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### **REMINDER: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT**

## **Application for the postponement of compliance timeframes in terms of Regulation 11 of the Section 21 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act - Minimum Emission Standards, for Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd Synfuels Operations in Secunda**

Dear Stakeholder

- **Reminder of the comment period deadline 8 March 2017**
- **Public Meeting Presentation**
- **Next steps in the application process**

Sasol South Africa (Pty) Limited through its Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) owns and operates a petrochemical facility in Secunda, Mpumalanga, among others. SSO is located in the Sasol Secunda complex south of central Secunda. Sasol 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).

Between 2013 and 2014 Sasol undertook a process to apply for postponements from the 2015 compliance timeframes of the Minimum Emissions Standards (MES) Government Notice No. 893 in Government Gazette 37054 of 22 November 2013 ("GN 893"), in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA). Sasol was granted postponements for a number of its operations by the National Air Quality Officer (NAQO) with the concurrence of the licensing officer. In some instances and for some sources, postponements were granted for less than five years as initially requested. In these instances, Sasol may not be able to meet the compliance requirements within the specified timeframes. SSO therefore intends to apply for further postponements for their Incinerators and Phenosolvan Plant where postponements were only granted for three years.

This application is supported by Part 2 of the MES. In accordance with the requirements for postponements contained in the MES, Sasol will submit an Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) together with detailed justification and reasons. Airshed Planning Professionals (Pty) Ltd (Airshed) were 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 Sasol in compiling the Motivation Report containing the justification and reasons.

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

The Draft Motivation Report and AIR are available for public comment until **Wednesday 8 March 2017**.

Electronic versions of the reports and comment sheets are available on SRK's website at <http://www.srk.co.za/en/za-sasol2017postponement>. Electronic copies are also available on request from the Stakeholder Engagement Office at SRK.

In addition, a printed copy of the report and comment sheets are available at the following publicly accessible venues for stakeholders to view and comment on:

Public Place	Locality	Contact	Telephone
Public Library	Laurens Muller Street, Secunda	Tersa Griesel	017 620 6175
Govan Mbeki Local Municipality	Horwood Street, Secunda	Reception	017 620 6279
Sasol Charlie 1 Main Entrance	Frans Du Toit Street, Secunda	Reception	017 610 1111

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:

- Writing a letter or additional written submission by mail, email or fax;
- Calling SRK; or
- Completing the online comment form at:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/54be1726480f431da550e8e01c44b331>

**DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS: WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017.**

## Public Meetings

To facilitate comment on the Draft Motivation Report and AIR, two public meetings were held on 23 February 2017, at the Secunda Recreation Club and eMbalenhle Recreation Club.

A copy of the public meeting presentation is available on SRK's website at: <http://www.srk.co.za/en/za-sasol2017postponement>.

To 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

A Public Participation Report including the Comment and Response Table will be prepared, which will document all comments received and how they have been considered. These documents will be included as part of the postponement application 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 as per the applicable requirements.

Yours faithfully,

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