of 2 implies that the return load is empty while a RLF of 1 accounts for a full return load. The RLF sliding scale used is as per the table below:

Distance	RLF
<300 km	2
301-325 km	1.9
326-350 km	1.8
351-375 km	1.7
376-400 km	1.6
401-425 km	1.5
426-450 km	1.4
451-475 km	1.4
476-500 km	1.4
501-525 km	1.4
>525 km	1.4

Combining the RPT formula above with rail-road ratios and rail rates, we were in a position to determine location differentials from Randfontein for each of the 214 registered maize storage locations. The proposed rates show an average decrease of **-3.80%** when compared with the previous season.

Please could market participants review the proposed location differentials and highlight any gross inaccuracies immediately to commodities@jse.co.za by no later than **Monday 20 April 2015 at close of business**, as the JSE aims to release the final numbers soon thereafter.

Members and clients are again reminded that the published location differentials are indicative of transport costs for product from the registered storage location to Randfontein, which is the basis for the standardized futures contract. It is impossible that this rate will be 100% accurate throughout the year as transport components change.

Throughout each marketing season the basis value at each silo, created through supply and demand, must be considered before making physical delivery onto the exchange. Through further refinements of the basis premium functionality the exchange aims to improve transparency to the basis value at each silo per product delivered in completion of a futures contract

In proposing the maize LD, this has only been possible thanks to the commitment of a number of road transporters who supported the bigger picture and contributed individual information directly to the JSE who could then aggregate this to determine the RPK rates table. The JSE also values the accurate contributions made by the storage operators in terms of the rail vs road out loading ratio's as well as the rates provided by market participants.

2. Standard Storage Rates

The standard storage rate for the marketing season 1 May 2015 – 30 April 2016 will increase based on the PPI rate as published at the end of February 2015, namely 2.61% and so the standard storage rate applied to outstanding storage in completion of a futures contract will be **63 cents per ton per day**.

Please ensure that when making delivery of JSE silo receipts issued in the previous marketing season, all storage is paid up to and including 30 April 2015.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Commodities Team at 011 520 7039 or email commodities@jse.co.za .

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