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Dear Ms. Wassenaar

**RE: APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF COMPLIANCE TIME-FRAMES RELATING TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT 39 OF 2004 MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL PETROLEUM REFINERS OF SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD (NATREF)**

The above-mentioned application has reference.

Your application has been processed and the National Air Quality Officer has, with the concurrence of the Atmospheric Emission Licensing Authority, made a decision as follows:

| S21 Category                             | Appliance   | Postponement Sought | Emission Standards                               |  |  |   |
|--|---|---------------------|--|--|--|---|
|  |   |                     | Minimum Emission Standards (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> ) |  |  | Decision  |
|  |   |                     | Pollutant  | 2015   | 2020   |   |
| Subcategory 2.3a: Sulphur Recovery Units | SRU - B26001 (emission through main stack U28008) | 2020-2023           | H <sub>2</sub> S                                 | Sulphur recovery unit should achieve 95% recovery efficiency and availability of 99% | Sulphur recovery unit should achieve 95% recovery efficiency and availability of 99% | Postponement of compliance timeframe with the minimum emission standards for new plant is granted for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023, with a condition of 95% availability for the unit |



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This decision will have to be reflected in your Atmospheric Emission License to be of force and effect. Therefore, you must liaise with the relevant Atmospheric Emission Licensing Authority in this regard as soon as possible so that the required amendments, variations and additions to your Atmospheric Emission License can be effected.

In addition, you are required to submit a quarterly progress report on the implementation of your compliance road map and commitments that you made in support of the postponement application for National Petroleum Refiners of South Africa (Pty) Ltd (NATREF). You are also required to provide a progress report on implementation of offset projects where applicable, as well as other reporting requirements included in the AEL. The reports must be submitted to the National Air Quality Officer and the Licensing Authority following the department's financial year. The first report must be submitted by 1 April 2020.

Lastly, NATREF is required to implement an offset programme to reduce H<sub>2</sub>S pollution in the ambient/receiving environment as your facility is located in the VTAPA Priority Area. A definite offset implementation plan is expected from NATREF by 31 January 2020.

Thank you for the co-operation in matters regarding your application.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Thuli N. Khumalo**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Designation: National Air Quality Office**

**Date:** 06 NOVEMBER 2019

