Worldwide fuel prices As U.S. drivers bemoan the rise in

gasoline prices to almost \$3 per gallon, European drivers are used to having to fork out twice as much. In contrast, oil in Venezuela and Saudi Arabia is produced by state-owned companies and local fuel prices are kept deliberately low

\$ / U.S. gallon \$ / litre (Apr 2006) Venezuela 0.05 0.19

*Saudi Arabia 0.24 0.90 China 0.57 2.17

0.76 2.88 U.S. Australia 0.99 3.75

4.24 *Japan 1.12 France 1.53

1.56 Italy

1.57 5.96 Germany 1.61 6.10 Belgium UK 1.62 6.13

5.80

5.91

Netherlands 1.78 6.73 1.90 7.19 Norway

Source: EIA *2005 prices © GRAPHIC NEWS