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INVITATION TO REGISTER, PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT Sasol Draft Air Quality Offset Implementation Plan

Dear Stakeholder

Sasol South Africa (Pty) Limited (SSA) through its Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) owns and operates a petrochemical facility in Secunda, Mpumalanga, among others.

In February 2015, SSO was granted postponements to the 1 April 2015 compliance timeframes for some of its emission sources, regulated by the Minimum Emission Standards (MES), as published in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEMAQA) (Act No 39 of 2004).

As a condition of the postponement decision SSO is required to develop an offset implementation plan for approval by the relevant authorities, subject to an appropriate public participation process. The Draft Offset Implementation Plan provides details of SSO's proposed offset activities in eMbalenhle and Lebohang, to improve ambient air quality through community-based projects. Sasol values engagements with its stakeholders to ensure that the offset plan appropriately considers stakeholder inputs.

The public participation process provides interested and affected parties (I&APs) with an opportunity to comment on the content of the plan, as a continuation of the consultation process initiated during the application for postponement from some of the MES. SRK Consulting, an independent environmental consulting firm, has been appointed to conduct the above-mentioned public participation process.

This letter includes information on the following:

- Invitation to register as an I&AP
- Availability of a Draft Offset Implementation Plan for comment
- Public Meetings
- Subsequent steps in the process

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Invitation to register as an I&AP

All stakeholders are hereby invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties. Those who previously registered for SSO's postponement application process are already included in the stakeholder database for this process. Please register by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Form and submitting this to the Stakeholder Engagement Office by **29 January 2016**.

You are welcome to forward this invitation to others who may be interested in registering as I&APs in this process.

Availability of a Draft Offset Implementation Plan for comment

The Draft Offset Implementation Plan is available for public comment from Wednesday 18 November to Friday 29 January 2016.

Electronic versions of the reports and comment sheets will be available on the SRK website, <u>http://www.srk.co.za/en/za-sasol-postponements</u> from **Wednesday 18 November**.

Electronic copies are also available on request from the Stakeholder Engagement Office at SRK Consulting (details on the next page and in the letterhead).

In addition, a printed copy of the plan and comment sheets will be available at the following publicly accessible venue for stakeholders to view and comment on:

Venue	Address	Contact details
Secunda Public Library	Muller Street, Secunda	017 620 6175
Govan Mbeki Local	Horwood Street, Secunda	017 620 6279
Lebohang Public Library	Stand No. 1095, Ext 9	017 683 0753
eMbalenhle Govan Mbeki Offices	3864 Lindiwe Nxiweni Drive, eMbalenhle	017 685 4711
eMbalenhle Library	Khama Street	017 685 4711

Your comments and suggestions on any aspect of the draft offset implementation plan will be considered and will assist the authorities to make a decision. You are welcome to comment on the draft offset implementation plan by:

- Completing the enclosed registration and comment form and submitting it to the stakeholder engagement office (details on the next page and in the letterhead);
- Writing a letter or additional written submission by mail, email or fax; and / or
- Calling the stakeholder engagement office.

DUE DATE FOR COMMENT: Friday 29 January 2016

Public meetings

To facilitate comment on the draft offset implementation plan public meetings will be held where the plan will be presented. Participants will have the opportunity at these meetings to meet the project team and to provide comment on the document. Details of the public meetings are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue	Venue contact details
Wednesday 25 November	10:00- 13:00	The Sasol eMbalenhle Recreation Club, 2937 Ingwe Street, eMbalenhle Ext 8	017 685 1461
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Tuesday	10:00-	Difa Nkosi Hall, Lebohang, Stand No. 1095, Ext 9	017 683 0753
1 December 2015	13:00		
Wednesday	10:00-	The Sasol Secunda Recreation Club, Nelson	017 610 0473
2 December 2015	12:00	Mandela Drive, Secunda	

To confirm your attendance, or to ask any questions you may have, please contact Tamaryn Hale on Tel: +27(0)31 279 1200, Email: <u>THale@srk.co.za</u>.

Subsequent steps in the Process

After the commenting period on the draft offset implementation plan has closed, SSO will consider all comments received and appropriately update the draft plan. A Stakeholder Engagement Report and Comment and Response Report will be prepared to document all comments received and how they have been considered. These documents will be included as part of the draft plan submitted for approval by the relevant authorities. Registered Interested and Affected Parties will be accordingly notified and copies of the submission will be made available on SRK's website. Registered Interested and Affected Parties will also be notified of the decision of the relevant authorities in this regard.

Should you require an Afrikaans or Zulu version of this invitation please contact Tamaryn Hale on Tel:+27(0)31 279 1200, Email: <u>THale@srk.co.za</u>.

Thank you for your participation in this consultation process and we look forward to engaging with you in this process.

Yours faithfully,

SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

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