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Preface

Sasol's Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) and Secunda Chemicals Operations (SCO) is required to comply with the Minimum Emission Standards, which came into effect in terms of Section 21 of the National Environment Management: Air Quality Act (Act No 39 of 2004) on 1 April 2010 and subsequently replaced by GN893, of 22 November 2013. Amendments were made to the Minimum Emission Standards on 12 June 2015 (Gazette 38863) and 31 October 2018 (Gazette 42013). The standards require the operations to comply with "existing plant" limits by 1 April 2015, and with more stringent "new plant" limits by 1 April 2020. Technical investigations were conducted by Secunda Operations to establish feasibility and practicality of improving its existing process plants operations in order to comply with the standards as set out in the Minimum Emission Standards. SSO and SCO intends to request a postponement of the "new plant" limits for some of their sources. In support of the submissions and to fulfil the requirements for this application stipulated in the Air Quality Act and the Minimum Emission Standards, air quality studies are required to substantiate the motivations for the postponement application.

The facility in Secunda, SSO, produces syngas from coal by gasifying the coal at a temperature of 1300°C. The syngas is subsequently converted to produce components for making synthetic fuels as well as a number of downstream chemicals. Gas water and tar oil streams emanating from the gasification process are refined to produce ammonia and various grades of coke respectively. SCO converts sulphuric acid and ammonia recovered from the Secunda Synfuels Operations into various products (e.g. ammonium sulphate, ammonium nitrate, limestone ammonium nitrate fertilizers and explosives amongst others). Solvents are extracted and purified for the local and export market. Finally, polymers of various grades are produced from ethylene and propylene in conversion processes.

Whilst the main air pollutants from the Secunda operations include sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), other pollutants to consider include particulate matter (PM), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (of primary importance – benzene), ammonia (NH₃), hydrochloric acid (HCl), hydrogen fluoride (HF), dioxins/furans and metals.

Airshed Planning Professionals (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as Airshed) was appointed by Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd to provide independent and competent services for the compilation of an Atmospheric Impact Report for SSO and SCO as set out in the Draft Regulations and detailing the results of the dispersion model runs. The tasks to be undertaken consisted of:

- Review of emissions inventory for the identified point sources and identification of any gaps in the emissions inventory. Where possible, it is preferable that gaps be estimated using an agreed emission estimation technique. No emission factors may be used without the written consent from Sasol that the emission factors are deemed acceptable. Should measurements be required, Sasol will source the required information.
- 2) Prepare meteorological input files for use in one or more dispersion models to cover all applicable Sasol sites. Sasol will provide surface meteorological data and ambient air quality data from the Sasol ambient air quality monitoring stations. Surface meteorological data for three years, as required by the Dispersion Modelling Guidelines for Level 3 Assessments, is available for ambient air quality monitoring stations situated in both Sasolburg and Secunda.
- 3) Preparation of one or more dispersion models set up with SSO and SCO's emissions inventory capable of running various scenarios for each of the point sources as specified by SSO and SCO. The intent is to model delta impacts of the various emission scenarios against an acceptable emissions baseline.
- 4) Airshed will validate the dispersion model based on an acceptable and agreed approach. The validation methodology must be agreed between the SSO, SCO and Airshed. It is anticipated that each point source identified above will require 3 scenarios per component per point source to be modelled, in order to establish the delta impacts against the baselines. i.e.:
 - a. Baseline modelling is conducted based on the current inventory and impacts

- b. Future modelling must be conducted based on the legislative requirement as stipulated within the Listed Activities and Minimum Emission Standards (for 2020 standards).
- c. Alternative emission limits the emissions as proposed by SSO and SCO, where applicable and different from the baseline and / or compliance emission scenarios.
- 5) Comparison of dispersion modelling results with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- 6) A report detailing the methodology used and model setup must be compiled for purposes of a peer review, which Sasol will contract independently.
- 7) Interactions with Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to provide all necessary inputs into the EAP's compilation of documentation in support of Sasol's postponement applications. Airshed will attend all Public Participation meetings scheduled by the EAP to address any queries pertaining to the dispersion model.

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Abbreviations

AEL	Atmospheric Emission Licence
AIR	Atmospheric Impact Report
API	American Petroleum Institute
AQA	Air quality act
AQMS	Air quality monitoring stations
ARM	Ambient Ration Method
APCS	Air pollution control systems
As	Arsenic
ASG	Atmospheric Studies Group
BPIP	Building Profile Input Program
Со	Cobalt
СО	Carbon monoxide
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
Cr	Chromium
CTA	Crude Tar Acids
CTF	Coal Tar Filtration
Cu	Copper
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
DO	Decanted Oil
DSC	Distillate Selective Cracker
DTA	Depitched Tar Acids
FCC	Fluidised Catalytic Cracker
g	Gram
g/s	Gram per second
GT	Gas Turbine
H ₂	Hydrogen
HCI	Hydrogen chloride
HF	Hydrogen fluoride
HNO-DTA	High Neutral Oil Depitcher Tar Acids
HOW	High Organic Waste
HRSG	Heat Recovery Steam Generator
H ₂ O	Water
H ₂ S	Hydrogen sulfide
H ₂ SO ₄	Sulfuric acid gas
IP	Intellectual property
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IV	Inactive Vanadium
LMo	Monin-Obukhov length
kPa	Kilo pascal
m	Meter
m²	Meter squared
M ³	Meter cubed
MES	Minimum Emission Standards
m/s	Meters per second
Mn	Manganese
MRG	Methane Rich Gas
MTP	Medium Temperature Pitch
MW	Mega Watt

NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards (as a combination of the NAAQ Limit and the allowable frequency of exceedance)
NEMAQA	National Environmental Management Air Quality Act
NH ₃	Ammonia
Ni	Nickel
NO	Nitrogen oxide
NO ₂	Nitrogen dioxide
NOx	Oxides of nitrogen
O ₂	Oxygen
O ₃	Ozone
OCGT	Open Cycle Gas Turbine
ОН	Hydroxyl
OLM	Ozone Limiting Method
PBL	Planetary boundary layer
Pb	Lead
PM	Particulate matter
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter with diameter of less than 10 μ m
PM _{2.5}	Particulate matter with diameter of less than 2.5 μ m
ppm	Parts per million
Sb	Antimony
SCC	Sasol Catalytic Converter
SCS	Sasol Coal Supply
SLO	Stabilised Light Oil
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide (1)
SO3	Sulfur trioxide (1)
TAVC	Tar Acid Value Chain
TVOC	Total volatile organic compounds
t/h	Tonnes per hour
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USGS	United States Geological Survey
V	Vanadium
VOC	Volatile organic compounds
WESP	Wet Electrostatic Precipitator
WO	Waxy Oil
WSA	Wet Sulfuric Acid
Zo	Roughness length
μ	micro
°C	Degrees Celsius

Note:

(1) The spelling of "sulfur" has been standardised to the American spelling throughout the report. "The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the international professional organisation of chemists that operates under the umbrella of UNESCO, published, in 1990, a list of standard names for all chemical elements. It was decided that element 16 should be spelled "sulfur". This compromise was to ensure that in future searchable data bases would not be complicated by spelling variants. (IUPAC. Compendium of Chemical Terminology, 2nd ed. (the "Gold Book"). Compiled by A. D. McNaught and A. Wilkinson. Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford (1997). XML on-line corrected version: <u>http://goldbook.iupac.org</u> (2006) created by M. Nic, J. Jirat, B. Kosata; updates compiled by A. Jenkins. ISBN 0-9678550-9-8.<u>doi: 10.1351/goldbook</u>)"

Glossary

Advection	Transport of pollutants by the wind
Airshed	An area, bounded by topographical features, within which airborne contaminants can be retained for an extended period
Algorithm	A mathematical process or set of rules used for calculation or problem-solving, which is usually undertaken by a computer
Alternative Emission Limit	Ceiling or maximum emission limit requested by Sasol, with which it commits to comply
Assessment of environmental effects	A piece of expert advice submitted to regulators to support a claim that adverse effects will or will not occur as a result of an action, and usually developed in accordance with section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991
Atmospheric chemistry	The chemical changes that gases and particulates undergo after they are discharged from a source
Atmospheric dispersion model	A mathematical representation of the physics governing the dispersion of pollutants in the atmosphere
Atmospheric stability	A measure of the propensity for vertical motion in the atmosphere
Building wakes	Strong turbulence and downward mixing caused by a negative pressure zone on the lee side of a building
Calm / stagnation	A period when wind speeds of less than 0.5 m/s persist
Cartesian grid	A co-ordinate system whose axes are straight lines intersecting at right angles
Causality	The relationship between cause and effect
Complex terrain	Terrain that contains features that cause deviations in direction and turbulence from larger-scale wind flows
Configuring a model	Setting the parameters within a model to perform the desired task
Convection	Vertical movement of air generated by surface heating
Convective boundary layer	The layer of the atmosphere containing convective air movements
Data assimilation	The use of observations to improve model results – commonly carried out in meteorological modelling
Default setting	The standard (sometimes recommended) operating value of a model parameter
Diagnostic wind model (DWM)	A model that extrapolates a limited amount of current wind data to a 3-D grid for the current time. It is the 'now' aspect and makes the model 'diagnostic'.
Diffusion	Clean air mixing with contaminated air through the process of molecular motion. Diffusion is a very slow process compared to turbulent mixing.
Dispersion	The lowering of the concentration of pollutants by the combined processes of advection and diffusion
Dispersion coefficients	Variables that describe the lateral and vertical spread of a plume or a puff
Dry deposition	Removal of pollutants by deposition on the surface. Many different processes (including gravity) cause this effect.
Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO)	Sasol South Africa (Pty) Limited operating through its Secunda Synfuels Operations.
Secunda Chemicals Operations (SCO)	Sasol South Africa (Pty) Limited operating through its Secunda Chemicals Operations.

Atmospheric Impact Report:

The Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) is provided for Sasol's Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) and Sasol's Secunda Chemical Operations (SCO). Hereafter, SSO and SCO will be referred to as the Secunda Operations.

1 ENTERPRISE DETAILS

1.1 Enterprise Details

The details of Sasol's Secunda Operations are summarised in Table 1-1. The contact details of the responsible person, the emission control officer, are provided in Table 1-2.

Table 1-1: Enterprise details

Enterprise Name	Sasol South Africa Limited operating through its Secunda Operations
Trading as	Sasol Synfuels
Type of Enterprise	1979/002735/07
Company Registration Number	Synfuels Road
	Sasol Synfuels
	Secunda
	2302
Registered Address	Private Bag X1000
	Secunda
	2302
Telephone Number (General)	017 610 2627
Fax Number (General)	
Company Website	www.sasol.com
Industry Type/Nature of Trade	Petrochemical industry
Land Use Zoning as per Town Planning Scheme	Industrial
Land Use Rights if Outside Town Planning Scheme	n/a

Table 1-2: Contact details of responsible person

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Name of VP SHE Secunda Synfuels Operations:	Simon van Renssen

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1.2 Location and Extent of the Plant

Table 1-3: Location and extent of the plant

Physical Address of the Plant	Synfuels Road
	Sasol Synfuels
	Secunda, 2302
Description of Site (Where no Street Address)	Highveld Ridge Mpumalanga
Coordinates of Approximate Centre of Operations	Latitude: 26.5530 S
	Longitude: 29.16484 E
Extent	24.05 km ²
Elevation Above Sea Level	1 597m
Province	Mpumalanga
Metropolitan/District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality
Local Municipality	Govan Mbeki Local Municipality
Designated Priority Area	Highveld Priority Area

1.3 Atmospheric Emission Licence and other Authorisations

The following licences related to air quality management are applicable. The License in bold text is the License applicable for the postponement application supported by this AIR.

- Atmospheric Emission License:
 - Govan Mbeki Sasol South Africa Limited Sasol Synfuels 0016/2018/F03 04 May 2018 issued to Sasol in respect of its Secunda Synfuels Operations, formerly Sasol Synfuels and SCO
 - Govan Mbeki Sasol Chemical Industries (Pty)Ltd 0017/2014/F01 issued to Sasol in respect of Secunda Synfuels
 - Govan Mbeki/ Sasol South Africa (Pty)Ltd Polymers/0021/2015/F02 issued to Sasol in respect of Sasol Polymers
 - Govan Mbeki / Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd / 0018/2015/F02 issued to Sasol in respect of Sasol Group Services.
 - Govan Mbeki / Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd Govan Mbeki Sasol Nitro/0020/2015/F02 issued to Sasol in respect of Sasol Nitro.
- Other: None

2 NATURE OF THE PROCESS

2.1 Listed Activities

A summary of listed activities currently undertaken at the Secunda Operations is provided in Table 2-1.

Category of Listed Activity	Sub- category of the Listed Activity	Listed Activity name	Description of the Listed Activity
1	1.1	Solid Fuel Combustion installations	Solid fuels combustion installations used primarily for steam raising or electricity generation
I	1.4	Gas Combustion Installations	Gas combustion (including gas turbines burning natural gas) used primarily for steam raising or electricity generation
2	2.1	Combustion installation	Combustion installation not used primarily for steam raising or electricity generation (furnaces and heaters)
Z	2.2	Catalytic cracking	Refinery catalytic cracking units
	3.3	Tar processes	Processes in which tar, creosote or any other product of distillation of tar is distilled or is heated in any manufacturing process
3	3.6	Synthetic gas production and clean up	The production and clean-up of a gaseous stream derived from coal gasification and includes gasification, separation and clean-up of a raw gas stream through a process that involves sulfur removal and Rectisol as well as the stripping of a liquid tar stream derived from the gasification process
4	4.2	Combustion installation	Combustion installation not used primarily for steam raising and electricity generation (except drying)
4	4.7	Electric Arc Furnaces	Electric arc furnaces in the steel making industry
5	5.1	Storage and handling of ore and coal	Storage and handling of ore and coal not situated on the premises of a mine or works as defined in the Mines Health and Safety Act 29/1996
6	6	Organic Chemical Industry	The production or use in production of organic chemicals not specified elsewhere including acetylene, acetic, maleic or phthalic anhydride or their acids, carbon disulphide, pyridine, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, acrolein and its derivatives, amines and synthetic rubber.
7	7.1	Production and or use in manufacturing of ammonia, fluorine, fluorine compounds, chlorine and hydrogen cyanide	Production and or use in manufacturing of ammonia, fluorine, fluorine compounds, chlorine and hydrogen cyanide and chlorine gas (excluding metallurgical processes related activities regulated under category 4)
	7.2	Production of acids	Production, bulk handling and or use of Sulfuric acid in concentration exceeding 10 %
8	8.1	Thermal treatment of General and Hazardous Waste	Facilities where general and hazardous waste are treated by the application of heat

Table 2-1: Listed activities

2.2 Process Description

A description on the process units operating at the Secunda Operations is provided below.

2.2.1 Utilities

2.2.1.1 Steam Plant

Steam is used in various processes throughout the factory and for generating electricity. The Steam plant generates steam from 17 boilers using fine coal and boiler feed water. Electricity is generated by means of 10 steam driven turbine generators.

Steam Plant (Unit 43 /243) supplies process steam for the Gasification process, as well as drive steam for the turbines at Synthol and Oxygen East. Make-up steam is let down to satisfy deficits on the MP and LP factory steam headers. The balance of the steam produced is used to generate electricity.

U43 and 243 both have eight Babcock boilers, while U243 has a ninth boiler built by ICAL. Electricity is generated in turbogenerator sets rated at 60 MWe. There are 6 and 4 turbo-generators at both Unit 43 and Unit 243 respectively, resulting in combined generation capacity of 600 MWe.

The operating philosophy of steam plant is such that the steam header pressure control is done by manipulating the boilers and turbo generator load.

2.2.1.2 Gas Turbines

Two gas turbines provide additional electricity generating capacity. Natural gas from Mozambique and Methane Rich Gas (MRG) from Cold Separation (Gas Circuit) are used as the feed streams.

The open cycle gas turbine (OCGT) power plant consists of 2 x GE PG9171 (E) gas turbine generators and associated plant. The nominal output from each gas turbine is approximately 104 MW. The gas turbines utilise natural gas as fuel. The exhaust gas from the gas turbines is used to generate high pressure steam in Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG). Each gas turbine has its own boiler with supporting boiler feed water pre-conditioning equipment as well as own blow down equipment. Each HRSG is at 163 t/h MCR 40 bar (g) steam production.

There are two gas turbine (GT) trains which are operated independently in parallel. Each GT train has a maximum operating generation capacity of 104 MW during summer months and 110 – 118 MW during winter months. The GTs has a design generation capacity of 118 MW. The Gas Turbines supply electricity into the Eskom grid.

2.2.2 Gas Production

2.2.2.1 Coal processing

Coal is conveyed from Sasol Coal Supply (SCS) to Coal Processing (Unit 01 / 201) where it gets screened. The coarse fraction (oversize material) is conveyed to Coal Distribution (Unit 02 / 202) from where it is transferred via conveyer belts to tripper cars to fill the different bunkers of the gasifiers. The smaller fraction (undersized material) is transferred by means of gravity for dewatering purposes. The oversized material from the screens is transferred to a centrifuge where further dewatering takes place. The undersized material from the screens are transferred in a slurry launder to the thickener system where flocculent is added to aid in the settling of the coal particles. The underflow of the thickeners is pumped to the filter section where the slurry is dewatered by means of vacuum filtration. The filter cake is removed from the filter cloth with the aid of a compressed air cycle. The filter cake and centrifuge product combine to be used as feed to the Steam Plant (Unit 43 / 243).

2.2.2.2 Gasification and Raw Gas Cooling

84 Sasol® FBDB™ gasifiers (42 gasifiers at each unit, 10 and 210), are used to gasify coarse coal using high pressure superheated steam and oxygen. The Sasol® FBDB™ gasifier is a commercially proven process for the conversion of coal feedstock into synthesis gas. In this process, the following streams are formed:

- Raw gas which is transferred to Raw Gas Cooling and then to Rectisol for further purification
- Ash as a waste stream that is processed by the Inside Ash
- Gas Liquor (a water stream) is transferred to Gas Liquor Separation to separate tars, oils and solids from the aqueous phase.

Wet gasification coal (the coarse fraction) is sent to the coal storage at the top of each gasifier. Coal is loaded to each gasifier using batch operated coal locks. Inside the gasifiers, coal reacts with steam and oxygen mixture producing crude (raw) gas containing hydrogen, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, steam, as well as small concentrations of hydrocarbons, tars, oils, phenols, ammonia and many more.

Hot gas leaving the gasifiers is quenched to remove solids and heavy tars and then cooled in heat exchangers at Raw Gas Cooling (units 11 & 211) before it is sent to Rectisol for further purification.

During gasification process, mineral matter contained in coal is oxidised and ash is produced. The ash is intermittently removed from the bottom of the gasifier via an automatically operated ash lock hopper, quenched with water and sent to Inside Ash unit for processing and disposal.

The gas liquor containing dissolved oil, phenols, tar acids, organic acids and ammonia, is worked-up in the Gas Liquor Separation, Phenosolvan, Ammonia Recovery and biological Water Recovery effluent treatment plants, before it is used as make-up water to the process cooling towers.

2.2.2.3 Rectisol

The main function of Rectisol is to remove acid gases, such as carbon dioxide (CO_2) and hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), together with other impurities from the raw gas produced by Gasification. The resulting cleaned gas, called pure gas, is the feedstock to the Synthol plant.

The CO₂ and H₂S-containing off gas streams are routed to Sulfur plant and Wet Sulfuric Acid for further processing.

2.2.3 Gas Circuit

2.2.3.1 Benfield

Tail Gas from Synthol (gas synthesis section) passes through a knock-out drum and a filter coalescer to remove any liquid droplets from the feed gas. The gas is then heated by heat exchange with hot potassium carbonate solution and enters the absorber column. CO₂ is absorbed from the gas stream into the potassium carbonate absorption medium. The cleaned gas then passes through a knock-out drum into the DEA system, which acts as a CO₂ removal polishing unit. The sweetened gas then passes through a cryogenic separation unit called Cold Separation.

