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## INVITATION TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE

Application for postponement of certain requirements of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act - Minimum Emission Standards for the Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd operations in Sasolburg

Dear Stakeholder

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Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Sasol) operating through its Sasolburg Operations (SO) owns and operates a petrochemical facility in Sasolburg in the Free State, among others. 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) (NEM:AQA). Between 2013 and 2014 Sasol undertook a process to apply for postponements from the 2015 compliance timeframes of the MES. Sasol was granted postponements from 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 will not be able to timeously comply and therefore intends to apply for further postponements for the incinerators located in the Sasol One complex in Sasolburg 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) 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 Sasol 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 Sasol's intended postponement applications. 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 from **Friday 18 November to Friday 09 December 2016**, on the SRK Website at <a href="http://www.srk.co.za/en/za-sasol2018postponement">http://www.srk.co.za/en/za-sasol2018postponement</a>, 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
Metsimaholo Local Municipality	Fichardt Street, Sasolburg	M Molala	016 973 8316
Sasolburg Operations Main Reception	1 Klasie Havenga Road, Sasolburg	Reception	016 960 2014 / 2976

You are invited to comment on the BID by:

- 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

You are invited to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for Sasol's application process, and comment or raise any issue of concern. Please submit your registration by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Form and submit to SRK by **09 December 2016**. You are welcome to forward it to others who may be interested in registering as an I&AP in this process.

## **Next steps in the Application Process**

The Draft Motivation Report and AIR will be made available for public comment early in 2017. 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 Sasol's postponement application.

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