

## Afrox continues to put gas safety first this winter

With the uncertainty around power supplies this winter, there is an expectation that many more South Africans will be using LPG for the first time. As one of the largest suppliers of LPG into the domestic and hospitality markets in South Africa, Afrox has negotiated long-term import agreements that have resulted in more cost-effective imports and ensured security of supply.

"We have imported a substantial amount of new LPG cylinders to meet demand this winter and are currently ramping up prefilling operations to ensure stocks are ready for distribution when the cold weather hits," says Head of SHEQ at Afrox Stephen Moran.

Last year Afrox LPG distributor, Ulula Energy, launched Afrox's lightweight 5 kg Safety Gas cylinders in the Western Cape. The new cylinders, thousands of which have been imported into the region by Afrox, will complement the 6 kg Handipack cylinders already offered for sale to the public in low-income housing, residential sectors and light industry.

Moran says that with the domestic use of Handigas growing each year, the company needs to ensure that people think about safety on a constant basis," says Moran. "To this end, we have developed a poster around LPG leaks and fire emergencies; while this doesn't happen often, users of Handigas must still be vigilant to prevent any incidents and injuries while using LPG."

"We already have the Afrox red seal on the valve of Handigas cylinders, which lets the public know that our cylinders have been checked, tested and filled correctly, and are safe to use. We have rolled this poster campaign out across South Africa in time for winter when we can expect a spike in consumer demand," says Moran. The poster gives practical advice on what to do if there is the smell of gas detected and what to do in the event of a gas fire.

Moran also urges the public to avoid a possible last-minute rush demand triggered by sudden cold spells depleting available stocks at Afrox Gas & Gear outlets and accredited distributors. He recommends that consumers exchange their empties for full Handigas cylinders now while stocks are high and widely available.

To get gas fast, customers can order Handigas via the Afrox online shop at www.afroxshop.co.za and follow the three easy steps to place their order for collection at their nearest Afrox Gas & Gear centre. Handigas is also available through a national network of approved distributors.

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