The rich (loaded with CO₂) potassium carbonate solution is regenerated by flashing the solution and by reboil in the regeneration column. The CO₂ and steam mixture is released to atmosphere and the lean potassium carbonate is re-circulated to the absorber column. A similar recycle and regeneration process is used in the DEA system. The CO₂ and steam stripped from the DEA solution, joins the carbonate regeneration column and is released to atmosphere. Condensate is added to both regeneration columns (carbonate and DEA) to make up for the water lost to atmosphere.

2.2.3.2 Catalyst Manufacturing and Catalyst Reduction

The Synthol (SAS) reactors are based on high temperature Fischer – Tropsch technology and uses a catalyst. The catalyst is manufactured at the Catalyst Manufacturing units.

2.2.4 Refining

2.2.4.1 Tar Distillation Units (UNIT 14/214)

The purpose of this unit is to fractionate crude tar, originating from Gasification, into different fractions, which is then used as feed for downstream units. These fractions (from low to high boiling point) include light naphtha, heavy naphtha, medium creosote, heavy creosote, residue oil and pitch.

2.2.4.2 Unit 27A

The purpose of Unit 27A is to remove the neutral oils contained in the HNO-DTA (high neutral oil depitched tar acids) feed, producing LNO-DTA (low neutral oil depitched tar acids). Unit 27A is the final processing step in the Tar Acid Value Chain (TAVC) on the Secunda site. The LNO-DTA consists mainly of phenols, cresols and xylenols) that are extracted from the gas liquor stream at Phenosolvan into crude tar acids (CTA), from where the majority of pitch is removed in the Primary Depitchers where the distillate product HNO-DTA is sent to Unit 27A.

2.2.4.3 Unit 74

The CTA feed stream to the Primary Depitcher at Phenosolvan is split into the side draw, HNO-DTA stream going to Unit 27A and the phenolic pitch bottoms stream that is fed to Unit 74. A secondary depitcher recovers the remaining PCX's from the phenolic pitch stream.

2.2.4.4 Coal tar Naphtha Hydrogenation (Unit 15/215)

The purpose of this unit is to hydro treat a combined feed of Rectisol naphtha, light naphtha and heavy naphtha from Unit 14/214 to remove phenolic and nitrogen compounds. Olefin saturation and sulfur removal also takes place to produce a product acceptable for utilisation in the petrol pool. The liquid product is fed to a H₂S stripper where the sour water is removed from the product stream. The final product goes to storage to be used as blending component in petrol.

2.2.4.5 Creosote Hydrogenation Unit (Unit 228)

The purpose of this unit is to hydrotreat heavy tar derived cuts to produce creosote, naphtha and diesel. The plant receives medium creosote, heavy creosote and residue oil from units 14/214. The unit also receives MTP, FFC, coker gas oil and waxy oil transfer material from unit 39 and this if fed to the unit as a percentage of the U2/14's feed streams. The one product stream

containing high naphthene and aromatic content is routed to the platformer, while the other stream (creosote diesel) is a final diesel blending component.

2.2.4.6 Naphtha Hydrotreater, Platformer and CCR (Unit 30/230 and Unit 31/231)

The naphtha hydrotreater is a catalytic refining process used to saturate olefins and remove oxygenates. The feed for the naphtha hydrotreater is naphtha cut originating from Synthol light oil, distillate naphtha from the distillate hydrotreater (Unit 35/235) and creosote naphtha from U228. After the hydrotreating reactors a high concentration hydrogen gas stream, hydrogen sulphide (produced) rich gas stream and sour water (produces and added) is separated from the hydrocarbon stream at various points. The hydrocarbon stream is separated into an IP and platformer feed stream.

Platforming is a catalytic refining process employing a selected catalyst to convert low quality naphtha into an aromatic rich, high octane product while also yielding a LPG stream. The LPG stream is routed to U32/232 or to a petrol component tank depending on season. The hydrocarbon stream is routed to the petrol component tanks.

During a normal operating cycle, platforming catalyst deactivates due to excessive carbon build-up. The catalyst is continuously removed from the platforming reactors and sent to the CCR unit, where the carbon is burnt off the catalyst restoring the activity of the catalyst.

2.2.4.7 Catalytic Distillation Hydrotreater (Unit 78)

The U78 CD Hydro Unit is designed to individually hydro-isomerizes C5 and C6+ hydrocarbons produce a diene-free C5 feedstock to the Skeletal Isomerization unit (U90) and eventually the TAME unit.

The C5 CDHydro product from the column's bottoms is routed to the Skeletal Isomerization unit, and eventually to the CDTame unit for TAME (tertiary amyl methyl ether) production. The C5 product can also be routed either to storage, directly to U79 or in combination of the mentioned scenarios.

2.2.4.8 CDTame Unit (Unit 79)

The CDTame Unit 79 converts a C5 product from the C5 CDHydro column via the Skeletal Isomerization Unit 90, to produce TAME. This C5 stream from U90 is fed to U79 reactors to recover TAME product.

2.2.4.9 C5 Isomerisation (Unit 90)

The C5 Skeletal Isomerisation Unit (Unit 90) produces branched chained iso-amylenes from the C5 olefinic feed from the C5 CD-Hydro Unit (Unit 78) which are required as feed to the CD-TAME Unit (Unit 79).

The C5 olefinic feed is sent to a reactor from where the heavy ends of C6 and higher are sent to the C6 storage facilities in Tank Farm and the light ends (C4 and lower) are sent to the Catalytic Polymerisation Unit (Unit 32). The bottoms product from the Debutaniser column is the C5 iso-amylene product that is sent to Unit 79.

2.2.4.10 Vacuum distillation (Unit 34/234)

The vacuum distillation unit (U34/234) separates the decanted oil (DO) stream from Synthol as well as the heavy components produced in U2/29. The products from this unit are light vacuum gas oil and heavy gas oil for unit 235 Diesel Hydrotreaters and a minimum amount of heavy fuel oil for U39 Carbo Tar.

2.2.4.11 Distillate Hydrotreater (U35/235)

The purpose of this unit is hydrotreating. The plant receives heavy components from stabilised light oil (SLO) and the lighter components from the vacuum distillation units (2/34). The hydrocarbon stream is separated into a naphtha, light diesel and a heavy stream. The naphtha stream is sent to the naphtha hydrotreaters (2/30), the distillate selective cracker (35DSC) and the light diesel is sent to the diesel component tanks.

2.2.4.12 Distillate Selective Cracker (U35)

The Distillate Selective Cracker (DSC) unit consist of two main sections- the cracking/dewaxing reactor reaction and the fractionation section. The main function of the reactor is to crack the heavy feed material into diesel range boiling material and to isomerize n-paraffin into iso-paraffin. The DSC fractionation section main purpose is to separate reactor effluent material into very light gasoline boiling range material, a heavy diesel cut and a fuel oil cut.

2.2.4.13 Light Oil Fractionation (Unit 29/229)

The purpose of this unit is to perform the primary fractionation for the Refinery facilities. The feed to the unit is SLO from Synthol. The unit produces a light C5/C6 stream for CD Hydro unit (U78), a naphtha product that feeds Octene and the Naphtha Hydro-treatment units (U2/30), a distillate stream that feeds Safol and Diesel Hydrotreaters (U2/35), a heavy product that feeds the vacuum distillation unit (U2/34).

2.2.4.14 Polymer Hydrotreater (Unit 33/233)

The purpose of this unit is to convert olefins to the corresponding paraffins. The feed to the unit comes from U2/32. The hydrocarbon stream is separated into petrol and diesel component stream.

2.2.4.15 Catalytic Polymerisation and LPG Recovery (Unit 32 / 232)

The purpose of this unit is to produce motor fuels namely petrol, diesel and jet fuel from a stream of C3/C4. Saturated C3's and C4's are sold as LPG.

2.2.4.16 Sasol Catalytic Converter (Unit 293)

The Sasol Catalytic Converter (SCC) Process is a Fluidized Catalytic Cracking (FCC) process, similar in configuration to a refinery FCC unit. Low molecular weight olefins and paraffins are converted to ethylene and propylene in a reactor. High octane gasoline is also produced.

2.2.5 Tar, Phenosolvan and Sulfur

2.2.5.1 Gas Liquor Separation

The purpose of the gas liquor separation unit is to separate various gaseous, liquid and solid components from the gas liquor streams. Dissolved gases are removed from the gas liquor by expansion to almost atmospheric pressure. The different liquids and solids are separated in separators by means of physical methods based on settling time and different densities.

Separation takes place by gravity at controlled temperatures and atmospheric pressure. The feed to the gas liquor separation unit originates from the cooling and washing of the raw gas from coal gasification. The raw gas contains large amounts of water vapours (steam, carbonization water and coal moistures) and by-products from carbonization such as tar, oil, naphtha, phenols, chlorine, fluorine and fatty acids. It also contains dissolved gases (mostly ammonia (NH₃), CO₂, and hydrogen (H₂)) and small amounts of combustible gases and coal dust as well as inorganic salts.

Feed streams originate in:

- Gasification (unit 10/210);
- Gas cooling (unit 11/211);
- Rectisol (unit 12/212);
- Phenosolvan (unit 16/216);
- Coal Tar Filtration (CTF) (on the Western site only);
- Refinery Unit 14 and 74;
- Carbo Tar.

2.2.5.2 Phenosolvan

The Phenosolvan (Unit 16 / 216) and Ammonia Recovery (Unit 17 / 217) plants are mainly water purification plants with the purpose to remove impurities such as suspended solids and oil as well as to recover pitch, phenols, organic waste, CO_2 , H_2S and NH_3 from the gas liquor before pumping the stripped gas liquor to Water Recovery (Unit 52 / 252) for re-use in the Synfuels factory as cooling water. Only phenols and ammonia are marketable products.

Unit 16 / 216 serves the purpose for gas liquor filtration, phenol and pitch extraction, solvent recovery and depitching of crude tar acids to produce depitched tar acids (DTA). Unit 17 / 217 serves the purpose for solvent recovery, acid gas removal, organic contaminants removal, ammonia recovery as well as purification and liquefaction of ammonia.

2.2.5.3 Sulfur Recovery

The plants receive the feed-gas from Rectisol for the absorption and conversion of H_2S prior to routing the H_2S lean gas to the stack. The off-gas from Sulfur plant is combined with the off-gas from Rectisol before being routed to the stack. The H_2S in the feed-gas from Rectisol is absorbed into the sulpholin liquor by means of venturi absorbers.

From the absorbers the liquor with absorbed H_2S goes into the reaction tanks where elemental sulfur is produced. In the reaction tanks vanadium (V) is an active oxidizing agent that oxidizes HS^- to elemental Sulfur. During this process vanadium is reduced to inactive vanadium (IV), which needs to be re-activated. The slurry from the reaction tanks is sent to two oxidizers arranged in series.

The sulfur slurry in the oxidizers is separated from the liquor by means of weirs in the last oxidizer. The Sulfur slurry from the last oxidizer falls directly into three (3) slurry tanks. From the slurry tanks, the slurry is pumped to decanters for the removal of the entrained liquor. The liquor is routed back to the process via the balance tank. The Sulfur rich cake from the decanters is re-pulped using wash condensate before it is pumped to the sulfur separator.

In the separator, the liquid sulfur is separated from water and sent down to the sulfur pit. From the pit, the liquid sulfur is transported by road trucks to the granulation plant for filtering and formation of sulfur granules.

During the conversion of HS⁻ to elemental sulfur and the re-oxidation of vanadium, salts such as NaSCN, NaHCO₃ and Na₂SO₄ are formed. A bleed stream from the discharge side of the circulation pump is routed to the sulphate plant to produce Sodium Sulphate as a by-product, thereby reducing the salt concentration of the circulation liquid.

2.2.5.4 Wet Sulfuric Acid Plant

The feed gas to Wet Sulfuric Acid (WSA) is sourced from Rectisol east (phase 3 and phase 4), which are routed to a knock out drum (per phase). The outlets of the knockout drums combine before Phenosolvan off gas joins the feed header into the WSA combustor where the feed gas is burned with fuel gas and hot air to form sulfur dioxide (SO₂) containing process gas.

After combustion the process gas is cooled in a waste heat boiler. The formed process gas, after being cooled down, leaves the waste heat boiler and dilution air is introduced to ensure sufficient oxygen content before entering a oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) converter. In the NO_x converter the nitrogen oxides are removed from the process gas. The reduction of the nitrogen oxides is carried out by the injection of ammonia into the process gas and subsequently passing the gas mixture over a catalyst where the nitrogen oxides react with the ammonia and are converted to nitrogen and water vapour.

From the NO_x converter the process gas is further processed in the SO₂ converter. The SO₂ in the process gas is oxidized catalytically. The SO₂ gas reacts with oxygen (O₂) to form SO₃ gas. The formed SO₃ gas reacts with the water vapour present in the process gas through exothermic hydration reaction, resulting in the formation of the sulfuric acid gas (H₂SO₄).

The process gas then enters the WSA condenser where it is further cooled by means of air in a glass tube heat exchanger, and the remaining part of the hydration reaction and the condensation of sulfuric acid take place. The produced sulfuric acid has a concentration of 96.5 wt%, with a maximum acid mist content of 20 ppm (by volume) when leaving the top of the WSA condenser. The hot sulfuric acid product will leave the bottom of the WSA condenser.

Normally, if no special precautions are taken, condensations of sulfuric acid vapour will result in a mist of very small acid droplets. These very small droplets cannot be separated from the process gas in the WSA condenser. Thus to overcome this problem four mist control units are installed. The cleaned gas leaves the top of the WSA condenser. Even though all four mist control units are well in operation, the clean gas will contain a small amount of remaining acid mist which is reduced by the Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP). The WESP consists of an empty column scrubber part, where the cleaned gas sprayed with weak acid and the precipitator part where the mist particles form a liquid film on the vertical collecting electrodes due to the strong electric field. The liquid film then runs down the electrodes to the scrubber sump and the cleaned gas proceeds to the stack where it's lead to the atmosphere.

2.2.5.5 Carbo Tar and Coal Tar Filtration

2.2.5.5.1 Coker (Unit 39)

The Delayed Coker Plant receives the so called bottom of the barrel products from upstream units to produce coke. The plant mainly operates in three different modes to produce three different types of coke. These modes are the normal MTP (medium temperature pitch) mode, Waxy Oil (WO) mode and the hybrid mode, which is a 70:30% blend between MTP and FCC (fluidised catalytic cracker) slurry.

Reactions and Catalyst

The Coker Plant produces green coke using a delayed coking process, which involves thermal cracking of the feedstock (pitch, WO or FCC slurry) at elevated temperatures and long residence time at specific conditions. The basic reaction that takes place is: $HC + Impurities = C + Impurities + Vapour (H_2O & Volatile material).$

2.2.5.5.2 Calciner (Unit 75)

The coke calcining unit, (U75) receives green Coke from the Delayed Coker plant (U39) and thermally upgrades the green coke to produce calcined Coke. U39 processes three basic types of feed: WO, MTP and Hybrid (70%-30% MTP-FCC slurry blend) green coke. From these feed stocks, U39 produce seven different grades of green coke, of which five are calcined and sent to the market.

2.2.5.5.3 Coal Tar Filtration (Unit 96)

At Unit 096 tar is received from the Gas Liquor Separation units (Unit 13 and 213). Solids and water is removed from the tar. The solids get removed by means of decanters and filters while water gets removed by means of a force feed evaporator. The solids get trucked to the Mixing plant where it is mixed with fine coal and fed to the boilers. The final tar product is pumped to tank farm as feed for the Tar distillation units (Unit 14 and Unit 214).

2.2.5.5.4 Feed Preparation (Unit 86)

The purpose of the Feed Preparation Plant (U86) is to clean-up heavy residue streams from tanks and dams containing solids and water; the feed streams can vary depending on availability. The plant consists of two Trains; Train 1 processes WO related product, which is obtained from the American Petroleum Institute (API) dams; and Train 2 processes the crude tar from various sources and also serves as a Coal Tar Filtration (CTF) contingency.

Train 1 can also be utilised to process tar when there are very high tank levels from Tank Farm (256TK 1401/2). Through the series of processes, water and solids are removed from the contaminated feed streams and made available to customers such as heating fuels and Tar Distillation Units (U(2)14).

2.2.5.5.5 Calciner (Unit 76)

This unit is a storage facility for final products from the calciner Unit 075 and distribution via rail and road trucks of different sizes, quantities and products.

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2.2.6 Water and Ash

2.2.6.1 Multi hearth sludge incinerator

Waste activated sludge is burned in 4 twelve bed multi hearth type incinerators (2 per unit). Each incinerator has two burner chambers designed such that each chamber can be supplied with fuel gas. Combustion and cooling air is also introduced to the incinerator. Thickened waste activated sludge is fed into the incinerators. Off-gas, slurry and ash exit the incinerator.

2.2.6.2 HOW Incinerator

The purpose of the HOW incinerator is to burn concentrated high organic waste (HOW) and gas fumes from Phenosolvan and Ammonia recovery (U17/217).

The interior of the incinerator consists of a horizontal combustion chamber that has been lined with fireproof bricks out of a kind of ceramic that is extremely heatproof. The burner is a combination burner for optional or simultaneous combustion of fuel gas and HOW and is mounted to the front of the combustion chamber. The product is atomized with steam in the burner. Fuel gas serves as the pilot flame to ignite the HOW. For this reason, the fuel gas flame must be kept burning permanently. Oxygen is required for combustion. In this case, a controlled quantity of air is provided to the burner called primary air (combustion air). Warm air containing combustion gases is let out to the atmosphere through the chimney.

2.2.6.3 Sewage Incinerator

The purpose of the domestic sewage plant is to treat all sewage from Secunda town and ablution facilities from Sasol Secunda site, upgrading it to render it suitable to discharge to the river. The process can be divided into the following sections:

- Inlet works (primary treatment section)
- Biological Section (secondary treatment section)
- Polishing section (tertiary treatment section)

Untreated sewage enters the inlet works where screening and removal of grit takes place. The flow then moves to the biological section where the removal of soluble and particulate organic material is removed from raw sewage. The last section (polishing section) is where further removal of suspended solids takes place, as well as and the sanitation of effluent before the effluent is released to the river. The function of the sewage incinerator is to burn waste screenings from the primary treatment section. The products are ash and combustion gases.

2.2.6.4 Thermal Oxidizer

In order to prevent atmospheric pollution from the storage tanks and vessels that contain volatile organic compounds (VOC's), it gets vented to a thermal oxidizer. It consists of a piping/ducting system to draw vapours from the following tanks:

- Oily Waste Tanks (TK2005/11/12)
- Phenolic Waste Tanks (TK2002/4)
- Organic Waste Tanks (TK2006)
- Flare knock out water (TK2003)
- Quarantine Waste Tank (TK2016)
- Recovered oil Tank (TK2009)
- APS storage tank (TK2512)

- Hydrocarbon Equalization Tank (TK2501)
- API Separator (TK2505)
- Recovered Oil Tank (TK2510)
- DAF Separator (DAF 2501)
- Area 10 Loading Arms (ME 1010/1011/1013)

2.2.7 Nitro Fertilizer

Sasol Nitro Fertilizer Ammonium Nitrate plant was designed by Weatherly. This plant was revamped in 1996 and a new Horizontal Pipe Reactor (RE203) from KALTENBACH-THURING was introduced to produce the 88% concentrated Ammonium Nitrate Solution (ANS) and improve both the production and the steam scrubbing column efficiencies.

The concentrated 88% ANS produced is used for the manufacturing of the LAN (Limestone Ammonium Nitrate) products and part of this is sold to the customers. ANS is also sent to the downstream Nitro Explosives plant.

The plant produces 1,400 metric tons/day of 88% Ammonium Nitrate Solution (ANS) from Ammonia gas, 60% Nitric Acid as feedstock and condensate. Liquid Ammonia from the Ammonia bullet is evaporated in the ammonia vaporizer. The ammonia gas is then transferred to the pipe reactor where it is mixed in ratio with the nitric acid from the storage tank for the manufacturing of the 88% Ammonium Nitrate Solution (ANS).

The chemical reaction takes place at the temperature of between 125 – 140 °C and is as follows: $NH_3 + HNO_3 \rightarrow NH_4NO_3 + 86.9$ KJ (exothermic reaction).

