



ZENON PETROLEUM & GAS LIMITED

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Our attention has been drawn to the publication by some National Newspapers of Thursday the 19th April 2012, credited to House of Representatives Ad-Hoc Committee on the Management of the Fuel Subsidy Regime which contained very disturbing reports suggesting that we did not utilise the sum of USD\$232,975,385.13 being the proceeds of Forex collected for the purpose of importing refined petroleum products.

We are deeply embarrassed by this spurious allegation which is capable of inflicting serious damage to our business integrity and reputation.

Zenon Petroleum & Gas Company Limited is a law abiding and responsible Corporate Organization and takes serious exceptions to allegations aimed at tarnishing its corporate image.

Whilst we respect the constitutional oversight functions of the House of Representatives, we completely disagree with the findings in their report.

To put the facts in proper perspective we wish to reiterate as follows:

1. Zenon Petroleum and Gas Limited imported and supplied imported Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) in 2010.
2. In fulfilling its supply obligations, Zenon Petroleum and Gas Limited, obtained the required DPR Import Permits, obtained and filled Form Ms which were duly certified by the FGN pre-shipment inspection agencies, issued letters of credits from first class Nigerian Financial Institutions (namely Guaranty Trust Bank Plc, UBA Plc, Access Bank Plc and FCMB Plc) to its offshore suppliers for a total value of **\$372,207,990** as opposed to the sum of **\$232,975,385.13** presented in their report. Zenon Petroleum and Gas Limited discharged the cargo under the supervision of regulatory agencies including the PPPRA, DPR and witnessed by internationally recognised and certified Inspectors, SGS Limited and received funds in Naira for which were used, to bid for Foreign Exchange with the CBN through the afore-mentioned banks, using all the requisite exchange control documentation. These were all approved by the CBN. Some of these documents have been attached for reference purposes.

S/No.	VESSELS	FORM M DATE	FORM M NO.	IMPORT LC NOS.	PRODUCT	BANK (local)	VALUE \$	BANK (foreign)
1	MT CHANCE	10 December 2009	MF779926	A2009B1330CL	PMS	ACCESS	24,998,490.00	BNP PARIBAS
2	CHAMPION LION	28 January 2010	MF779930	LCITF/10/0011	PMS	UBA	29,040,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
3	GAVROS	09 February 2010	MF779931	205/21/10/00147D	PMS	GTBANK	31,399,500.00	BNP PARIBAS
4	MARE DI RAVENNA	09 February 2010	MF779933	205/21/10/0144CL	PMS	GTBANK	28,545,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
5	F.D NORD FARER	29 March 2010	MF779937	A2010B0437CL	PMS	ACCESS	28,050,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
6	MT OCEAN ALLENMAR	15 April 2010	Mf429131	FCMB10/C15701	PMS	FCMB	28,875,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
7	KRASLAVA	24 May 2010	MF694005	205/21/10/0421CL	PMS	GTBANK	29,040,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
8	PORT RUSSELL	03 June 2010	MF694006	A2010B0819CL	PMS	ACCESS	29,040,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
9	MT PUZE	03 June 2010	MF694007	LCITF/10/0194	PMS	UBA	29,040,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
10	UACC IBNAL ALTHEER	11 October 2010	MF799496	205/21/10/0785DL	PMS	GTBANK	26,730,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
11	TRISTER DUBAI	25 October 2010	MF429133	FCMB10/C15886	PMS	FCMB	29,700,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
12	SABRINA	09 November 2010	MF698153	A2010B1781CL	PMS	ACCESS	28,875,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
13	MT MARVEA	30 November 2010	MF1065553	205/21/10/0963DL	PMS	GTBANK	28,875,000.00	BNP PARIBAS
	Total LC Value						372,207,990.00	

3. We are therefore surprised by the publications contained in some national newspapers wherein we were listed as one of the companies that obtained Foreign Exchange in the sum of USD\$232,975,385.13 with questionable utilisation as regards the supply of Petroleum products. We believe that the Ad-Hoc House Committee on the monitoring of the Subsidy Regime have not conducted its affairs in a thorough manner and its findings are not only misleading but also damaging to the reputation of established companies like ours.

ZENON PETROLEUM & GAS LTD is a major investor in the downstream sector of the Oil & Gas Industry with significant staff strength and contributes its quota in the provision of downstream distribution facilities to support the collective efforts to make Petroleum Products available to our people.

We have not diverted or left unutilized forex collected for the importation of petroleum products as portrayed in the publications and we have documentation and records to substantiate our position.

The allegations and findings of the ad-hoc committee of the House of Representatives against our Company are spurious and a complete falsehood arrived at by the House Committee without proper verification of documents submitted to aid their enquiry.

We accordingly refute the allegations and findings contained in these publications and hereby reserve our right to take necessary steps to protect our corporate image and integrity in addition to seeking legal redress for the incalculable damage that has been caused to our reputation by reason of the publications

In conclusion, the Management of ZENON PETROLEUM & GAS COMPANY LIMITED wishes to assure the general public at large that it is a responsible corporate organization and will continue to conduct its business in accordance with the law and in conformity with best corporate practices.

Signed
MANAGEMENT