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INVITATION TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE

Applications for postponement of certain requirements of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act - Minimum Emission Standards, for National Petroleum Refiners of South Africa (Pty) Ltd in Sasolburg

Dear Stakeholder

- **Availability of a Background Information Document (BID) for comment**
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National Petroleum Refiners of South Africa (Pty) Ltd. (Natref), South Africa's only inland crude oil refinery, is jointly owned by Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd and Total South Africa (Pty) Ltd and is located in Sasolburg, Free State. Natref is required to comply with Minimum Emission Standards (MES), published in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No 39 of 2004). Natref operates various processes that require an Atmospheric Emission Licence (AEL), most comply with the MES and some have previously been granted postponements. However, Natref is challenged to meet the 2020 new plant standard applicable to the availability requirements of the Sulphur Recovery Unit, under sub-category 2.3 of the MES.

Natref therefore intends to apply for postponement with regards to the availability requirements of the Sulphur Recovery Unit in terms of Subcategory 2.3.

This application is supported by Part 2 of the MES. In accordance with the requirements for postponements contained in the MES, Natref will submit an Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) together with detailed justification and reasons. Airshed Planning Professionals (Pty) Ltd (Airshed) has been appointed to prepare the AIR while SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) has been appointed to undertake the stakeholder engagement process to also assist Natref in compiling the Motivation Report containing the justification and reasons.

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Availability of a Background Information Document (BID) for comment

The enclosed Background Information Document (BID) provides more information about Natref's intended postponement application. It provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with an initial opportunity to comment on the application process and to register and receive further information during the process.

The BID, with an accompanying Registration and Comment Form, will also be available for public comment until **09 November 2018**, on the SRK Website at:

<https://www.srk.co.za/en/za-natref-2019-mes-postponement-applications>, and at the public places listed below.

Sasolburg			
Public Place	Locality	Contact	Telephone
Public Library	John Vorster Road, Sasolburg	Yvette Herbst Griesel	016 973 8463
Zamdela Library	Next to Zamdela Hall on the Main Road, Zamdela	Reception	016 974 2163
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Natref Main Gate	Jan Haak Ave, Sasolburg	Reception	016 940 2303/2160

You are invited to comment on the BID by:

- Completing the online registration and comment form at the following link: <https://arcg.is/1fyTmf>
- Completing the enclosed registration and comment form and submitting it to SRK (details below);
- Writing a letter or additional written submission by mail, email or fax; or
- Calling SRK.

Invitation to register as an I&AP

This notification has been sent to yourself as you have previously registered as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for a Natref postponement or offset public participation process. Should you no longer wish to receive communications regarding this process please indicate as such via the comment link above or contact SRK at the details below.

You are welcome to forward this notice to others who may be interested in registering as an I&AP in this process. They are similarly invited to register as an I&AP for Natref's application process, and comment or raise any issue of concern. Please submit your registration online as above or complete the enclosed Registration and Comment Form and submit to SRK by **09 November 2018**.

Please note that by registering as an I&AP you consent to:

- receiving such communications;
- the relevant personal information being stored on an I&AP database;
- in the event that an appeal is lodged, that the I&AP database and the personal information contained therein may need to be submitted to a third party; and

that the personal information will be utilised for notifications related to Public Participation processes associated with the application and any appeals that may be lodged.

Next steps in the Application Process

The Draft Motivation Report and AIR will be made available for public comment early in 2019. Registered I&APs will be informed in advance of the availability of the report. All comments received on the BID, the Draft Motivation Report and AIR will be included in the Comments and Response Report that will be submitted together with the Motivation Report and AIR to the authority for consideration of Natref's postponement application.

To obtain more information, or to submit your comments, please contact SRK at the contact details below:

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Yours faithfully,

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