2.2.8 The Ammonium Sulphate (AMS) plant

The plant forms part of the sulphur reduction initiative in Secunda and utilise sulphuric acid and ammonia as feedstock.

Sulphuric acid is sourced from the wet gas sulphuric acid (WSA) plant at Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) and ammonia from the existing ammonia bullets at the Sasol Nitro site.

The plant produces one grade of AMS that is split into two groups namely coated and uncoated product. Uncoated product is used for blending with Limestone Ammonium Nitrate (LAN) to increase the strength and the structural stability of the LAN granules. Blending takes place in the LAN plant. Coated product is bagged and sold as fertiliser.

AMS is produced by the direct reaction between ammonia gas and concentrated sulphuric acid within the body of the crystalliser.

The chemistry involved is: $2NH_3 + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow (NH_4)2SO_4 + Heat$

The reaction results in the super-saturation and crystallisation of AMS, with heat which results in water evaporation. The crystalliser design parameters are carefully selected to provide good conditions for crystal growth

2.2.9 LAN (Limestone Ammonium Nitrate) Granulation Plant produces LAN fertilizer from Ammonium Nitrate

The plant consists of four major process sections:

• Liquid concentration process, i.e. concentrating Ammonium Nitrate (AN) from a concentration of 83% to 99.8%.

- Granulation and Solids handling process, i.e. solid feeds into the plant (limestone and AMS), solids separation (screening), crushing and recycle loops as well as the main granulation process.
- Product cooling and Conditioning; conditioning of product for storage including cooling product and coating of
 product with ant-caking agent.
- Utilities distribution, i.e. 5, 11 and 13 Bar Steam; Demineralized water for seal water, Utility water; Cooling water; Fire water; Utility and instrument air.
- Effluent and emissions handling, i.e. Air scrubber and liquid effluent recycle and handling processes.

2.2.10 Nitric Acid Production

Ammonia is received from Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO). The NH₃ is sent to the Nitric Acid plant to be used as feedstock for the nitric acid production. NH3 and HNO3 is then used as feed stock for the ammonium nitrate (AN) production.

The HNO₃ produced is distributed as follows:

- HNO₃ is sent to Ammonium Nitrate Plant to produce Ammonium Nitrate (AN). AN then used as feedstock to Nitro Explosives Plants and in the Limestone Ammonia Nitrate (LAN) Plant where it is used to produce Fertilizers.
- HNO₃ is sold to outside clients on an ad-hoc basis.

2.3 Unit Processes

Unit process considered listed activities under the National Environmental Management Air Quality Act (NEMAQA) are summarised in Table 2-2. The listed activity for which the postponement is applied is indicated as bold text.

Name of the Unit Process	Unit Process Function	Batch or Continuous Process	Listed Activity Sub- category
Steam Plant	Produces steam for process units	Continuous	1.1
Gas Turbines	Electricity generation and raising steam	Continuous	1.4
Gasification	Gasification of coal	Continuous	3.6
Gas cooling	Cooling of the gasification products, separation of the condensable products of gasification	Continuous	3.6
Tar Value Chain	Separation of the gasification tar stream	Continuous	3.3
Rectisol	Cleaning of the Gasification gas	Continuous	3.6
Phenosolvan	Processing of the Gasification water stream	Continuous	3.6
Sulfur Processing	Removal of H ₂ S from gas exiting the factory	Continuous	3.6
Wet Sulfuric acid	Removal of H ₂ S from gas exiting the factory, production of sulfuric acid	Continuous	7.2
Catalyst manufacturing	Catalyst preparation for SAS reactors	Continuous and semi-batch	4.2 4.7

Table 2-2: List of unit processes considered listed activities under NEMAQA

Name of the Unit Process	Unit Process Function	Batch or Continuous Process	Listed Activity Sub- category
Refinery	Production of synthetic fuels and products	Continuous	2
Benfield	Remove carbon dioxide from tail gas entering Cold Separation process, thereby preventing freeze blockages	Continuous	6
Incineration	Incineration of waste products	Continuous	8.1

For completeness, all unit processes for the Secunda Operations are listed in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3	Unit	processes	at the	Secunda	Operations
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Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process	
	Utilities		
Coal milling process	There are 4 mills per boiler. The mill grinds the course coal to fine coal, which is known as pulverized fuel (PF). Primary air dries the coal and then transports the PF into the boiler furnace for combustion.	Continuous	
De-aeration process	The feed water de-aerators make use of low pressure steam to heat up the feed water as well as to remove the oxygen from the feed water. Oxygen causes corrosion inside the boiler tubes if it is present. Chemical dosing into the de-aerator discharge line also helps to remove the oxygen.	Continuous	
Combustion process	The PF is combusted in the 17 boilers and the hot flue gases are used to heat up the water in the water wall tubes. The hot flue gases containing ash and other gases are used to heat up the primary air while being extracted from the boiler furnace via the induced draught fans. The heated water is separated in the steam- water drum and reintroduced into the boiler to be superheated before supplied to the factory as superheated steam.	Continuous	
Flashing process	Blow down from the steam/water and mud drum as well as drains are flashed in the blow down vessel to 4bar steam.	Continuous	
Ash capture and handling process	The flue gas contains fly ash and coarse ash. The fly ash is separated from the flue gas using electrostatic precipitators. The ash which is not captured by the electrostatic precipitators is sent up the stack. The coarse ash falls from the furnace section into drag chains. Both the coarse and fly ash is mixed with water and pumped to the ash system.	Continuous	
Electricity generation process	Excess superheated steam not used in the process is used to generate electricity in turbo-generators. There are 10 turbo generators with a capacity of 60MW.	Continuous	
Burner oil for start-up process	Burner oil is used during start up and shutdown of boilers. Burner oil is also used when coal milling is stopped for maintenance.	Intermittent	
Gas turbine	Power generation by burning natural gas	Continuous	
Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG)	Steam is generated using the hot off gas from the gas turbines. The steam generation includes a boiler, economisers, evaporators, and super heaters. Superheated steam is generated from this process at 425°C and 4300kPag with a maximum flow of 163t/h per boiler.	Continuous	
Gas Production			
<u>Coal Processing</u>			
Separation	Separation of fine and course coal	Continuous	
Gasilication			
Gasification and Raw Gas	Sasol® FBDB™ Gasification Process	Continuous	

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Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process
	Rectisol	
Absorption	Washes the raw gas in order to remove CO ₂ , H ₂ S, BTEX's and other organic and inorganic compounds	Continuous
Regeneration	Purification of methanol	Continuous
	Gas Circuit	
	Benfield	
Benfield	The purpose of the Benfield Process is to remove Carbon Dioxide from the tail gas entering the Cold Separation thereby preventing freeze blockages.	Continuous
	Catalyst preparation	
Catalyst Manufacturing	Manufacturing of catalyst for the Synthol process.	Continuous (Arc furnace is semi- batch process)
Catalyst Reduction	The purpose of this system is to activate the catalyst before it is fed to the reactors.	Batch
	Refinery	
	Generic Refinery Unit Processes	
Tank	The feed tank serves as feed reserve tank. This is for a holdup for the polymerisation of the mixed feed components and for the separation of entering water.	Continuous
Vaporiser	The vaporizer separates the light ends from the heavy ends. Saturated high pressure (HP) steam is used to vapourise the feed.	Continuous
Distillation column	The purpose of the columns is to purify hydrocarbon streams as well as separation of the hydrocarbon streams into various components.	Continuous
CD Hydro Hydrogenation Columns	To hydrotreat and separate hydrocarbons.	Continuous
Separation and collection drums	It's used to separate streams into lighter and heavier components.	Continuous
Hydrotreating reactors	The reactors are used to saturate olefins and oxygenates. To remove nitrogen and sulfide components as well as removing other impurities in the presence of hydrogen.	Continuous
Platforming reactors	The reactors convert low quality naphtha in the presence of hydrogen, into an aromatic rich, high octane product.	Continuous
U90-Skeletal isomerisation reactor	The purpose of the skeletal isomerization unit is to convert the C5 feed from the CD-Hydro unit to isoamylenes as feed to the CD-TAME unit	Continuous
Catalytic polymerisation	The purpose of this unit is to produce motor fuels namely petrol, diesel and jet fuel from a stream of C3/C4.	Continuous
Heat exchangers	There are a large number of heat exchangers that is used to heat up, cool down, vaporise and condense the hydrocarbon streams. There is a combination of product, product exchangers (two process exchangers exchanging energy) as well as product utility exchangers.	Continuous
Air coolers	The air coolers are used to cool down and condense hydrocarbon streams	Continuous
Ejectors	The equipment is used to generate a negative gauge pressure (vacuum). There are a number of plants in the refinery that utilises vacuum conditions for the separation of hydrocarbon streams	Continuous
Compressors	The compressors are used to increase and or maintain the high operating pressures of the refinery processes. There are reciprocal, centrifugal and turbine compressors used in the refinery environment	Continuous

Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process
Pumps	The pumps used in the refinery are centrifugal, multi stage and positive displacement pumps	Continuous
Electrical heaters	The electrically heater is normally not in operation. The heater is primarily provided for catalyst regeneration and is also used to heat up the main reactor for start-up.	Start-up and as required
Heaters	The heaters are used to heat up hydrocarbon and gas streams	Continuous
Secunda Catalytic Cracker	Low molecular weight olefins and paraffins are converted to ethylene and propylene in a reactor. High octane gasoline is also produced.	Continuous
Catalyst Fines system and Waste Heat Boiler	The purpose of the unit is to recover catalyst fines from the flue gas. The waste heat boiler cools the flue gas against boiler feed water to produce high pressure steam.	Continuous
	Gas Clean-up equipment	
Reactors	The numose of the unit is to remove oxygen, acid gasses and moisture from the	
DEA and Caustic sections	process gas.	Continuous
Liquid Dryers	The purpose of the unit is to remove water from the C3 stream.	Continuous
Propylene Refrigerant system	The propylene refrigeration system is a closed-loop system providing three levels of refrigeration, -39°C, -22°C and 4°C.	Continuous
	Tar distillation units	
Water Stripper (14VL101/201; 214VL101/201)	The crude tar that is fed to the stripper is heated in a number of heat exchangers. This feed is then stripped of water in VL101. The overhead vapours of the stripper are then condensed and the water free crude tar is sent to VL102.	Continuous
Distillation Column (14VL102/202; 214VL102/202)	This column is operated at atmospheric pressure and superheated stripping steam is fed to the bottom section to control the temperature. The distillation tower is heated up by the tar furnace 14HT-101. The overhead vapours being mainly water and light naphtha are condensed. In the distillation tower 14VL-102 heavy naphtha, medium creosote and heavy creosote are recovered as side streams of the tower.	Continuous
Reflux Drum (14DM102/202; 214DM102/202)	The condensed vapours of both VL101 and Vl102 are fed to this drum where the water is separated from the light naphtha. The water overflows into the sewer, the hydrocarbons are partly sent as reflux to 14 VL101 and 14 VL102, and partly routed as light naphtha product to the tank.	Continuous
Flash Drum (14DM104/204; 214DM104/204)	The net bottom product of the distillation tower is withdrawn from the tar furnace (14HT-101) circulation stream and sent to the flash drum 14DM-104. In this drum, operating under vacuum, separation between pitch and residue oil is achieved by one stage flash evaporation.	Continuous
Heavy Creosote Process Vessel (14DM106/206; 214DM106/206)	This vessel stores heavy creosote which is a side draw from VL102 before it is pumped to tank farm.	Continuous
Medium Creosote Process Vessel (14DM107/207; 214DM107/207)	This vessel stores medium creosote which is a side draw from VL102 before it is pumped to tank farm.	Continuous
Heavy Naphtha Process Vessel (14DM108/208; 214DM108/208)	This vessel stores heavy naphtha which is a side draw from VL102 before it is pumped to tank farm.	Continuous
Pitch Drum (14DM109/209; 214DM109/209)	The bottoms product of 14DM104 is pitch, which passes via a barometric pipe to pitch cooler 14 ES114 and to the pitch drum 14DM109, from where it is pumped to Carbo Tar, unit 39 or Tank Farm.	Continuous

Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process
Residue oil Drum (14DM110/210; 214DM110/210)	The top product of the flash drum 14DM104 is residue oil, which is condensed in 14ES115, a steam producing heat exchanger, and then travels via 14DM111 along a barometric pipe to the residue oil drum 14DM110 from where it is pumped by 14PC108 to battery limit.	Continuous
Heaters (14HT101/201; 214HT101/201)	This furnace is used to heat a high circulating bottoms product from 14VL102 and thus control the temperature of the column.	Continuous
	Unit 27A	
Neutral oil stripper (27VL101)	The purpose of this stripper is to remove the neutral oils contained in the HNO-DTA (high neutral oil depitched tar acids) feed, producing LNO-DTA (low neutral oil depitched tar acids).	Continuous
Flash Drum (27DM103)	This drum flashes the neutral oil from the water and the neutral oil rich stream goes to 27DM1 and the water rich stream is recycled back to the column.	Continuous
Separator Drum (27DM1)	The stream from 27DM103 that is rich in neutral oil is cooled and sent to 27DM1 for separation.	Continuous
	<u>Unit 74</u>	
Vacuum Distillation (74VL101)	This is a secondary depitcher column that flashes phenolic pitch and fractionate the stream to recover as much phenolic material possible in the side draw, without entraining catechol or any heavy ends. The column operates under a vacuum. The depitched tar acids are drawn off from the top of the column and are the product and the pitch at the bottom is sent to unit 14/214 and CarboTar.	Continuous
Coal tar naphtha hydrogenation		
Feed Tank (15TK-101)	The feed tank serves as feed reserve tank. This is for a holdup for the polymerisation of the mixed feed components and for the separation of entering water.	Continuous
Vaporizer (15EX-101)	The vaporizer separates the light ends (Naphtha) from the heavy ends (residue oil). Saturated HP steam is used to vaporise the feed.	Continuous
Residue Stripper (15VL- 101)	The purpose of the residue stripper is to strip the remaining low boiling components by means of super-heated recycle gas.	Continuous
Residue Oil Collection Drum (15DM-102)	Residue oil from the residue stripper is collected in the residue oil collect drum and is continuously pumped to tank farm.	Continuous
Pre-reactor (15RE-101)	The bottom of the pre-reactor accommodates a separator, which retains any entrained liquid droplets, before the hydrocarbon vapor mixture enters the pre-reactor. The pre-reactor is filled with catalyst.	Continuous
Main Reactor (15RE-102)	Recycle gas and a hydrocarbon vapour mixture passes through the main reactor. A quench stream of cold recycle gas is used between the two main reactor beds to prevent H ₂ S from reacting back to mercaptans or thiophenes and to prevent severe hydrogenation.	Continuous
HP separator (15DM-106)	Separates the raffinate from the gas.	Continuous
Medium Pressure Naphtha Water Separator (15DM-107)	The medium pressure naphtha water separator is a three phase separator, firstly to separate the gas liquid mixture and secondly to separate the organic aqueous liquid mixture. The gas/raffinate and condensate are separated under gravity, due to their density difference. The water and product is separated by a gooseneck. The entrained injection and reaction water separated is discharged from the bottom of the separator's water compartment directly to unit 16/216 as waste water, or to the oily water sewer during upset conditions	Continuous

Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process		
H ₂ S Stripper (15VL-102)	The hydrogenated naphtha product is stripped of water, H_2S , NH_3 and other dissolved gases.	Continuous		
Naphtha hydrotreater, platformer and CCR				
Naphtha reactors System	Saturation of olefins	Continuous		
NHT Charge Heater	Heating of NHT reactor feed	Continuous		
Separation drums	Hydrogen, uncondensed hydrocarbon gases and water are separated from the condensed reactor products.	Continuous		
Stripper System	Removing of light ends (H ₂ S and water)	Continuous		
Stripper Reboiler (Fired Heater)	Heating Stripper bottoms	Continuous		
Splitter System	Splits between C ₅ + and C ₅ -	Continuous		
Splitter Reboiler (Fired Heater)	Heating Splitter bottoms	Continuous		
Platformer Charge Heater	Heating Platformer reactor feed	Continuous		
Platforming Reactors	Produces aromatics from paraffins and naphthenes	Continuous		
Continuous Catalyst regeneration system	Regenerates Platformer catalyst on continuous basis	Continuous		
Product Separator	H ₂ is separated from the condensed Platformer product	Continuous		
Debutanizer	Removes C ₄ - from final product	Continuous		
Debutanizer Reboiler (Fired Heater)	Heating Debutanizer bottoms	Continuous		
	Catalytic distillation hydrotreater			
78VL-101 (Depentaniser)	Splits a liquid feed stream into C5 and C6+ streams. The C6+ stream is sent to the Alpha Olefin plants for Hexene extraction. The C5 stream is sent to 78VL-102 (CD Hydro Column)	Continuous		
78VL-102 (CD Hydro Column)	Hydro-treats the C5 hydrocarbons to produce a diene-free feed to U90.	Continuous		
<u>CD Tame</u>				
79RE-101 (Primary reactor)	79RE-101 (Primary reactor) – The first reaction between isoamylenes and methanol takes place in this reactor.	Continuous		
79RE-103 (Secondary reactor)	The second reaction between isoamylenes and methanol takes place in this reactor.	Continuous		
79VL-101 (CD TAME Column)	The last phase of reaction takes place in this column. This column also serves to separate the TAME product from the unreacted reactants.	Continuous		
79VL-102 (Methanol Extraction Column)	Uses a water stream to extract methanol from the C5 Hydrocarbons. The C5 hydrocarbons are sent to storage, and the methanol-water stream is sent to 79VL-103.	Continuous		
79VL-103 (Methanol recovery column)	The water-methanol stream from 79VL-101 is split into methanol and water streams. The methanol is recycled to the front end of the process, and the water is recycled to 79VL-102 where it is used to extract the methanol.	Continuous		
<u>C5 Isomerisation</u>				
U90-Skeletal isomerisation unit	The purpose of the skeletal isomerization unit is to convert the C5 feed from the CD-Hydro unit to isoamylenes as feed to the CD-TAME unit	Continuous		
Vacuum distillation				
Vacuum Distillation	The aim is to fractionate high boiling point hydrocarbons at low temperatures by lowering the pressure to ± 2.5 kPag using Decanted Oil from U20 and the heaviest fraction from U29 is fractionated to a Heavy and Light Gas Oil and Waxy Oil.	Continuous		

Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process		
Distillate hydrotreater				
Distillation	The fractionation of the feed oil material into components of similar boiling range.	Continuous		
Light diesel stripping	Separation of diesel (medium cut material) range boiling material from the feed stream using distillation.	Continuous		
Naphtha stripping	Separation of naphtha (light material) range boiling material from the feed stream using distillation.	Continuous		
Hydrogenation	The conversion of oxygenates and olefins into paraffins.	Continuous		
Catalyst Sulfiding	This is to regulate catalyst activity	Continuous		
Water removal	Removal of water from the feed oil stream in a drum operated such that water settles in the drum's water boot.	Continuous		
High temperature Separation	Separate a feed stream into a liquid and vapour streams in a drum at a high temperature.	Continuous		
Low Temperature separation	Separate a feed stream into a liquid and gas streams in a drum at a low temperature.	Continuous		
Hydrogen recycle	To reuse the hydrogen rich off gases leaving the cold separation drum.	Continuous		
Heating	This is to preheat feed streams and cool down product streams.	Continuous		
	Distillate selective cracker			
Cracking reaction system	To selectively crack high-pour point components (predominately paraffins)	Continuous		
Distillation	Fractionation of the heavy oil material	Continuous		
Vacuum distillation	Separate the heavy distillate material mainly heavy diesel.	Continuous		
Heating and Cooling	Preheat feed material and cool down product streams	Continuous		
Water removal	Separate entrained water from feed stream	Continuous		
Hot Temperature separation	Separate reactor product stream into a liquid and vapour stream.	Continuous		
Hydrogen recycle	Recycle the off gas rich stream separate from the reactor liquid stream	Continuous		
Catalyst sulfiding	To regulate the catalyst activity	Continuous		
Light Oil Fractionation				
Atmospheric Distillation	The purpose of the unit is to fractionate the Stabilized Light Oil into different fractions of molecules used in downstream processes. The different fractions are C5/C6 to the CD Tame unit, Naphtha to Octene (and U30NHT), Light Diesel to Safol (and U35DHT) and a Heavy fraction to U34.	Continuous		
Polymer Hydrotreater				
Polymer Hydrotreater	The purpose of the unit is to hydrotreat the polymer produced in the catalytic polymerisation unit to a paraffinic petrol and diesel/jet fuel fractions.	Continuous		
Catalytic polymerisation and LPG recovery				
Catalytic polymerisation	The purpose of this unit is to produce motor fuels namely petrol, diesel and jet fuel from a stream of C3/C4.	Continuous		
LPG recovery	The purpose of this section is to recover unreacted paraffinic C3 and C4 material for LPG production.	Continuous		
Sasol Catalytic Converter				
Pre-heat furnace	The purpose of this section is to vaporise the low molecule olefin and paraffin feed	Continuous		
Secunda Catalytic Cracker	Low molecular weight olefins and paraffins are converted to ethylene and propylene in a reactor. High octane gasoline is also produced.	Continuous		
Quench Column and Strippers Towers	The purpose of this unit is to remove heavy oil and separate the process gas from the gasoline phase.	Continuous		

