

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION: 20**

**20. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Whether any suitable export markets have been identified for additional products to be generated when the Mthombo refinery project comes into operation; if not, how will the inability to export additional products which have not been used domestically affect the sustainability of the project (a) currently and (b) in the future; if so, what are the relevant details? CW20E

***REPLY***

During the Mthombo Refinery Project's Pre-Feasibility phase and Feasibility phase various marketing studies were conducted which evaluated domestic and foreign markets. Exporting liquid fuels into the Sub-Saharan market, in the early years of the refinery coming into operation, is both possible and viable. The project's economic evaluation has factored in the impact of product exports.