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## Attention: Interested and Affected Party

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### FINAL MOTIVATION AND ATMOSPHERIC IMPACT REPORT

#### Application 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

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 (SRU), under sub-category 2.3 of the MES.

Natref has therefore applied for postponement from the compliance timeframes with regards to the availability requirements of the SRU and submitted all requisite documentation to the National Air Quality Officer, Local Air Quality officer and provincial authority on the 29 March 2019.

This application is supported by Part 2 of the MES. In accordance with the requirements for postponements contained in the MES, Natref has submitted an atmospheric impact report (AIR) together with the motivation report containing detailed justification and reasons, both of which have been subjected to public participation in January 2019. Airshed Planning Professionals (Pty) Ltd (Airshed) prepared the AIR while SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) has undertaken the public participation process and assisted Sasol in compiling the motivation report.

The Final Motivation including the Atmospheric Impact Report and Public Participation Report has been uploaded to SRK's website at:

<https://www.srk.co.za/en/za-natref-2019-mes-postponement-applications>

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