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Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process	
C4 and C5 CD Hydro Hydrogenation Columns	The purpose of this unit is to saturate olefins.	Continuous	
Catalyst Fines system and Waste Heat Boiler	The purpose of the unit is to recover catalyst fines from the flue gas. The waste heat boiler cools the flue gas against boiler feed water to produced high pressure steam.	Continuous	
Process Gas Compression (KC2501 – PGC)	The purpose of the unit is to compress the process gas.	Continuous	
Gas Clean-up equipment			
Reactors		Continuous	
DEA and Caustic sections	process das.		
Gas Dryers			
SCC De-Propanizer (VL4001)	The purpose of the unit is to separate C4 molecules from the process gas.	Continuous	
Chill Train, De-Methanizer and Cold Box	The purpose of the unit is to cool down the process gas and remove methane.	Continuous	
C2 System which can be divided into the De- Ethanizer and C2 Splitter	The purpose of the unit is to separate C3 molecules from C2 molecules and to separate the C2 molecules into ethane and ethylene.	Continuous	
PPU 5 which comprises of the FT De-Propanizer and C3 Splitter	The purpose of the unit is to separate C3 from C4 molecules and to separate the C3 molecules into propane and propylene.	Continuous	
Liquid Dryers	The purpose of the unit is to remove water from the C3 stream.	Continuous	
Propylene Refrigerant system	The propylene refrigeration system is a closed-loop system providing three levels of refrigeration, -39°C, -22°C and 4°C.	Continuous	
	Tar, Phenosolvan and Sulphur (TPS)		
	Gas Liquor Separation		
Gas Liquor Separation	The purpose of the gas liquor separation unit is to separate various gaseous, liquid and solid components from the gas liquor streams. Dissolved gases are removed from the gas liquor by expansion to almost atmospheric pressure. The different liquids and solids are separated in separators by means of physical methods based on settling time and different densities.	Continuous	
Phenosolvan			
Water Purification	The purpose of this system is to filter out any oil, tar and suspended solids.	Continuous	
The extraction process	The purpose of the extraction system is to remove phenols from gas liquor by mixing gas liquor with di-isopropyl-ether (DIPE) to extract the phenols.	Continuous	
DIPE recovery and Phenol production	The DIPE and phenols are then separated through several distillation processes.	Continuous	
Ammonia Recovery (Unit17)	Recovering of ammonia from the gas liquor. The raffinate from Unit 16 / 216, with about 1% DIPE, is first sent to the de-acidifier to remove acid gases.	Continuous	
Acid Gas Scrubber	The purpose of this system is to remove final traces of CO_2 from the ammonia.	Continuous	
Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process	
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Fractionation system	The ammonia leaving the Acid Gas Scrubber overhead is firstly compressed prior to the fraction process to improve ammonia recovery. The distillate product of the fractionator (2)17VL-105 is NH3 and the bottoms product is organics. The ammonia is cooled down to form a liquid and expanded and the final ammonia product is sent to Tank Farm.	Continuous	
	<u>Sulfur recovery</u>		
Sulfur recovery	The purpose of the Sulfur Recovery unit is to reduce the amount of sulfur released into the atmosphere as hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) gas by producing elemental sulfur as a saleable product.	Continuous	
	Wet Acid		
Wet Sulfuric Acid	The purpose of the Wet Sulfuric Acid (WSA) unit is to reduce the amount of sulfur released into the atmosphere as hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) gas by producing sulfuric acid as a saleable product.	Continuous	
	<u>Carbo Tar</u>		
Coker	The Delayed Coker Plant receives bottom of the barrel products from upstream units to produce coke.	Continuous	
Calciner	The coke calcining process is used to thermally upgrade green coke in order to remove associated moisture and combustible volatile matter (VCM) and to otherwise improve critical physical properties like the electrical conductivity, real density, etc.	Continuous	
Coal Tar filtration	CTF utilises three solids removal processes and one water removal process. Solids are removed by means of gravity separation in the feed receiving dump bins, followed by solids removal by means of centrifugal separation in the decanter and lastly the final solids are removed by the pressure leaf filters. The water is removed by means of a forced feed evaporator system	Dump bins, decanters, force feed evaporator – continuous Filters - batch	
Unit 86	The main unit processes for U86 Train 1 is heat exchange, centrifugation and distillation while the main processed for U86 Train 2 is heat exchange, distillation and then filtration. Tankage of product happens before and after processing.	All processes are continuous except for the batch filtration processes	
Unit 76	The unit consists mainly of conveyors systems combined with storage silos. Loading and weighting facilities are also on site.	Continuous	
	Water and Ash		
Multi hearth sludge incinerators	The purpose of this system is to incinerate waste activated sludge from the biological treatment systems which treat industrial and domestic effluent respectively. The systems has 4 centrifuges per side to dry the sludge, which is then incinerated in 1 of 2 multiple stage hearth incinerators per side, with a temperature of around 780°C in the burning zone. The off-gas is sent to an emission treatment system before it passes into the atmosphere, while the coarse ash is sent to Outside ash for disposal.	Continuous	
HOW incinerators	The purpose of this system is to incinerate high organic waste (HOW). The HOW, which is pumped from U17/217 to the HOW storage tank, is ignited by means of a fuel gas pilot flame inside a single chamber, refractory brick-lined incinerator. The combustion temperature is controlled at 950°C, and there are two burners. Steam is used to atomize the HOW. The only combustion product is off-gas.	Continuous	

Unit Process	Function of Unit Process	Batch or Continuous Process
Waste Recycling Facility Thermal Oxidizer	Continuous	
	Market and Process Integration (MPI)	
	<u>Flares</u>	
Central corridor flares	A system consisting of 2 flare stacks, 2 relief headers and other associated equipment to collect and completely incinerate off-gases, off-specification gases and emergency venting.	As required

3 TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Raw material consumption for the listed activities applying for MES postponement is tabulated in Table 3-1. For completeness, the raw materials used by all process are included in Appendix C1 (Table C-1), unless the information is intellectual property (IP) or otherwise sensitive due to competition law. Pollution abatement technologies employed at Synfuels and Solvents for the listed activities applying for MES postponement are provided in Table 3-2 (all appliance and abatement equipment in use at Sasol Secunda provided in Appendix C; Table C-2).

3.1 Raw Materials Used and Production Rates

Raw Material Type	Design Consumption Rate	Rate Unit
	Water and Ash	
Mult	i hearth sludge incinerator	
Thickened waste activated sludge	508	m ³ /day
	HOW incinerator	
High organic waste	48	m ³ /day
	SCC	
Fresh C6/C7 Feed	94.5	tonnes/h
C2 Rich Gas	16	tonnes/h
U24 Cracked Gas	16	tonnes/h
FT Feed to VL7001	17	tonnes/h
Rerun Gasoline	10	tonnes/h
99% Hydrogen to reactor	0.52	tonnes/h
Hydrogen to CD Hydro Columns	3000	Nm3/h
PPU3 Vent Gas	3.5	tonnes/h
PP2 Carrier Gas	5	tonnes/h
HVGO	7	m3/h
Caustic	3	tonnes/h
	Steam plant	
Coal	84	tonnes/h per boiler

Table 3-1: Raw materials used in listed activities seeking postponements

(a) Raw material rate for Phenosolvan not included as information sensitive

3.2 Appliances and Abatement Equipment Control Technology

Abatement equipment fitted to process units at the Secunda Operations is listed in Table 3-2. The postponement application for which this AIR provides support applies to abatement equipment required on the incinerators.

Table 3-2: Appliances and abatement equipment control technology

Appliance Name	Abatement Appliance Type	Appliance function / purpose								
	Multi hearth biosludge incinerators									
Scrubber	Venturi Scrubber	Removal of particulate and gaseous emissions								
	Sulphur Processing									
WSA	Wet Electrostatic Precipitators	Removal H ₂ S emissions								
	Steam Plant									
Electrostatic Precipitators	Electrostatic Precipitators	Removal of particulate emissions								

4 ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS

The establishment of a comprehensive emission inventory formed the basis for the assessment of the air quality impacts from the Secunda Operations on the receiving environment.

Point source parameters and emissions for stacks and tanks are provided in Section 4.1 and Section 4.2 respectively. A locality map indicating the position of the Secunda Operations (SSO and SCO) in relation to surrounding residential areas is provided in Figure 4-1.



Figure 4-1: Locality map of the Secunda Operations in relation to surrounding residential areas

4.1 Point Source Stack Emissions

4.1.1 Point Source Stack Parameters

The point source parameters all point sources at the Secunda Operations are included in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1: Point source parameters

Point source number	Source name	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Height of Release Above Ground (m)	Diameter at Stack Tip / Vent Exit (m)	Actual Gas Exit Temperature (°C)	Actual Gas Exit Velocity (m/s)	Type of Emission (Continuous /Batch)				
	-	B	Baseline point sources									
S3	GT1 -26.5642 29.165 40 5.3 210 40											
S4	GT2	-26.5642	29.16444	40	5.3	210	40	Continuous				
S5	CM1 (West Kiln Stack)	-26.555	29.15655	25	0.91	170	28.7	Semi-batch				
S6	CM2 (West Arc Furnace Stack)	-26.5551	29.15655	25	1.6	35	26.27	Semi-batch				
S7	CM3 (East Kiln A Stack)	-26.5574	29.17548	25	0.9	205	12	Semi-batch				
S8	CM4 (East Arc Furnace Stack)	-26.5577	29.17531	25	1.6	73	26.7	Continuous				
S9	CM5 (East Kiln B Stack)	-26.5569	29.17537	25	0.9	192	11.9	Continuous				
S11	WSA 1 Stack	-26.5593	29.16764	75	2.75	41	9.66	Continuous				
S19	WRF_TO (Unit 555)	-26.5509	29.1434	20	1.25	815	0.427	Continuous				
S20	Polymer Furnace A	-26.5428	29.154	34	1.25	252.61	14.00	Continuous				
S21	Polymer Furnace B	-26.5428	29.154	34	1.25	259.14	15.00	Continuous				
S22	Polymer Furnace C	-26.5428	29.154	34	1.11	185.36	13.20	Continuous				
S23	Polymer Furnace D	-26.5428	29.154	34	1.25	265.33	16.90	Continuous				
S24	Polymer Furnace E	-26.5428	29.154	34	1.25	233.42	15.80	Continuous				
S25	Solvents HT 1901/1902	-26.5544	29.18062	58	2.17	479.75	24.10	Continuous				
S26	Solvents Regenerator Stack	-26.5534	29.17881	66	1.16	90.94	13.70	Continuous				
S27	Nitro: Nitric Acid Stack	-26.5918	29.18227	61	1.52	112.18	30.40	Continuous				
S29	Nitro: LAN Stack	-26.9775	29.4086	64	2.24	30.54	15.80	Continuous				

Point source number	Source name	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Height of Release Above Ground (m)	Diameter at Stack Tip / Vent Exit (m)	Actual Gas Exit Temperature (°C)	Actual Gas Exit Velocity (m/s)	Type of Emission (Continuous /Batch)
S30	Nitro: Ammonium Sulphate Stack	-26.7142	29.4147	21	1.2	27.89	15.40	Continuous
S31	R1 (14HT101)	-26.5492	29.18306	51.9	0.89	440	3.2657	Continuous
S32	R2 (14HT201)	-26.5492	29.15083	51.9	0.89	440	3.3	Continuous
S33	R3 (214HT101)	-26.5492	29.13417	51.9	0.89	440	3.3	Continuous
S34	R4 (214HT201)	-26.5492	29.1175	51.9	0.89	440	3.3	Continuous
S35	R6 (30HT101)	-26.9197	29.28278	51.9	1.22	298	1.477	Continuous
S36	R7 (30HT102)	-26.5503	29.14972	38.4	0.99	304	4.15969	Continuous
S37	R8 (30HT103)	-26.5503	29.14972	51.7	2.36	177	2.39127	Continuous
S38	R9 (30HT104)	-26.5503	29.14972	43	1.28	360	1.794378	Continuous
S39	R10 (30HT105)	-26.5503	29.14972	38.4	0.99	313	2.4734	Continuous
S40	R17 (34HT101)	-26.5503	29.14972	32	1.27	321	2.3516	Continuous
S41	R19 (35HT101)	-26.9242	29.28278	41.3	0.99	299	2.8359	Continuous
S42	R20 (35HT102)	-26.9236	29.28278	44.2	1.35	345	2.1566	Continuous
S43	R24 (35HT103)	-26.9222	29.28306	31.4	0.87	388	1.63311321	Continuous
S44	R25 (35HT104)	-26.9231	29.28306	35	0.99	221	1.1315	Continuous
S45	R26 (35HT105)	-26.9236	29.28306	31	0.68	340	2.85267	Continuous
S46	R27 (29HT101)	-26.5506	29.15028	48	1.81	280	2.3097	Continuous
S47	R28 (29HT102)	-26.9247	29.28306	42.6	1.2	267	3.36082	Continuous
S48	R30 (33HT101)	-26.3825	29.14306	34.9	1.53	300	2.3007	Continuous
S49	R31 (33HT102)	-26.3825	29.14306	38.7	1.4	274	2.8966	Continuous
S50	R32 (33HT105)	-26.9211	29.28278	46	1.37	320	5.05576823	Continuous
S51	R36 (32HT101)	-26.9211	29.28278	37.2	1.24	267	3.79255	Continuous
S52	R37 (32HT201)	-26.3825	29.14306	37.2	1.24	226	3.511	Continuous
S53	R38 (32HT102)	-26.3825	29.14306	51.5	2.13	309	6.75997	Continuous
S54	R5 (228HT101)	-26.3825	29.14306	41.3	0.91	318	3.9032	Continuous
S55	R11 (230HT101)	-26.5508	29.15056	51.9	1.22	298	2.3037	Continuous
S56	R12 (230HT102)	-26.5514	29.15111	38.4	0.99	304	3.0944	Continuous

Point source number	Source name	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Height of Release Above Ground (m)	Diameter at Stack Tip / Vent Exit (m)	Actual Gas Exit Temperature (°C)	Actual Gas Exit Velocity (m/s)	Type of Emission (Continuous /Batch)
S57	R13 (230HT103)	-26.9247	29.28306	51.7	2.36	177	2.59	Continuous
S58	R14 (230HT104)	-26.5511	29.14972	43	1.28	360	0.71495385	Continuous
S59	R15 (230HT105)	-26.5508	29.14972	38.4	0.99	313	2.56750994	Continuous
S60	R18 (234HT101)	-26.5508	29.14972	32	1.27	321	2.35165	Continuous
S61	R22 (235HT101)	-26.9256	29.2825	41.3	1.31	299	1.40696753	Continuous
S62	R23 (235HT102)	-26.9256	29.2825	44.2	1.35	310	2.45286	Continuous
S63	R29 (229HT101)	-26.9256	29.2825	47.7	1.73	367	4.28429023	Continuous
S64	R33 (233HT101)	-26.9256	29.15028	34.9	1.53	300	2.30557519	Continuous
S65	R34 (233HT102)	-26.5517	29.15028	38.7	1.4	274	2.8966	Continuous
S66	R35 (233HT105)	-26.5517	29.15028	46	1.37	320	5.0403	Continuous
S67	R39 (232HT101)	-26.9281	29.28167	37.2	1.24	267	4.03187	Continuous
S68	R40 (232HT201)	-26.9281	29.28167	37.2	1.24	226	4.3134	Continuous
S69	R41 (232HT102)	-26.9281	29.28167	51.5	2.13	309	6.5992	Continuous
S75	016VL101 (Phenosolvan Saturation Column)	-26.5555	29.1504	33.5	0.15	33.0670455	1.69742475	Continuous
S76	016VL401 (Phenosolvan Saturation Column)	-26.5561	29.1504	33.5	0.15	33.0670455	1.69742475	Continuous
S77	216VL101 (Phenosolvan Saturation Column)	-26.5576	29.1694	33.5	0.15	33.0670455	1.69742475	Continuous
S78	216VL401 (Phenosolvan Saturation Column)	-26.5583	29.1693	33.5	0.15	33.0670455	1.69742475	Continuous
S79 (S1)	Rectisol West	-26.5575	29.14993	250	13.6	185	17.6	Continuous
S80 (S2)	Rectisol East	-26.5601	29.16841	301	14.4	185	19.95	Continuous
S81	Fuel VRU stack	-26.5486	29.16106	7	0.311	20	8.55	Continuous
		Point sourc	es applying for po	stponement				
S1	B1 (U43): Main Stack West	-26.5575	29.14993	250	13.6	185	17.6	Continuous
S2	B2 (U243): Main Stack East	-26.5601	29.16841	301	13.9	185	19.95	Continuous
S10	SCC 1 Stack	-26.556	29.1639	80	3.6	232	11.188	Continuous
S12	WA1 (052WK-2102)	-26.5462	29.1422	30	1.4	64.4	14.4	Continuous
S13	WA2 (052WK-2202)	-26.546	29.14155	30	1.4	61.4	17.6	Continuous
S14	WA3 (252WK-2102)	-26.541	29.14283	30	1.4	63.3	19.1	Continuous

Point source number	Source name	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Height of Release Above Ground (m)	Diameter at Stack Tip / Vent Exit (m)	Actual Gas Exit Temperature (°C)	Actual Gas Exit Velocity (m/s)	Type of Emission (Continuous /Batch)
S15	WA4 (252WK-2202)	-26.5411	29.14226	30	1.4	47.9	20.7	Continuous
S17	HOW1 (052CI-101)	-26.5481	29.14257	15	1.95	391	18.6	Continuous
S18	HOW1 (252CI-101)	-26.5432	29.14331	15	1.95	348	15.4	Continuous
S28	Nitro: Ammonium Nitrate Stack	-26.5899	29.18286	45.3	0.8	93.7	12.5	Continuous

4.1.2 Point Source Stack Emission Rates During Normal Operating Conditions

In cases where periodic compliance measurements are conducted, these are measured in accordance with the methods prescribed in Annexure A of the MES, and aligned with what is prescribed in the Atmospheric Emission Licence (AEL). These reflect the average of three test runs conducted during normal operating conditions.

