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## Attention: Interested and Affected Parties

Dear Interested and Affected Party

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT

## 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

- **Availability of a Draft Motivation report and AIR for comment**
- **Invitation to public open days**
- **Next steps in the application process**

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 from the compliance timeframes with regards to the availability requirements of the Sulphur Recovery Unit.

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 public participation process to also assist Natref in compiling the Motivation Report containing the justification and reasons.

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## Availability of the Draft Motivation Report and AIR for Comment

While the official comment period on the Draft Motivation Report and AIR will commence on **Monday 7 January 2019 and close on Wednesday 6 February 2019**, documents will be made available from the close of business in December to allow additional time for Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to review and comment.

Electronic versions of the reports will be available on SRK's website at <https://www.srk.co.za/en/za-natref-2019-mes-postponement-applications> and electronic copies can be made available on request from the Stakeholder Engagement Office at SRK.

In addition, printed copies of the reports and comment sheets will be available at the following publicly accessible venues for stakeholders to view and comment on:

Natref			
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
Metsimaholo Local Municipality	Fichardt Street, Sasolburg	M Molala	016 973 8316
Natref Main Gate	Jan Haak Ave, Sasolburg	Reception	016 940 2303/2160

Your comments and suggestions on any aspect of the Draft Motivation Report and AIR will be considered and included in a comments and response report appended to the application. You are welcome to comment on the Draft Motivation Report and AIR 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 Representatives on the telephone numbers provided below.

### ***DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS: WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019.***

### **Public Open day**

To facilitate comment on the Draft Motivation Report and AIR, two public open days will be held where the application will be explained. Participants will have the opportunity at these open days to meet the project team and to provide comments. Details of the public open days are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
21 January 2019	12:00-18:00	Boiketlong Community Hall
23 January 2019	12:00-18:00	Multi-Purpose Centre, Harry Gwala

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

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## Next steps in the Application Process

The Public Participation Report and Comment and Response Report will be updated once all comments are received. These documents will be included as part of the Final Postponement Application submitted for approval by the relevant authorities. Registered I&APs will be notified of the submission and copies of the submission will be made available on SRK's website. Registered I&APs will also be notified once a decision, regarding the postponement application has been made by the authorities.

Yours faithfully,

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