Table 4-2: Point source emission rates (units: g/s) (Point source numbers match numbers and names in Table 4-1)

Point source number	SO2	NO _x as NO ₂	PM	CO	H ₂ S	HCI	ΗF	TOC	NH3	Dioxins & Furans	Sum of Metals	Hg	Cd & Tl	VOCs	Benzene
	Baseline point sources														
S3	0.52	36.58	0.52												
S4	0.35	4.57	0.41												
S5	0.01	0.09	0.07												
S6	0.01	0.24	0.01												
S7	0.01	0.25	0.04												
S8	0.01	0.37	0.70												
S9	0.06	0.23	0.12												
S11	3.81	1.77													
S19	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.02		7.40E-05	2.22E-05	1.25E-03	7.40E-05	5.02E-12	2.58E-05	5.33E-07	5.60E-07		
S20	0.01	0.22	0.13												
S21	0.02	0.88	0.32												

Point source number	SO ₂	NO _x as NO ₂	PM	СО	H ₂ S	HCI	HF	ТОС	NH3	Dioxins & Furans	Sum of Metals	Hg	Cd & TI	VOCs	Benzene
S22	0.02	0.52	0.45												
S23	0.16	0.16	0.21												
S24	0.01	0.52	0.05												
S25	0.57	0.51	1.02												
S26	0.19	0.14	0.08												
S27		6.08	0.00						4.00E-03						
S29			1.39						8.30E-02						
S30			0.03						1.39E-01						
S31	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S32	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S33	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S34	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S35	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S36	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S37	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S38	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S39	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S40	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S41	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S42	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S43	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S44	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S45	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S46	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S47	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S48	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S49	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S50	0.03	0.01	0.02												

Point source number	SO ₂	NO _x as NO ₂	PM	CO	H ₂ S	HCI	HF	TOC	NH3	Dioxins & Furans	Sum of Metals	Hg	Cd & Tl	VOCs	Benzene
S51	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S52	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S53	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S54	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S55	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S56	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S57	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S58	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S59	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S60	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S61	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S62	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S63	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S64	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S65	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S66	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S67	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S68	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S69	0.03	0.01	0.02												
S75														0.42	0.21
S76														0.42	0.21
S77														0.42	0.21
S78														0.42	0.21
S79 (S1)	0.54				1016.00									24.20	18.24
S80 (S2)	0.46				592.00									13.17	9.84
S81		_												2.75	1.77
						Points	sources apply	ving for postpo	onement						

Point source number	SO ₂	NO _x as NO ₂	PM	СО	H ₂ S	HCI	HF	ТОС	NH3	Dioxins & Furans	Sum of Metals	Hg	Cd & Tl	VOCs	Benzene
S1	2897	1961.5	141.1												
S2	2610.7	2207.2	141.1												
S10	3.81	1.77	6.69												
S12	0.17	1.93	1.78	16.46		1.30E-02	3.86E-03	3.28E+00	1.22E-01	8.64E-07	1.75E-02	4.56E-03	2.85E-04		
S13	0.04	1.75	1.22	15.48		2.65E-02	2.87E-03	1.03E+01	2.28E-01	8.07E-07	1.57E-02	9.58E-03	3.61E-04		
S14	0.78	3.68	2	20.65		2.13E-02	5.38E-03	7.72E+00	1.20E-01	2.25E-07	2.29E-02	5.62E-03	3.64E-04		
S15	0.11	0.97	1.4	8.37		1.28E-02	2.38E-03	2.66E+00	7.46E-02	3.96E-07	1.66E-02	3.87E-03	3.02E-04		
S17	0.38	8.58	0.75	0.67		5.12E-02	3.66E-03	1.55E-01	3.05E-02	2.70E-06	1.27E-02	2.31E-04	2.28E-04		
S18	0.61	9.54	0.65	0.98		1.97E-02	2.70E-03	2.37E-01	1.15E-02	3.79E-06	8.55E-03	2.67E-04	1.46E-04		
S28			0.194						0.7						

4.2 Point Source VOC Emissions from Fixed-Roof Tanks

Parameters and emission rates for the VOC emissions from the tanks at the Secunda Operations are given in Table 4-3 and Table 4-4.

Table 4-3: Tank source parameters

Tank name	Annual throughput	Compound stored	Tank type	Roof type	Tank height	Tank diameter	Average Operating level	Vapour pressure	Tank colour
	(m ³)				(m)	(m)	(m)	(kPa)	
56TK0109	103 089.38	Synjet	Vertical fixed	Dome	12.23	27.50	6.16	9.21	White
56TK0110	105 334.61	Synjet	Vertical fixed	Dome	12.23	27.50	6.16	9.20	White
56TK0112	214 354.60	Synjet	Vertical fixed	Dome	14.35	38.15	6.85	8.99	White
56TK0113	60 209.41	SLO	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.35	47.55	6.31	16.55	White
56TK0121	13 676.00	Creosote	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.00	10.00	4.19	9.89	Gray Medium
56TK0122	11 234.80	Creosote	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.00	10.00	4.09	10.99	Gray Medium
56TK0130	24 750.69	WO12	Vertical fixed	Cone	10.00	14.00	4.14	23.51	Black
56TK0143	3 220.76	MEK	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.98	13.60	3.91	10.66	White

Tank name	Annual throughput	Compound stored	Tank type	Roof type	Tank height	Tank diameter	Average Operating level	Vapour pressure	Tank colour
	(m³)				(m)	(m)	(m)	(kPa)	
56TK0146	8 080.94	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.98	25.40	5.66	13.24	White
56TK0203	21 769.29	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.98	13.25	5.12	17.44	White
56TK0214	9 105.94	WO12	Vertical fixed	Cone	8.00	10.00	4.01	9.62	Brown
56TK0216	397.68	BENZENE	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	8.12	5.50	10.90	White
56TK1401	72 644.42	Crude tar	Vertical fixed	Cone	10.74	27.50	5.19	14.82	Black
56TK1402	48 957.22	Crude tar	Vertical fixed	Cone	10.74	27.50	2.59	12.75	Black
56TK1414	757.45	Residue Oil	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.00	10.00	4.88	1.33	Brown
56TK1508	10 844.63	Heavy Naphtha	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.00	14.00	3.21	8.91	White
56TK1601	6 376.45	Crude phenol	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.60	17.60	3.57	8.18	Black
56TK2901	124 499.72	SLO	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.85	46.10	4.80	17.14	White
56TK2902	117 339.60	SLO	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.85	46.10	5.13	19.03	White
56TK2903	2 626.06	Mixed HCs (NHT/DHT/PHT)	Vertical fixed	Cone	26.00	12.00	6.58	9.27	White
56TK3201	195 375.44	C5 Raffinate	Vertical fixed	Dome	14.63	20.42	6.91	91.22	White
56TK3202	31 616.62	C5C6	Vertical fixed	Dome	14.63	20.42	9.09	58.36	White
56TK3301	87 267.58	PHT	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.85	38.75	4.39	23.04	White
56TK3304	69 269.70	Petrol	Vertical fixed	Dome	20.10	20.00	8.57	47.87	White
56TK3321	59 841.58	Synjet	Vertical fixed	Cone	12.18	20.00	5.72	9.27	White
56TK3322	116 956.04	Synjet	Vertical fixed	Cone	12.18	20.00	5.35	9.11	White
56TK3401	36 311.38	DO	Vertical fixed	Dome	11.88	21.14	5.98	12.12	Black
56TK3402	-	DO	Vertical fixed	Dome	11.88	21.14	5.94	7.89	Black
56TK3501	76 565.89	DHT	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.35	37.15	6.51	7.67	White
56TK3521	32 679.85	Heavy Diesel	Vertical fixed	Dome	9.56	24.74	5.43	5.51	White
56TK3601	27 418.08	NAC FEED	Vertical fixed	Dome	11.90	28.07	4.39	19.49	White
56TK3602	30 801.82	Carbonyls	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.60	17.30	3.12	47.03	White
56TK3603	15 336.02	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Dome	11.88	23.35	4.66	18.75	White
56TK3705	38 855.36	ACETONE	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	6.10	3.12	32.10	White
56TK3706	39 020.10	ACETONE	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	6.10	3.07	32.26	White

Tank name	Annual throughput	Compound stored	Tank type	Roof type	Tank height	Tank diameter	Average Operating level	Vapour pressure	Tank colour
	(m³)				(m)	(m)	(m)	(kPa)	
56TK3709	12 288.17	MEK	Vertical fixed	Cone	4.85	4.41	2.09	12.40	White
56TK3710	12 537.29	MEK	Vertical fixed	Cone	4.85	4.41	2.05	12.49	White
56TK3713	596.05	METHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	4.85	2.35	1.87	14.88	White
56TK3714	624.97	METHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	4.85	2.35	1.87	15.32	White
56TK3721	1 906.51	Carbonyls	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.23	11.35	0.75	35.69	White
56TK3811	97 081.29	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	9.20	3.22	14.93	White
56TK3812	97 920.57	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	9.20	3.16	15.23	White
56TK3835	5 501.65	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.98	13.50	3.50	13.13	White
56TK3901	15 461.74	Coker Oil	Vertical fixed	Cone	12.80	10.70	6.23	17.83	Gray Medium
56TK3902	15 179.01	Coker Oil	Vertical fixed	Cone	12.80	10.70	6.19	22.71	Gray Medium
56TK7301	118 328.47	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.50	9.60	4.40	17.57	White
56TK7302	119 165.82	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.50	9.60	4.32	17.50	White
56TK7303	126 881.29	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	12.80	16.00	5.23	15.80	White
256TK0143	70 374.79	MEK	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.98	13.60	5.73	11.98	White
256TK0216	448.02	BENZENE	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	8.12	3.18	10.65	White
256TK1401	53 244.71	Crude tar	Vertical fixed	Flat	10.74	27.50	5.66	18.59	Black
256TK1402	52 085.25	Crude tar	Vertical fixed	Flat	10.74	27.50	4.84	9.54	Black
256TK1508	7 144.71	Heavy Naphtha	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.00	14.00	4.30	8.64	White
256TK2801	36 919.55	Creosote Cracker Feed	Vertical fixed	Flat	11.88	30.00	6.61	15.02	Gray Medium
256TK2902	138 279.52	SLO	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.85	46.10	3.43	18.81	White
256TK2904	20 724.12	Petrol	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.75	46.10	2.96	47.17	White
256TK3001	57 269.30	NHT	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.75	46.10	5.15	12.12	White
256TK3002	29 504.08	NHT	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.60	30.70	3.35	13.07	White
256TK3301	82 888.94	PHT	Vertical fixed	Cone	14.35	38.75	4.07	23.18	White
256TK3320	178 819.62	Synjet	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.88	19.22	5.52	9.06	White
256TK3401	36 060.10	DO	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.88	21.14	6.46	9.20	Black
256TK3402	2 589.28	DO	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.88	21.14	5.88	9.70	Black

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	(m³)				(m)	(m)	(m)	(kPa)	
256TK3601	29 052.16	NAC FEED	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.88	28.07	4.38	11.91	White
256TK3602	28 169.72	Carbonyls	Vertical fixed	Cone	9.60	17.30	2.55	45.68	White
256TK3705	24 541.44	MEK	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.23	6.10	3.16	11.30	White
256TK3706	24 271.42	MEK	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.23	6.10	3.16	9.33	White
256TK3713	2 924.68	METHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	4.85	2.35	1.96	15.44	White
256TK3714	2 876.25	METHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	4.85	2.35	1.99	14.70	White
256TK3721	5 528.86	Carbonyls	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	11.35	1.21	34.34	White
256TK3811	67 901.78	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	9.20	3.13	17.17	White
256TK3812	66 596.05	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	7.26	9.20	3.30	18.10	White
256TK3835	3 038.10	ETHANOL	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.98	13.50	3.28	12.67	White
256TK3850	66 362.03	ACETONE	Vertical fixed	Cone	6.40	7.50	2.62	29.78	White
256TK3851	67 009.79	ACETONE	Vertical fixed	Cone	6.40	7.50	2.71	31.45	White
256TK3852	109 909.96	Petrol	Vertical fixed	Dome	20.10	20.00	10.31	49.27	White
256TK0148	10 005.08	Propanol Plus	Vertical fixed	Cone	11.88	21.14	4.98	15.12	White
256TK9301	229 205.98	SCC feed	Vertical fixed	Dome	20.45	41.00	7.66	25.27	White
256TK9302	201 799.75	SCC feed	Vertical fixed	Dome	20.45	41.00	9.75	28.60	White
286TKB901	44 479.94	Heavy Naphtha	Vertical fixed	Cone	13.10	14.00	6.10	8.38	White
286TKB906	22 321.88	Heavy Naphtha	Vertical fixed	Cone	15.72	9.00	6.12	8.38	White
56TK0101	785 058.18	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.88	69.60	6.40	48.87	White
56TK0102	625 668.70	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.88	69.60	10.11	48.10	White
56TK0103	774 649.02	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.88	69.60	9.97	48.05	White
56TK0105	101 305.91	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	21.44	24.00	6.12	48.05	White
56TK0106	367 803.13	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	14.25	38.60	9.97	48.72	White
56TK0107	786 783.50	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	14.25	38.60	6.40	50.36	White
56TK1501	-	Naphtha-Waxy	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.20	17.50	6.35	50.85	White
56TK1502	14 149.09	Naphtha-Rectisol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.20	17.50	5.40	7.56	White
56TK1505	9 084.43	Naphtha-Light	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	8.00	10.00	6.40	6.44	White

Tank name	Annual throughput	Compound stored	Tank type	Roof type	Tank height	Tank diameter	Average Operating level	Vapour pressure	Tank colour
	(m³)				(m)	(m)	(m)	(kPa)	
56TK3005	189 442.61	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	14.25	24.14	5.90	58.30	White
56TK3006	184 407.77	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	14.25	24.14	5.32	57.81	White
56TK3010	26 674.10	Diesel	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	8.50	15.15	5.27	7.04	White
56TK3305	115 659.95	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	9.50	20.95	3.90	50.58	White
56TK3308	249 497.58	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	9.50	33.80	3.90	52.81	White
56TK3309	326 021.15	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	9.50	33.80	5.85	53.85	White
256TK0104	427 543.25	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.88	69.60	6.10	48.87	White
256TK0108	161 712.40	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	14.72	40.80	5.40	47.74	White
256TK1501	4 602.07	Naphtha-Waxy	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.88	17.50	5.60	48.95	White
256TK1502	24 655.56	Naphtha-Rectisol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.88	17.50	7.34	6.61	White
256TK1505	1 065.56	Naphtha-Light	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	8.39	10.00	5.37	4.63	White
256TK2811	54 547.68	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.12	15.15	6.10	48.87	White
256TK2812	47 824.00	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	11.12	15.15	6.10	49.70	White
256TK2901	291 507.47	SLO	Vertical floating roof	Free Venting Internal FLRT	14.85	46.10	7.35	18.16	White
256TK3005	145 161.56	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	15.67	24.14	6.87	52.28	White
256TK3006	162 498.45	Petrol	Vertical floating roof	Open External FLRT	15.67	24.14	5.90	49.70	White
256TK3201	41 550.59	C5C6	Vertical floating roof	Free Venting Internal FLRT	14.63	20.42	6.17	53.66	White
256TK3202	26 953.65	C5C6	Vertical floating roof	Free Venting Internal FLRT	14.63	20.42	5.75	53.27	White
15TK101	132 363.00	Coal tar naphtha (CTN)	Fixed roof	Fixed roof with evapostops	7.2	6.0	3.1	n.a.	White
215TK101	143 545.00	Coal tar naphtha (CTN)	Fixed roof	Fixed roof with evapostops					
56TK3002	648 240.00	NHT Feed	Vertical fixed roof	Fixed roof	9.6	30.7	4.5	17.9	White
301TK6206	832 200.00	Octene Feed	Vertical fixed roof	Fixed roof	22.4	11.2	10.4	12	White
56TK0125	61 320.00	DTA Feed	Vertical fixed roof	Fixed roof	10	20	3,3	n.a.	Black
25TK0126	61 320.00	DTA Feed							
36TK101	8 760 000.00	CWU Feed	Vertical fixed roof	Fixed roof	14.7	32.8	4.8	14	Stainless
236TK101	8 670 000.00	Synthol wash water return	Vertical fixed roof	Fixed roof	14.7	32.8	4.8	14	Stainless

Tank source	Pollutant Name	Maximum Release Rate (grams per second)	Average Annual Release Rate (tonnes per annum)	Emission Hours	Type of Emission (Continuous / Intermittent)	Wind Dependent (Yes / No)
56TK0109	Total VOC	2.19	69.19	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0110	Total VOC	2.23	70.25	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0112	Total VOC	4.50	141.85	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0113	Total VOC	2.82	89.05	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0121	Total VOC	0.15	4.69	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0122	Total VOC	0.15	4.63	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0130	Total VOC	2.64	83.28	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0143	Total VOC	0.15	4.68	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0146	Total VOC	0.59	18.76	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0203	Total VOC	0.54	17.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0214	Total VOC	0.42	13.24	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0216	Total VOC	0.03	0.98	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1401	Total VOC	0.48	15.15	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1402	Total VOC	0.40	12.52	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1414	Total VOC	0.00	0.12	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1508	Total VOC	0.18	5.80	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1601	Total VOC	0.22	6.93	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK2901	Total VOC	3.85	121.57	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK2902	Total VOC	4.06	128.06	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK2903	Total VOC	0.13	4.04	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3201	Total VOC	2.41	76.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3202	Total VOC	1.68	52.91	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3301	Total VOC	4.02	126.80	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3304	Total VOC	2.86	90.06	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3321	Total VOC	1.23	38.81	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3322	Total VOC	1.97	62.04	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3401	Total VOC	1.01	31.95	24 hours	Continuous	Yes

Table 4-4: Tank point source emissions for tanks

Tank source	Pollutant Name	Maximum Release Rate (grams per second)	Average Annual Release Rate (tonnes per annum)	Emission Hours	Type of Emission (Continuous / Intermittent)	Wind Dependent (Yes / No)
56TK3402	Total VOC	0.00	0.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3501	Total VOC	1.16	36.56	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3521	Total VOC	0.63	19.92	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3601	Total VOC	1.45	45.77	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3602	Total VOC	1.65	51.90	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3603	Total VOC	0.89	28.20	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3705	Total VOC	0.38	11.91	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3706	Total VOC	0.06	1.93	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3709	Total VOC	0.04	1.36	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3710	Total VOC	0.04	1.40	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3713	Total VOC	0.01	0.19	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3714	Total VOC	0.01	0.19	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3721	Total VOC	0.25	7.79	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3811	Total VOC	0.45	14.15	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3812	Total VOC	0.46	14.59	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3835	Total VOC	0.22	6.95	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3901	Total VOC	0.30	9.44	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3902	Total VOC	0.38	11.84	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK7301	Total VOC	0.69	21.74	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK7302	Total VOC	0.69	21.82	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK7303	Total VOC	1.23	38.75	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK0143	Total VOC	0.60	19.07	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK0216	Total VOC	0.05	1.51	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK1401	Total VOC	0.51	16.17	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK1402	Total VOC	0.28	8.90	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK1508	Total VOC	0.14	4.43	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK2801	Total VOC	0.99	31.07	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK2902	Total VOC	4.43	139.73	24 hours	Continuous	Yes

Tank source	Pollutant Name	Maximum Release Rate (grams per second)	Average Annual Release Rate (tonnes per annum)	Emission Hours	Type of Emission (Continuous / Intermittent)	Wind Dependent (Yes / No)
256TK2904	Total VOC	7.17	226.04	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3001	Total VOC	2.70	85.19	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3002	Total VOC	1.23	38.79	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3301	Total VOC	3.93	123.95	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3320	Total VOC	1.90	59.94	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3401	Total VOC	0.74	23.24	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3402	Total VOC	0.52	16.35	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3601	Total VOC	0.92	29.06	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3602	Total VOC	1.34	42.33	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3705	Total VOC	0.10	3.10	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3706	Total VOC	0.08	2.54	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3713	Total VOC	0.01	0.28	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3714	Total VOC	0.01	0.26	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3721	Total VOC	0.31	9.93	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3811	Total VOC	0.45	14.06	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3812	Total VOC	0.45	14.21	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3835	Total VOC	0.18	5.81	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3850	Total VOC	0.53	16.74	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3851	Total VOC	0.56	17.65	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3852	Total VOC	4.66	146.93	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK0148	Total VOC	0.31	9.90	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK9301	Total VOC	0.44	13.74	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK9302	Total VOC	0.45	14.11	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
286TKB901	Total VOC	0.45	14.34	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
286TKB906	Total VOC	0.22	7.09	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0101	Total VOC	0.31	9.84	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0102	Total VOC	0.30	9.59	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0103	Total VOC	0.30	9.59	24 hours	Continuous	Yes

Tank source	Pollutant Name	Maximum Release Rate (grams per second)	Average Annual Release Rate (tonnes per annum)	Emission Hours	Type of Emission (Continuous / Intermittent)	Wind Dependent (Yes / No)
56TK0105	Total VOC	0.10	3.31	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0106	Total VOC	0.17	5.45	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK0107	Total VOC	0.18	5.81	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1501	Total VOC	0.01	0.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1502	Total VOC	0.00	0.26	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK1505	Total VOC	0.15	0.12	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3005	Total VOC	0.14	4.58	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3006	Total VOC	0.01	4.52	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3010	Total VOC	0.10	0.39	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3305	Total VOC	0.17	3.14	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3308	Total VOC	0.18	5.41	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3309	Total VOC	0.31	5.60	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK0104	Total VOC	0.18	9.80	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK0108	Total VOC	0.07	5.55	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK1501	Total VOC	0.01	2.25	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK1502	Total VOC	0.00	0.23	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK1505	Total VOC	0.07	0.08	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK2811	Total VOC	0.07	2.15	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK2812	Total VOC	0.01	2.20	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK2901	Total VOC	0.12	0.37	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3005	Total VOC	0.11	3.81	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3006	Total VOC	0.02	3.52	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3201	Total VOC	0.02	0.61	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
256TK3202	Total VOC	0.89	0.60	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
15TK101	Total VOC	0.98	28.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
215TK101	Total VOC	1.11	31.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
56TK3002	Total VOC	1.02	35.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
301TK6206	Total VOC	2.03	32.15	24 hours	Continuous	Yes

Tank source	Pollutant Name	Maximum Release Rate (grams per second)	Average Annual Release Rate (tonnes per annum)	Emission Hours	Type of Emission (Continuous / Intermittent)	Wind Dependent (Yes / No)
56TK0125	Total VOC	2.03	63.88	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
25TK0126	Total VOC	32.31	63.88	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
36TK101	Total VOC	32.00	1019.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes
236TK101	Total VOC	1.02	1009.00	24 hours	Continuous	Yes

4.3 Point Source Maximum Emission Rates during Start-up, Maintenance and/or Shut-down

Fugitive emissions from the Secunda Operations are managed and quantified through two fugitive emissions monitoring programs.

4.3.1 Fugitive VOC emissions

The first monitoring program is associated with fugitive VOC emissions. These emissions originate from various sumps, drains and from process equipment, such as product storage tanks, valves and pumps. The on-site monitoring of fugitive process emissions is associated with Leak Detection and Repair. A third party contractor is contracted to conduct leak detection, with **the help of a "sniffer" device, to identify and quantify** the leaks associated with various process emissions. The report results are then included in a maintenance plan and the leaking process units are repaired per schedule. This process has been implemented for a period exceeding five years.

As a last resort, all VOC emissions, where arising from point sources, are detected by the monitoring stations surrounding the Secunda Operations. These measurements reflect the total, combined effect of VOC emissions from across the entire Sasol Secunda complex, and Sasol conservatively assumes all ambient VOCs are attributable to the Secunda complex.

4.3.2 Dustfall monitoring

Fallout dust is governed by the fallout dust regulations; Government Gazette No. 36974, No. R. 827; 1 November 2013). SSO has a number of fallout dust monitoring stations measuring the dust fallout on site. The dust fallout buckets are placed in locations where fallout of dust from coal stockpiles, fine ash dams and construction activities will occur, to ensure adequate control of most probable dust sources is in place. The Safety, Health and Environmental function at SSO is responsible for the measurement and management of dust in accordance with the fallout dust regulations and an accredited third party is responsible for replacing and analysing the buckets on a monthly basis. The position of the buckets was determined by dispersion modelling conducted by an independent consultant.

The 2014 and 2015 dustfall sampling campaign reports are attached at the end of the report (Annexure C). These reports show that the 99% of measured dustfall rates, in both 2014 and 2015, are below the residential standard, despite being an industrial site. Sasol inherently does not operate a process with large amounts of dust or large stock piles of possible fugitive dust emissions, with the exception of some coal stock piles, coarse ash heaps and fine ash dams. The operational fine ash dam is wet and therefore wind-blown fugitive particulate emissions are limited. The non-operational fine ash dam has natural vegetation on the sides, but the fine ash from this non-operational fine ash dam is harvested for rehabilitation purposes of other sites within the ash storage area.

The monitoring plan philosophy is that Sasol conduct monitoring and investigate spikes in the monitoring results. In the event that a spike is observed, the problem will be addressed to ensure fugitive fallout dust is maintained within the standard.

4.4 Emergency Incidents

Unplanned downtime events such as upset conditions are undesirable from a production perspective as well as an environmental perspective and Sasol endeavours to minimise unplanned downtime by conducting regular and pro-active maintenance and ensuring control of the process within their designed operating parameters. While unplanned downtime cannot be completely eliminated, it is minimised as far as practicably possible, and rectified with high priority.

The MES prescribes that start-up, shut-down, upset and maintenance events should not exceed 48 hours – and if they do, a Section 30 NEMA incident is incurred (as also indicated in the AEL). SSO can confirm that, in the preceding two years, its facility has not exceeded the 48-hour window during start up, maintenance, upset and shutdown conditions, which has ensured that ambient impacts are limited in duration.

Sasol owns and operates accredited ambient air quality monitoring stations in the vicinity of Secunda Operations. The realtime ambient air quality monitoring data is closely followed during upset conditions at the plant, to ensure that air quality does not exceed the national ambient air quality standards as a consequence of Secunda Operations' **activities**. **These activities** are also communicated to the Licensing Authority.

5 IMPACT OF ENTERPRISE ON THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Analysis of Emissions' Impact on Human Health

The report includes the results for three emission scenarios per pollutant, in order to establish the delta impacts against air quality limit values. The scenarios are as follows:

- Baseline Emissions modelling conducted based on the current routine inventory and impacts
- Minimum Emissions Standards modelling conducted based on plants theoretically complying with New Plant
 Standards
- *Alternative Emission Limits* the emission reductions as proposed by the Secunda Operations, where applicable and different from the scenarios above.

5.1.1 Study Methodology

5.1.1.1 Study Plan

The study methodology may conveniently be divided into a "preparatory phase" and an "execution phase". The basic methodology followed in this assessment is provided in Figure 5-1.

The preparatory phase included the flowing basic steps prior to performing the actual dispersion modelling and analyses:

- 1. Understand Scope of Work
- 2. Assign Appropriate Specialists
- 3. Review of legal requirements (e.g. dispersion modelling guideline)
- 4. Prepare a Plan of Study for Peer Review
- 5. Decide on Dispersion Model

The Regulations Regarding Air Dispersion Modelling (Gazette No 37804 published 11 July 2014) was referenced for the dispersion model selection (Appendix B).

Three Levels of Assessment are defined in the Regulations Regarding Air Dispersion Modelling:

- Level 1: where worst-case air quality impacts are assessed using simpler screening models
- Level 2: for assessment of air quality impacts as part of license application or amendment processes, where impacts are the greatest within a few kilometres downwind (less than 50km)
- Level 3: require more sophisticated dispersion models (and corresponding input data, resources and model operator expertise) in situation:
 - where a detailed understanding of air quality impacts, in time and space, is required;
 - where it is important to account for causality effects, calms, non-linear plume trajectories, spatial variations in turbulent mixing, multiple source types & chemical transformations;
 - when conducting permitting and/or environmental assessment process for large industrial developments that have considerable social, economic and environmental consequences;
 - when evaluating air quality management approaches involving multi-source, multi-sector contributions from permitted and non-permitted sources in an airshed; or,
 - when assessing contaminants resulting from non-linear processes (e.g. deposition, ground-level O₃, particulate formation, visibility)

The models recommended for Level 3 assessments are CALPUFF or SCIPUFF. In this study, CALPUFF was selected for the following reasons (as referenced in Figure 5-1 - Model Aspects to Consider and Dispersion Models):

- This Lagrangian Gaussian Puff model is also well suited to simulate low or calm wind speed conditions. Alternative regulatory models such as the US EPA AERMOD model treats all plumes as straight-line trajectories, which under calm wind conditions over-estimates the plume travel distance (Busini *et al.*, 2012; Gulia *et al.* 2015; Lakes Environmental, 2017).
- CALPUFF is able to perform chemical transformations. In this study the conversion of NO to NO₂ and the secondary formation of particulate matter was a concern.

The execution phase (i.e. dispersion modelling and analyses) firstly involves gathering specific information in relation to the emission source(s) and site(s) to be assessed. This includes:

- Source information: Emission rate, exit temperature, volume flow, exit velocity, etc.;
- Site information: Site building layout, terrain information, land use data;
- Meteorological data: Wind speed, wind direction, temperature, cloud cover, mixing height;
- Receptor information: Locations using discrete receptors and/or gridded receptors.

The model uses this specific input data to run various algorithms to estimate the dispersion of pollutants between the source and receptor. The model output is in the form of a predicted time-averaged concentration at the receptor. These predicted concentrations are compared with the relevant ambient air quality standard or guideline. Post-processing can be carried out to produce percentile concentrations or contour plots that can be prepared for reporting purposes.

The following steps were followed for the execution phase of the assessment:

- Decide on meteorological data input (Figure 5-1 CALMET). A summary of the model control options for CALMET is provided in Appendix D. Refer to Section 5.1.4.6.
- Prepare all meteorological model input files (Figure 5-1 CALMET)
 - o Surface meteorological files
 - WRF meteorological files
 - o Topography
 - o Land Use
- Select control options in meteorological model (Figure 5-1 CALMET)
 - o Dispersion coefficients
 - o Vertical levels
 - o Receptor grid
- Feedback to Project Team and revise where necessary
- Review emissions inventory and ambient measurements
- Feedback to Project Team and revise where necessary
- Decide on dispersion model controls and module options (Figure 5-1 CALPUFF). A summary of the model control options for CALPUFF is provided in Appendix E. Refer to Section 5.1.4.6
- Decide on dispersion module options (Figure 5-1 CALPUFF).
 - Sulfate and nitrate formation module (MESOPUFF or RiVAD)
 - o NO₂ formation (MESOPUFF or RiVAD)
 - o Model resolution
- Feedback to Project Team and revise where necessary
- Decide on modelling domain and receptor locations (Figure 5-1 CALPUFF and Simulations)
- Feedback to Project Team and revise where necessary

- Prepare all dispersion model input files (Figure 5-1 CALPUFF)
 - o Control options
 - o Measured ambient O_3 and NH_3 for chemical transformation module
 - o Meteorology
 - o Source data
 - Receptor grid and discrete receptors
- Review all modelling input data files and fix where necessary
- Simulate source groups per pollutant and calculate air concentration levels for regular and discrete grid locations for the following scenarios (Figure 5-1 Simulations):
 - o Baseline (current) air emissions
 - o Change Baseline sources to reflect theoretical compliance with "New Plant" standards
 - o Change Baseline sources to reflect "Alternative Emission Limits", where applicable
- Compare against National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- Preparation of draft AIR
- Preparation of final AIR.



Figure 5-1: The basic study methodology followed for the assessment

5.1.1.2 Emission Scenarios

In order to assess the impact of the postponements for which Secunda Operations is applying, three emissions scenarios were modelled, with the results throughout the AIR presented as illustrated in Figure 5-2.

1. Current baseline emissions, reflective of the impacts of present operations, which are modelled as *averages* of measurements taken from periodic emission monitoring. This scenario is represented by the first column in the presentation of all AIR graphs (shown in blue in Figure 5-2). Baseline emissions were derived from 3rd parties and accredited (ISO/IEC17025) laboratories. Emissions measurements follow the requirements prescribed in Schedule A of GN 893. The reason baseline emissions were modelled as averages of measured point source emissions was to obtain a picture of long-term average impacts of the Secunda Operation's emissions on ambient air concentrations, which could be reasonably compared with monitored ambient concentrations, as a means of assessing the representativeness of the dispersion model's predictions. Modelling baseline emissions at a ceiling level, which is seldom reflective of actual emissions, would overpredict ambient impacts, and therefore not allow for reasonable assessment of the model's representativeness.

The following two scenarios are modelled to reflect the administrative basis of the MES, being ceiling emission levels. These scenarios are therefore theoretical cases where the point source is constantly emitting at the highest expected emission level possible under normal operating conditions, for the given scenario (i.e. the 100th percentile emission concentration).

- 2. Compliance with the 2020 new plant standards. This is modelled as a ceiling emissions limit (i.e. maximum emission concentration) aligned with the prescribed standard and reflects a scenario where abatement equipment is introduced to theoretically reduce emissions to conform to the standards. This scenario is then represented by the second column in the presentation of all AIR graphs (shown in green in Figure 5-2).
- 3. A worst-case scenario of operating constantly at the requested alternative emissions limits, which have been specified as ceiling emissions limits (i.e. maximum emission concentrations). This scenario is the represented by the third column in the presentation of all AIR graphs (shown in purple in Figure 5-2). It is re-emphasised that the Secunda Operations will not physically increase its current baseline emissions (expressed as an average). The Secunda Operations seeks alternative emissions limits which are aligned with the manner in which the MES are stated and which accommodate the natural variability inherent in emissions under different operating conditions, and hence must request a ceiling emissions limit rather than an average emissions limit. The alternative emission limit is hence simply a different way of expressing current baseline emissions (in cases where further abatement is not possible) or may even reflect a reduction in average baseline emissions (in cases where further abatement is possible, but not to a level which achieves compliance with the MES ceiling emissions limits).

In Figure 5-2, the black arrows above the green bar reflects the predicted delta (change) in ambient impacts of the Secunda Operations' **baseline emissions versus the given compliance scenario.** At a practical level, the white arrow on the purple bar represents the theoretical delta increase in short-term ambient impacts, where 100th percentile emissions occur, compared with the predicted impact of average current baseline emissions. The orange dot in Figure 5-2 represents physically measured ambient air quality, reflective of the total impact of all sources in the vicinity, as the 99th percentile recorded value over the averaging period. On a given day, there is a 99% chance that the actual measured ambient air quality would be lower than this value, but this value is reflected for the purpose of aligning with modelling requirements. The orange line represents the applicable NAAQS.





5.1.1.3 CALPUFF/CALMET Modelling Suite

As discussed in the previous section, the CALPUFF model was selected for use in the current investigation to predict maximum short-term (1 and 24-hour) and annual average ground-level concentrations at various receptor locations within the computational domain. CALPUFF is a multi-layer, multi-species non-steady-state puff dispersion model that can simulate the effects of time- and space-varying meteorological conditions on pollutant transport, transformation, and removal (Scire *et al.*, 2000a). It can accommodate arbitrarily varying point source, area source, volume source, and line source emissions. The CALPUFF code includes algorithms for near-source effects such as building downwash, transitional plume rise, partial plume penetration, sub grid scale terrain interactions as well as longer range effects such as pollutant removal due to wet scavenging and dry deposition, chemical transformation, vertical wind shear, overwater transport and coastal interaction effects.

The model is intended for use on scales from tens of metres to hundreds of kilometres from a source (US EPA 1998). The CALPUFF model allows the user to select from a number of calculation options, including a choice of dispersion coefficient and chemical transformation formulations. The different dispersion coefficient approaches accommodated in the CALPUFF model include:

- stability-based empirical relationships such as the Pasquill-Gifford or McElroy-Pooler dispersion coefficients;
- turbulence-based dispersion coefficients (based on measured standard deviations of the vertical and crosswind horizontal components of the wind); and
- similarity theory to estimate the turbulent quantities using the micrometeorological variables calculated by CALMET

The most desirable approach is to use turbulence-based dispersion coefficients using measured turbulent velocity variances or intensity components, if such data are readily available and they are of good quality. However, since reliable turbulent measurements are generally not available, the next best recommendation is to use the similarity approach.

CALPUFF includes parameterized chemistry modules for the formation of secondary sulfate and nitrate from the oxidation of the emitted primary pollutants, SO₂ and NO_x. The conversion processes are assumed to be linearly dependent (first-order) on the relevant primary species concentrations. Two options are included, namely the MESOPUFF II and RIVAD/ARM3 chemistry options. In both options, a fairly simple stoichiometric thermodynamic model is used to estimate the partitioning of total inorganic nitrate between gas-phase nitric acid and particle-phase ammonium nitrate. Ammonia and O₃ concentrations are required as background values to the model.

CALPUFF uses dry deposition velocities to calculate the dry deposition of gaseous and particulate pollutants to the surface. These dry deposition velocities can either be user-specified or calculated internally in CALPUFF. A resistance-based model is used for the latter option. For gaseous pollutants, the resistances that are considered are the atmospheric resistance, the deposition layer resistance, and the canopy resistance. For particles, a gravitational settling term is included, and the canopy resistance is assumed to be negligible. CALPUFF uses the scavenging coefficient approach to parameterize wet deposition of gases and particles. The scavenging coefficient depends on pollutant characteristics (e.g., solubility and reactivity), as well as the precipitation rate and type of precipitation. The model provides default values for the scavenging coefficient for various species and two types of precipitation (liquid and frozen). These values may be overridden by the user.

CALPUFF also has the capability to model the effects of vertical wind shear by explicitly allowing different puffs to be independently advected by their local average wind speed and direction, as well as by optionally allowing well-mixed puffs to split into two or more puffs when across-puff shear becomes important. Another refinement is an option to use a probability density function (pdf) model to simulate vertical dispersion during convective conditions.

The CALPUFF modelling system consists of a number of software components, as summarised in Table 5-1, however only CALMET and CALPUFF contain the simulation engines to calculate the three-dimensional atmospheric boundary layer conditions and the dispersion and removal mechanisms of pollutants released into this boundary layer. The other components are mainly used to assist with the preparation of input and output data. Table 5-1 also includes the development versions of each of the codes used in this investigation.

Module	Version	Description
CALMET	V6.5.0	Three-dimensional, diagnostic meteorological model
CALPUFF	V7.2.1	Non-steady-state Gaussian puff dispersion model with chemical removal, wet and dry deposition, complex terrain algorithms, building downwash, plume fumigation and other effects.
CALPOST	V7.1.0	A post-processing program for the output fields of meteorological data, concentrations and deposition fluxes.
CALSUM	V7.0.0	Sums and scales concentrations or wet/dry fluxes from two or more source groups from different CALPUFF runs
PRTMET	V4.495	Lists selected meteorological data from CALMET and creates plot files
POSTUTIL	V7.0.0	Processes CALPUFF concentration and wet/dry flux files. Creates new species as weighted combinations of modelled species; merges species from different runs into a single output file; sums and scales results from different runs; repartitions nitric acid/nitrate based on total available sulfate and ammonia.
TERREL	V7.0.0	Combines and grids terrain data
CTGPROC	V7.0.0	Processes and grids land use data

Table 5-1: Summary description of CALPUFF/CALMET model suite with versions used in the investigation

Module	Version	Description
MAKEGEO	V3.2	Merges land use and terrain data to produce the geophysical data file for CALMET

A summary of the main CALMET and CALPUFF control options are given in Appendices D and E, respectively.

5.1.2 Legal Requirements

5.1.2.1 Atmospheric Impact Report

In the event where an application for postponement is being made, Section 21 of NEM: Air Quality Act (AQA), Regulations 11 and 12 state:

- 1. An application for postponement may be made to the National Air Quality Officer
- 2. The application contemplated in Regulation 11 must include, amongst others, an Atmospheric Impact Report.

The format of the Atmospheric Impact Report is stipulated in the Regulations Prescribing the Format of the AIR, Government Gazette No. 36904, Notice Number 747 of 2013 (11 October 2013) (Appendix B; Table B-1).

Sasol appointed Airshed to compile this AIR to meet the requirements of Regulation 12 (Postponement of compliance time frames) of the Listed Activities and Associated MES (Government Gazette No. 37054, 22 November 2013) (Appendix B; Table B-1).

5.1.2.2 National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Modelled concentrations will be assessed against NAAQS (Table 5-2), where they are prescribed by South African legislation. Where no NAAQS exists for a relevant non-criteria pollutant, health screening effect levels based on international guidelines are used. These are discussed with the results of dispersion modelling in Section 5.1.8.

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Concentration (µg/m³)	Frequency of Exceedance	Compliance Date
Benzene (C6H6)	1 year	5	0	1 January 2015
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1 hour	30000	88	Immediate
	8 hour ^(a)	10000	11	Immediate
Lead (Pb)	1 year	0.5	0	Immediate
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	1 hour	200	88	Immediate
	1 year	40	0	Immediate
Ozone (O3)	8 hour ^(b)	120	11	Immediate
Inhalable particulate matter less than	24 hour	40	4	Immediate until 31 December 2029
	24 hour	25	4	1 January 2030
	1 year	20	0	Immediate until 31 December 2029

Table 5-2: National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Concentration (µg/m³)	Frequency of Exceedance	Compliance Date
2.5 µm in diameter (PM _{2.5})	1 year	15	0	1 January 2030
Inhalable particulate matter less than 10 µm in diameter (PM10)	24 hour	75	4	Immediate
	1 year	40	0	Immediate
Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	10 minutes	500	526	Immediate
	1 hour	350	88	Immediate
	24 hour	125	4	Immediate
	1 year	50	0	Immediate

Notes: (a)

Calculated on 1 hour averages.

(b) Running average.

5.1.2.3 National Dust Control Regulations

South Africa's Draft National Dust Control Regulations were published on 27 May 2011 with the dust fallout standards passed and subsequently published on 1 November 2013 (Government Gazette No. 36974). These are called the National Dust Control Regulations (NDCR). The purpose of the regulations is to prescribe general measures for the control of dust in all areas including residential and light commercial areas. Acceptable dustfall rates according to the regulations are summarised in Table 5-3.

Table 5-3: Acceptable dustfall rates

Restriction areas	Dustfall rate (D) in mg/m²-day over a 30 day average	Permitted frequency of exceedance
Residential areas	D < 600	Two within a year, not sequential months.
Non-residential areas	600 < D < 1 200	Two within a year, not sequential months.

The regulations also specify that the method to be used for measuring dustfall and the guideline for locating sampling points shall be ASTM D1739 (1970), or equivalent method approved by any internationally recognized body. It is important to note that dustfall is assessed for nuisance impact and not inhalation health impact.

A revised Draft National Dust Control Regulations were published on 25 March 2018 (Government Gazette No. 41650) which references the same acceptable dustfall rates but refers to the latest version of the ASTM D1739 method to be used for sampling.

5.1.3 Regulations Regarding Air Dispersion Modelling

Air dispersion modelling provides a cost-effective means for assessing the impact of air emission sources, the major focus of which is to determine compliance with the relevant ambient air quality standards. Regulations regarding Air Dispersion Modelling were promulgated in Government Gazette No. 37804 vol. 589; 11 July 2014, and recommend a suite of dispersion models to be applied for regulatory practices as well as guidance on modelling input requirements, protocols and procedures to be followed. The Regulations Regarding Air Dispersion Modelling are applicable:

- (a) in the development of an air quality management plan, as contemplated in Chapter 3 of the AQA;
- (b) in the development of a priority area air quality management plan, as contemplated in Section 19 of the AQA;
- (c) in the development of an atmospheric impact report, as contemplated in Section 30 of the AQA; and,
- (d) in the development of a specialist air quality impact assessment study, as contemplated in Chapter 5 of the AQA.

The Regulations have been applied to the development of this report. The first step in the dispersion modelling exercise requires a clear objective of the modelling exercise and thereby gives clear direction to the choice of the dispersion model most suited for the purpose. Chapter 2 of the Regulations present the typical levels of assessments, technical summaries of the prescribed models (SCREEN3, AERSCREEN, AERMOD, SCIPUFF, and CALPUFF) and good practice steps to be taken for modelling applications.

Dispersion modelling provides a versatile means of assessing various emission options for the management of emissions from existing or proposed installations. Chapter 3 of the Regulations prescribe the source data input to be used in the models.

Dispersion modelling can typically be used in the:

- Apportionment of individual sources for installations with multiple sources. In this way, the individual contribution of each source to the maximum ambient predicted concentration can be determined. This may be extended to the study of cumulative impact assessments where modelling can be used to model numerous installations and to investigate the impact of individual installations and sources on the maximum ambient pollutant concentrations.
- Analysis of ground level concentration changes as a result of different release conditions (e.g. by changing stack heights, diameters and operating conditions such as exit gas velocity and temperatures).
- Assessment of variable emissions as a result of process variations, start-up, shut-down or abnormal operations.
- Specification and planning of ambient air monitoring programmes which, in addition to the location of sensitive receptors, are often based on the prediction of air quality hotspots.

The above options can be used to determine the most cost-effective strategy for compliance with the NAAQS. Dispersion models are particularly useful under circumstances where the maximum ambient concentration approaches the ambient air quality limit value and provide a means for establishing the preferred combination of mitigation measures that may be required including:

- Stack height increases;
- Reduction in pollutant emissions through the use of air pollution control systems (APCS) or process variations;
- Switching from continuous to non-continuous process operations or from full to partial load.

Chapter 4 of the Regulations prescribe meteorological data input from onsite observations to simulated meteorological data. The chapter also gives information on how missing data and calm conditions are to be treated in modelling applications.

Meteorology is fundamental for the dispersion of pollutants because it is the primary factor determining the diluting effect of the atmosphere. Therefore, it is important that meteorology is carefully considered when modelling.

New generation dispersion models, including models such as AERMOD and CALPUFF¹, simulate the dispersion process using planetary boundary layer (PBL) scaling theory. PBL depth and the dispersion of pollutants within this layer are influenced by specific surface characteristics such as surface roughness, albedo and the availability of surface moisture:

- Roughness length (z₀) is a measure of the aerodynamic roughness of a surface and is related to the height, shape and density of the surface as well as the wind speed.
- Albedo is a measure of the reflectivity of the Earth's surface. This parameter provides a measure of the amount of incident solar radiation that is absorbed by the Earth/atmosphere system. It is an important parameter since absorbed solar radiation is one of the driving forces for local, regional, and global atmospheric dynamics.
- The Bowen ratio provides measures of the availability of surface moisture injected into the atmosphere and is defined as the ratio of the vertical flux of sensible heat to latent heat, where sensible heat is the transfer of heat from the surface to the atmosphere via convection and latent heat is the transfer of heat required to evaporate liquid water from the surface to the atmosphere.

Topography is also an important geophysical parameter. The presence of terrain can lead to significantly higher ambient concentrations than would occur in the absence of the terrain feature. In particular, where there is a significant relative difference in elevation between the source and off-site receptors large ground level concentrations can result. Thus the accurate determination of terrain elevations in air dispersion models is very important.

The modelling domain would normally be decided on the expected zone of influence; the latter extent being defined by the predicted ground level concentrations from initial model runs. The modelling domain must include all areas where the ground level concentration is significant when compared to the air quality limit value (or other guideline). Air dispersion models require a receptor grid at which ground-level concentrations can be calculated. The receptor grid size should include the entire modelling domain to ensure that the maximum ground-level concentration is captured and the grid resolution (distance between grid points) sufficiently small to ensure that areas of maximum impact adequately covered. No receptors however should be located within the property line as health and safety legislation (rather than ambient air quality standards) is applicable within the site.

Chapter 5 provides general guidance on geophysical data, model domain and coordinates system required in dispersion modelling, whereas Chapter 6 elaborates more on these parameters as well as the inclusion of background air concentration data. The chapter also provides guidance on the treatment of NO₂ formation from NO_x emissions, chemical transformation of sulfur dioxide into sulfates and deposition processes.

Chapter 7 of the Regulations outline how the plan of study and modelling assessment reports are to be presented to authorities. A comparison of how this study met the requirements of the Regulations is provided in Appendix B.

5.1.4 Atmospheric Dispersion Processes

CALPUFF initiates the simulation of point source plumes with a calculation of buoyant plume rise as discussed below in Section 5.1.4.1. Transport winds are extracted from the meteorological data file at the location of the stack and at the effective

¹ The CALMET modelling system require further geophysical parameters including surface heat flux, anthropogenic heat flux and leaf area index (LAI).

plume height (stack height plus plume rise). For near-field effects, the height of the plume in transition to the final plume height is taken into account. The puff release rate is calculated internally, based on the transport speed and the distance to the closest receptor.

As the puff is transported downwind, it grows due to dispersion and wind shear, and the trajectory is determined by advection winds at the puff location and height at each time step. The pollutant mass within each puff is initially a function of the emission rate from the original source. The pollutant mass is also subject to chemical transformation, washout by rain and dry deposition, when these options are selected, as is the case in this application. Chemical transformation and removal are calculated based on a one-hour time step.

Both wet and dry deposition fluxes are calculated by CALPUFF, based on a full resistance model for dry deposition and the use of precipitation rate-dependent scavenging coefficients for wet deposition. Pollutant mass is removed from the puff due to deposition at each time step. For the present modelling analyses, most options were set at "default" values, including the MESOPUFF II transformation scheme² and the treatment of terrain.

5.1.4.1 Plume Buoyancy

Gases leaving a stack mix with ambient air and undergo three phases namely the initial phase, the transition phase and the diffusion phase (Figure 5-3).

The initial phase is greatly determined by the physical properties of the emitted gases. These gases may have momentum as they enter the atmosphere and are often heated and therefore warmer than the ambient air. Warmer gases are less dense than the ambient air and are therefore buoyant. A combination of the gases' momentum and buoyancy causes the gases to rise (vertical jet section, in Figure 5-3). In the Bent-Over Jet Section, entrainment of the cross flow is rapid because, by this time, appreciable growth of vortices has taken place. The self-generated turbulence causes mixing and determines the growth of plume in the thermal section. This is referred to as plume rise and allows air pollutants emitted in this gas stream to be lifted higher in the atmosphere. Since the plume is higher in the atmosphere and at a further distance from the ground, the plume will disperse more before it reaches ground level. With greater volumetric flow and increased exit gas temperatures, the plume centreline would be higher than if either the volumetric flow or the exit gas temperature is reduced. The subsequent ground level concentrations would therefore be lower. This is particularly important in understanding some of the dispersion model results in Section 5.1.8.

 $^{^{2}}$ A sensitivity study was carried out with the RIVAD II transformation scheme to examine the performance of the different approaches to calculating the SO₂ to SO₄ and NO_x to NO₃ transformation rates. The concentrations from the RIVAD II and the MESOPUFF II transformation schemes showed no real bias with the secondary particulate formation varying by -41% to 31% for the two schemes.



Figure 5-3: Plume buoyancy

5.1.4.2 Urban & Rural Conditions

Land use information is important to air dispersion modelling, firstly to ensure that the appropriate dispersion coefficients and wind profiles (specified as surface roughness) are used, and secondly, that the most appropriate chemical transformation models are employed. Urban conditions result in different dispersion conditions than in rural areas, as well as changing the vertical wind profiles. Urban conditions are also generally associated with increased levels of VOCs, thereby influencing chemical equilibriums between the photochemical reactions of NO_x, CO and O₃.

It can be appreciated that the definition of urban and rural conditions for the dispersion coefficients and wind profiles, on the one hand, and chemical reactions on the other, may not be the same. Nonetheless, it was decided to use the US Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPAs) guideline on air dispersion models (US EPA 2005), to classify the surrounding land-use as rural or urban based on the Auer method, which is strictly recommended for selecting dispersion coefficients.

The classification scheme is based on the activities within a 3 km radius of the emitting stack. Areas typically defined as rural include residences with grass lawns and trees, large estates, metropolitan parks and golf courses, agricultural areas, undeveloped land and water surfaces. An area is defined as urban if it has less than 35% vegetation coverage or the area falls into one of the use types in Table 5-4.

Urban Land-Use					
Туре	Development Type	Vegetation Cover			
11	Heavy industrial	Less than 5%			
12	Light/moderate industrial	Less than 10%			
C1	Commercial	Less than 15%			
R2	Dense/multi-family	Less than 30%			

Table 5-4: Definition of vegetation cover for different developments (US EPA 2005)
Urban Land-Use							
Туре	Development Type	Vegetation Cover					
R3	Multi-family, two storeys	Less than 35%					

According to this classification scheme, the study area is classified as urban.

5.1.4.3 Nitrogen Dioxide Formation

Of the several species of nitrogen oxides, only NO_2 is specified in the NAAQS. Since most sources emit uncertain ratios of these species and these ratios change further in the atmosphere due to chemical reactions, a method for determining the amount of NO_2 in the plume must be selected.

Estimation of this conversion normally follows a tiered approach, as discussed in the Regulations Regarding Air Dispersion Modelling (Government Gazette No. 37804, published 11 July 2014), which presents a scheme for <u>annual</u> averages:

Tier 1: Total Conversion Method

Use any of the appropriate models recommended to estimate the maximum annual average NO_2 concentrations by assuming a total conversion of NO to NO_2 . If the maximum NO_x concentrations are less than the NAAQS for NO_2 , then no further refinement of the conversion factor is required. If the maximum NO_x concentrations are greater than the NAAQS for NO_2 , or if a more "realistic" estimate of NO_2 is desired, proceed to the second tier level.

Tier 2: Ambient Ratio Method (ARM) - Multiply NO_x by a national ratio of $NO_2/NO_2 = 0.80$

Assume a wide area quasi-equilibrium state and multiply the Tier 1 empirical estimate NO_x by a ratio of NO₂/NO_x = 0.80. The ratio is recommended for South Africa as the conservative ratio based on a review of ambient air quality monitoring data from the country. If representative ambient NO and NO₂ monitoring data is available (for at least one year of monitoring), and the data is considered to represent a quasi-equilibrium condition where further significant changes of the NO/NO₂ ratio is not expected, then the NO/NO₂ ratio based on the monitoring data can be applied to derive NO₂ as an alternative to the national ratio of 0.80.

In the Total Conversion Method, the emission rate of all NO_x species is used in the dispersion model to predict ground-level concentrations of total NO_x. These levels of NO_x are assumed to exist as 100% NO₂ and are directly compared to the NAAQS for NO₂. If the NAAQS are met, the Tier 2 methods are not necessary.

Although not provided in the Regulations (Section 5.1.3), the conversion of NO to NO₂ may also be based on the amount of ozone available within the volume of the plume. The NO₂/NO_x conversion ratio is therefore coupled with the dispersion of the plume. This is known as the Ozone Limiting Method (OLM). Use of onsite ozone data is always preferred for the OLM method.

Ideally, the NO₂ formation should be dealt with in the dispersion model. CALPUFF has one such a module, known as the RIVAD / ARM3 chemical formulations. The RIVAD / ARM3 chemical formulations option in the CALPUFF model can be used to calculate NO₂ concentrations directly in rural (non-urban) areas (Morris et al., 1988). The RIVAD / ARM3 option incorporates the effect of chemical and photochemical reactions on the formation of nitrates and other deposition chemicals. However, since the study area could be classified as urban (Section 5.1.4.2), the RIVAD / ARM3 chemical formulations should not be used.

Whilst the MESOPUFF II chemical transformation scheme, which is also included in the CALPUFF model accommodates NO_x reactions, these are only considering the formation of nitrates and not the NO /NO₂ reactions.

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Given all of the above limitations, it was decided to employ the Ambient Ratio Method (ARM), i.e. the second version of the DEA Tier 2 option. The ARM ambient ratio method is based upon the premise that the NO₂/NO_x ratio in a plume changes as it is transported but attains an equilibrium value some distance away from the source (Scire and Borissova, 2011). In their study, Scire and Borissova analysed hourly monitored NO₂ and NO_x data for 2006 at 325 monitoring sites throughout USA, which amounted to approximately 2.8 million data points for each species. These observations were grouped into a number of concentration ranges (bins), and the binned data were used to compute bin maximums and bin average curves. Short-term (1-hr) NO₂/NO_x ratios were subsequently developed based on bin-maximum data. Similarly, long-term (annual average) NO₂/NO_x ratios were based on bin-averaged data. The method was tested using the NO₂/NO_x ratios applied to the observed NO_x at selected stations to predict NO₂, and then compared to observed NO₂ concentrations at that station. The comparison of NO₂ derived from observed NO_x using these empirical curves was shown to be a conservative estimate of observed NO₂, whilst at the same time arriving at a more realistic approximation than if simply assuming a 100% conversion rate. More details of the adopted conversion factors are given in Appendix F.

5.1.4.4 Particulate Formation

CALPUFF includes two chemical transformation schemes for the calculation of sulfate and nitrate formation from SO₂ and NO_x emissions. These are the MESOPUFF II and the RIVAD / ARM3 chemical formulations. Whist the former scheme is not specifically restricted to urban or rural conditions; the latter was developed for use in rural conditions. Since the study area could be classified as urban (Section 5.1.5), the RIVAD / ARM3 chemical formulations should not be used. The chemical transformation scheme chosen for this analysis was therefore the MESOPUFF II scheme. As described in the CALPUFF User **Guide it is a "pseudo first**-order chemical rea**ction mechanism" and involves five pollutant species namely SO**₂, sulfates (SO₄), NO_x, nitric acid (HNO₃) and particulate nitrate. CALPUFF calculates the rate of transformation of SO₂ to SO₄, and the rate of transformation of NO_x to NO₃, based on environmental conditions including the ozone concentration, atmospheric stability, solar radiation, relative humidity, and the plume NO_x concentration. The daytime reaction formulation depends on solar radiation and the transformation increases non-linearly with the solar radiation (see the SO₂ to SO₄ transformation rate equation (equation 2-253 in the CALPUFF User Guide). At night, the transformation rate defaults to a constant value of 0.2% per hour. Calculations based on these formulas show that the transformation rate can reach about 3 per cent per hour at noon on a cloudless day with 100 ppb of ozone.

With the MESOPUFF-II mechanism, NO_x transformation rates depend on the concentration levels of NO_x and O₃ (equations 2-254 and 2-255 in the CALPUFF User Guide) and both organic nitrates (RNO₃) and HNO₃ are formed. According to the scheme, the formation of RNO₃ is irreversible and is not subject to wet or dry deposition. The formation of HNO₃, however, is reversible and is a function of temperature and relative humidity. The formation of particulate nitrate is further determined through the reaction of HNO₃ and NH₃. Background NH₃ concentrations are therefore required as input to calculate the equilibrium between HNO₃ and particulate nitrate. At night, the NO_x transformation rate defaults to a constant value of 2.0% per hour. Hourly average ozone and ammonia concentrations were included as input in the CALPUFF model to facilitate these sulfate and nitrate formation calculations.

The limitation of the CALPUFF model is that each puff is treated in isolation, i.e. any interaction between puffs from the same or different points of emission is not accounted for in these transformation schemes. CALPUFF first assumes that ammonia reacts preferentially with sulfate, and that there is always sufficient ammonia to react with the entire sulfate present within a single puff. The CALPUFF model performs a calculation to determine how much NH₃ remains after the particulate sulfate has been formed and the balance would then be available for reaction with NO₃ within the puff. The formation of particulate nitrate is subsequently limited by the amount of available NH₃. Although this may be regarded a limitation, in this application the particulate formation is considered as a group and not necessarily per species.

5.1.4.5 Ozone Formation

Similar to sulphate, nitrate and nitrogen dioxide, O_3 can also be formed through chemical reactions between pollutants released into the atmosphere. As a secondary pollutant, O_3 is formed in the lower part of the atmosphere, from complex photochemical reactions following emissions of precursor gases such as NOx and VOCs (Seinfeld and Pandis, 1998). O_3 is produced during the oxidation of CO and hydrocarbons by hydroxyls (OH) in the presence of NO_x and sunlight (Seinfeld and Pandis, 1998). The rate of ozone production can therefore be limited by CO, VOCs or NO_x. In densely populated regions with high emissions of NO_x and hydrocarbons, rapid O_3 production can take place and result in a surface air pollution problem. In these urban areas O_3 formation is often VOC-limited. O_3 is generally NO_x-limited in rural areas and downwind suburban areas.

 O_3 concentration levels have the potential to become particularly high in areas where considerable O_3 precursor emissions combine with stagnant wind conditions during the summer, when high insolation and temperatures occur (Seinfeld and Pandis, 1998). The effects of sunlight on O_3 formation depend on its intensity and its spectral distribution.

The main sectors that emit ozone precursors are road transport, power and heat generation plants, household (heating), industry, and petrol storage and distribution. In many urban areas, O_3 nonattainment is not caused by emissions from the local area alone. Due to atmospheric transport, contributions of precursors from the surrounding region can also be important. The transport of O_3 is determined by meteorological and chemical processes which typically extend over spatial scales of several hundred kilometres. Thus, in an attempt to study O_3 concentrations in a local area, it is necessary to include regional emissions and transport. This requires a significantly larger study domain with the inclusion of a significantly more comprehensive emissions inventory of NO_x and VOCs sources (e.g. vehicle emissions in Gauteng). Such a collaborative study was not within the scope of this report.

5.1.4.6 Model Input

5.1.4.6.1 Meteorological Input Data

The option of Partial Observations was selected for the CALMET wind field model which used both simulated and observed meteorological data (refer to Appendix D for all CALMET control options). For simulated data, the Weather Research and Forecasting mesoscale model (known as WRF) was used.

The WRF Model is a next-generation mesoscale numerical weather prediction system designed for both atmospheric research and operational forecasting needs. It features two dynamical cores, a data assimilation system, and a software architecture facilitating parallel computation and system extensibility. The model serves a wide range of meteorological applications across scales from tens of meters to thousands of kilometres. WRF can generate atmospheric simulations using real data (observations, analyses) or idealized conditions. WRF offers operational forecasting a flexible and computationally-efficient platform, while providing recent advances in physics, numeric, and data assimilation contributed by developers across the very broad research community.

WRF data for the period 2015 to 2017 on a 4 km horizontal resolution for a 200 km by 200 km was used. An evaluation of the WRF data is provided in Table 5-6 with the benchmark for the WRF data provided in Table 5-5. This evaluation was undertaken for a point extracted at OR Tambo (see Figure 5-8). OR Tambo was selected for the evaluation as it is expected that the data quality at this weather station is of high standard. From the evaluation, the daily average WRF results for the period 2015 to 2017 were within the benchmarks for model evaluation, with the exception of wind direction (WRF providing value of 36 degrees for the gross error where benchmark is at \leq 30 degrees) and temperature (WRF providing value of 2.22 K for the gross error where the benchmark is at \leq 2 K and -1.27 K for the mean bias where benchmark is at \leq ± 0.5 K).

Table 5-5: Benchmarks for WRF Model Evaluation

	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Temperature	Humidity
IOA	≥ 0.6		≥ 0.8	≥ 0.6
RMSE	≤ 2 m/s			
Mean Bias	≤ ± 0.5 m/s	≤ ± 10 deg	≤ ± 0.5 K	≤ ± 1 g/kg
Gross Error		≤ 30 deg	≤ 2 K	≤ 2 g/kg

Table 5-6: Daily evaluation results for the WRF simulations for the 2015-2017 extracted at OR Tambo^(a)

	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Temperature	Humidity
IOA	0.60		0.84	0.6
RMSE	1.55			
Mean Bias	0.05	0.39	-1.27	-0.54
Gross Error		36.26	2.22	1.11

(a) Values that do not meet the benchmark is provided in bold

A comparison of wind roses from measured meteorological data at OR Tambo (Figure 5-4) to WRF data (extracted at OR Tambo) (Figure 5-5) is provided below. The measured wind direction at OR Tambo has a higher frequency of winds from the north and lower frequency of winds from the north-northeast to east than the WRF data. The gross error for wind direction could influence the CALPUFF simulated pollutant concentrations by up to 36 degrees. This is limited by the inclusion of measured wind speed and direction at surface stations near SO.

A comparison of monthly temperature profiles from measured meteorological data at OR Tambo to WRF data (extracted at OR Tambo) is provided in Figure 5-6. The measured temperature data is higher than the WRF data. This could result in the CALPUFF model underpredicting concentrations as the plume is not exposed to as much buoyancy in the atmosphere.



Figure 5-4: Period, day- and night-time wind rose for OR Tambo for the period 2015 - 2017



Figure 5-5: Period, day- and night-time wind rose for WRF data as extracted at OR Tambo for the period 2015 - 2017



Figure 5-6: Monthly temperature profile for WRF data as extracted at OR Tambo and measured data from OR Tambo SAWS station data for the period 2015 – 2017

WRF data was supplemented with surface field observations from three monitoring stations operated by Sasol in the Sasolburg area and three monitoring stations operated by Sasol in the Secunda area. Meteorological parameters provided for the monitoring stations in the Secunda area are provided in Table 5-7.

Maria Maria a			Closest	Meteorology						
Monitoring Station	Latitude	Longitude	Residential Area	WD	WS	Temp	RH	Press	SR	Rain
Secunda Club	-26.52333	29.1897	Secunda	✓	✓	✓				
Embalenhle	-26.55166	29.1125	Secunda	✓	✓	✓				
Bosjesspruit	-26.60583	29.2108	Secunda	✓	✓	✓				

Table 5-7: Meteorological	parameters	provided for the	e Sasol mor	hitorina s	stations ir	the Secunda area
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WD: Wind direction WS: Wind speed Temp: Temperature RH: Relative humidity Press: Surface pressure SR: Solar radiation

Figure 5-7 and Figure 5-8 provides examples of the CALMET layer 1 (up to 20 m above surface) wind vector plots from the CALMET data for 15 May 2015 at 05:00 and 2 February 2015 at 05:00 respectively. The spatial variations in the wind field over parts of the domain are due to terrain effects which are to be expected during this part of the diurnal cycle.



Figure 5-7: CALMET Layer 1 wind vector plot for 15 May 2015 at 05:00



Figure 5-8: CALMET Layer 1 wind vector plot for 2 February 2016 at 05:00

5.1.4.6.2 Land Use and Topographical Data

Readily available terrain and land cover data for use in CALMET was obtained via the Lakes Environmental CALPUFF View interface. Use was made of Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) (30 m, 1 arc-sec) terrain data and Global Land Cover Characterization (GLCC) land use data for Africa.

Figure 5-9 provides the terrain contours and landuse categories over the entire CALMET domain and the location of the CALPUFF computational domain.



Figure 5-9: Land use categories, terrain contours, meteorological WRF grid points and surface station locations displayed on 200 x 200 km CALMET domain (1 km resolution)

5.1.4.6.3 Dispersion Coefficients

The option of dispersion coefficients from internally calculated sigma v, sigma w using micrometeorological variables (u^{*}, w^{*}, L, etc.) was selected (refer to Appendix E for all CALPUFF control options).

5.1.4.6.4 Grid Resolution and Model Domain

The CALMET modelling domain included an area of 200 km by 200 km with a grid resolution of 1 km. The vertical profile included 11 vertical levels up to a height of 3 500 m. The CALPUFF model domain selected for the sources at the Sasol Secunda facility included an area of 50 km by 50 km with a grid resolution of 200 m. This area was selected based on the predicted area of impact around Secunda.

5.1.4.6.5 Building Downwash

The impact of building downwash on ground-level pollutant concentrations was evaluated using "ScreenView" - a Tier 1 screening model which includes the same building downwash scheme as CALPUFF. For the most conservative simulation of downwind concentrations "ScreenView" was used with a full meteorological set. The screening exercise assessed the individual impact of three sources selected based on location; stack height; proximity to nearby buildings (excluding complex pipework structures); and, proximity to receptors. The baseline emission parameters (temperature, release height, exit velocities, etc.) were used in combination with three theoretical building heights (10, 15, and 20 m). A single emission rate (1 m/s) was used to simulate the ground-level concentrations at automated distances between 1 m and 5 000 m from the sources, at 100 m intervals.

The screening assessment indicated that building downwash did not affect downwind concentration as a result of the emissions from tall stacks (75 m). Sources with lower release heights (15 m and 20 m) were found to increase ground-level concentrations downwind of the source where the scale of increase was dependent on the height of the near-by building. The distance after which simulated ground-level concentrations matched levels for comparative simulations where building downwash was not included was a minimum of 1 800 m.

Building downwash was not accounted for in the dispersion modelling of stack emission sources, based on the findings from the screening evaluation, and on the basis that the nearest receptor is approximately 4 500 m away from the Secunda facility.

Building downwash was, however, accounted for in the dispersion modelling of crude tar and pitch (MTP) storage tanks. Tank locations and dimensions were provided by Sasol and the AERMOD Building Profile Input Program (BPIP) module was used to generate a building downwash input file for CALPUFF.

5.1.5 Atmospheric Dispersion Potential

Meteorological mechanisms govern the dispersion, transformation, and eventual removal of pollutants from the atmosphere. The analysis of hourly average meteorological data is necessary to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the dispersion potential of the site. The horizontal dispersion of pollution is largely a function of the wind field. The wind speed determines both the distance of downward transport and the rate of dilution of pollutants. A summary of the measured meteorological data is given in Appendix G.

Sasol currently operates three meteorological stations in the Secunda area (viz. Secunda Club, Embalenhle and Bosjesspruit - Figure 5-10). For this assessment, data from the Sasol operated meteorological stations was provided for the period 2015

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to 2017. Parameters useful in describing the dispersion and dilution potential of the site (i.e. wind speed, wind direction, temperature and atmospheric stability) are subsequently discussed.





5.1.5.1 Surface Wind Field

Wind roses comprise 16 spokes, which represent the directions from which winds blew during a specific period. The colours used in the wind roses below, reflect the different categories of wind speeds; the red area, for example, representing winds >6m/s. The dotted circles provide information regarding the frequency of occurrence of wind speed and direction categories. The frequency with which calms occurred, i.e. periods during which the wind speed was below 1 m/s are also indicated.

The period wind field and diurnal variability for the three Sasol operated meteorological stations in the Secunda area, for the period 2015 to 2017, is provided in Figure 5-11 to Figure 5-13.

The predominant flow field at Secunda Club is from the east-northeasterly and west-northwesterly sectors with the highest frequency of winds from the east-northeast (~14% frequency of occurrence). During day-time conditions winds from the west-northwestern sector increase while winds from the east-northeastern sector are more frequent during night-time conditions (Figure 5-11).

The predominant flow field at Embalenhle is from the east-northeast (~20% frequency of occurrence). During day-time conditions winds from the western and north-western sector increases while winds from the east-northeast are more frequent during night-time conditions (Figure 5-12).

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The predominant wind direction at Bosjesspruit is from the northeast (~12% frequency of occurrence) (Figure 5-13). Very little wind is measured from the south. During day-time conditions winds from the western sector increase while winds from the northeast are more frequent during night-time conditions.



Figure 5-11: Period, day- and night-time wind rose for Secunda Club for the period 2015 - 2017



Figure 5-12: Period, day- and night-time wind rose for Embalenhle for the period 2015 - 2017



Figure 5-13: Period, day- and night-time wind rose for Bosjesspruit for the period 2015 - 2017

5.1.5.2 Temperature

Air temperature is important, both for determining the effect of plume buoyancy (the larger the temperature difference between the emission plume and the ambient air, the higher the plume can rise), and determining the development of the mixing and inversion layers.

The average monthly temperature trends are presented in Figure 5-14, Figure 5-15 and Figure 5-16 for Secunda Club, Embalenhle and Bosjesspruit respectively. Monthly mean and hourly maximum and minimum temperatures are given in Table 5-8. Average temperatures ranged between 8.0 °C and 20.3 °C. The highest temperatures occurred in December and the lowest in June/July. During the day, temperatures increase to reach maximum at around 15:00 in the afternoon. Ambient air temperature decreases to reach a minimum at around 07:00 i.e. just before sunrise.

	Hourly Minimum, Hourly Maximum and Monthly Average Temperatures (°C) (2015 - 2017)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Secunda Club											
Minimum	14.7	14.8	12.7	10.5	5.9	3.1	2.9	4.6	9.8	11.3	12.3	14.8
Maximum	25.8	27.0	26.6	24.7	22.7	20.5	20.6	24.1	26.1	26.5	26.0	26.6
Average	20.0	20.2	18.9	16.7	13.4	10.6	10.7	13.6	17.1	18.4	18.8	20.3
					Emba	alenhle						
Minimum	14.9	14.7	11.9	9.3	3.8	0.2	0.0	1.7	8.7	10.6	11.0	15.0
Maximum	25.7	26.3	24.7	22.7	21.5	18.3	18.6	22.3	24.9	26.2	24.6	26.4
Average	20.1	20.0	17.7	15.1	11.5	8.0	8.3	11.4	16.2	18.0	17.6	20.2
					Bosje	sspruit	•	•	•			
Minimum	14.8	14.8	12.8	10.5	6.2	3.4	3.1	5.1	9.1	11.2	11.6	14.1
Maximum	25.5	26.5	26.0	23.1	22.0	19.4	19.5	23.1	25.3	26.5	25.6	26.3
Average	19.7	20.0	18.8	16.0	13.1	10.2	10.2	13.1	16.4	18.2	18.2	19.7

Table 5-8: Monthly temperature summary (2015 - 2017)



Figure 5-14: Monthly average temperature profile for Secunda Club (2015 – 2017)



Figure 5-15: Monthly average temperature profile for Embalenhle (2015 – 2017)



Figure 5-16: Monthly average temperature profile for Bosjesspruit (2015 – 2017)

5.1.5.3 Atmospheric Stability

The atmospheric boundary layer properties are described by two parameters; the boundary layer depth and the Monin-Obukhov length.

The Monin-Obukhov length (LMo) provides a measure of the importance of buoyancy generated by the heating of the ground and mechanical mixing generated by the frictional effect of the earth's surface. Physically, it can be thought of as representing the depth of the boundary layer within which mechanical mixing is the dominant form of turbulence generation (CERC, 2004). The atmospheric boundary layer constitutes the first few hundred metres of the atmosphere. During daytime, the atmospheric boundary layer is characterised by thermal turbulence due to the heating of the earth's surface. Night-times are characterised by weak vertical mixing and the predominance of a stable layer. These conditions are normally associated with low wind speeds and lower dilution potential.

Diurnal variation in atmospheric stability, as calculated from on-site data (Tiwary and Colls, 2010), and described by the inverse Monin-Obukhov length and the boundary layer depth is provided in Figure 5-17. The highest concentrations for ground level, or near-ground level releases from non-wind dependent sources would occur during weak wind speeds and stable (night-time) atmospheric conditions.

For elevated releases, unstable conditions can result in very high concentrations of poorly diluted emissions close to the stack. This is called looping (Figure 5-17 (c)) and occurs mostly during daytime hours. Neutral conditions disperse the plume fairly equally in both the vertical and horizontal planes and the plume shape is referred to as coning (Figure 5-17 (b)). Stable conditions prevent the plume from mixing vertically, although it can still spread horizontally and is called fanning (Figure 5-17 (a)) (Tiwary & Colls, 2010).



Figure 5-17: Diurnal atmospheric stability (extracted from CALMET at the Secunda Club monitoring point)

5.1.5.4 Air Quality Monitoring data

Time series of the measured ambient air quality data is provided in Appendix F. A summary of ambient data measured at Secunda Club, Embalenhle, Bosjesspruit by Sasol, and at the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)-managed Secunda station for the period 2015 – 2017 is provided in Table 5-9, Table 5-10, Table 5-11 and Table 5-12 respectively.

			Но	urly		Appual	No of recorded
Period	Availability	Mov	99 th	90 th	50 th		hourly
		IVIAX	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Average	exceedances
				NO ₂			
2015	93%	185.8	83.4	41.7	17.1	22.0	-
2016	93%	244.2	84.0	39.4	12.3	17.5	3
2017	93%	154.7	72.9	39.0	16.0	19.9	-
Average		194.9	80.1	40.0	15.1	19.8	
				SO ₂			
2015	87%	507.0	176.2	51.2	9.6	21.1	7
2016	100%	522.9	158.1	46.9	8.2	19.1	5
2017	100%	510.7	170.1	50.5	9.8	20.9	6
Average		513.5	168.1	49.5	9.2	20.4	
				CO			
2015	100%	1 236	883	471	211	244	-
2016	97%	3 183	1 328	561	252	310	-
2017	94%	3 057	1 301	550	240	302	-
Average		2 492	906	527	234	285	
			Da	aily		Δηριμαί	No of recorded
Period	Availability	May	99 th	90 th	50 th		daily exceedances
		IVIAX	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	/ Weildge	
	•			SO ₂	•	•	•
2015	87%	114.6	62.3	37.4	14.7	18.4	-
2016	100%	115.7	57.7	36.5	16.3	19.2	-
2017	100%	99.7	76.4	41.9	17.7	20.9	-
Average		110.0	65.5	38.6	16.2	19.5	
				PM ₁₀			
2015	24%	52.0	45.8	38.0	20.0	21.9	-
2016	91%	118.7	99.3	68.5	33.6	38.1	25
2017	99%	104.3	73.3	51.2	27.7	29.4	3
Average		91.7	72.8	52.6	27.1	29.8	
				PM _{2.5}			
2015	32%	25.0	23.0	17.3	8.0	9.8	-
2016	88%	70.7	48.8	28.2	14.4	16.4	10
2017	99%	44.5	41.4	30.4	14.6	16.2	5
Average		46.8	37.7	25.3	12.3	14.2	
				O3			
2015	92%	130.9	118.3	97.4	68.9	69.9	2
2016	0%						
2017	0%						
Average		130.9	118.3	97.4	68.9	64.6	

Table 5-9: Summary of the ambient measurements at Secunda Club for the period 2015-2017 (units: µg/m³)

			Но	urly		Appual	No of recorded			
Period	Availability	Мах	99 th Percentile	90 th	50 th	Average	hourly			
		in art		Percentile	Percentile	,	exceedances			
				NO ₂		1				
2015	72%	118.9	80.5	47.4	14.5	20.3	-			
2016	62%	322.5	106.8	43.5	15.4	21.3	5			
2017	94%	113.4	75.9	44.9	18.9	22.6	-			
Average		184.9	87.7	45.2	16.3	21.4				
				SO ₂						
2015	97%	397.5	142.9	43.8	10.4	19.5	4			
2016	90%	536.3	175.8	51.0	9.7	20.7	6			
2017	96%	554.4	145.7	41.4	8.5	17.9	3			
Average		496.0	154.8	45.4	9.5	19.4				
			•	CO			·			
2015	100%	2 843	1 872	904	327	444	-			
2016	96%	5 210	1 899	770	252	377	-			
2017	94%	4 042	1 810	721	229	344	-			
Average		4 032	1 860	799	269	388				
			Da	Appual	No of recorded					
Period	od Availability M	May	00th Parcantila	90 th	50 th	Διμοταπο	daily exceedances			
		IVIUA		Percentile	Percentile	Average	ually exceduallees			
	SO ₂									
				SO ₂	-	-	-			
2015	97%	89.5	62.2	SO ₂ 36.2	15.8	19.3	-			
2015 2016	97% 90%	89.5 80.4	62.2 72.4	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5	15.8 14.8	19.3 19.4	-			
2015 2016 2017	97% 90% 96%	89.5 80.4 93.9	62.2 72.4 60.4	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6	15.8 14.8 14.5	19.3 19.4 17.3				
2015 2016 2017 Average	97% 90% 96%	89.5 80.4 93.9 <i>87.9</i>	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7				
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i>	97% 90% 96%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7	-			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015	97% 90% 96% 24%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3	-			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016	97% 90% 96% 24% 94%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4	- - - - 66			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017	97% 90% 96% 24% 94% 100%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0 210.4	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6 143.8	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5 105.1	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9 46.1	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4 54.1	- - - 66 94			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i>	97% 90% 96% 24% 94% 100%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0 210.4 148.2	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6 143.8 117.5	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5 105.1 86.8	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9 46.1 40.3	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4 54.1 46.6	- - - 66 94			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i>	97% 90% 96% 24% 94% 100%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0 210.4 148.2	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6 143.8 117.5	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5 105.1 86.8 PM _{2.5}	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9 46.1 40.3	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4 54.1 46.6	- - - 66 94			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015	97% 90% 96% 24% 94% 100% 47%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0 210.4 148.2 31.0	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6 143.8 117.5 26.3	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5 105.1 86.8 PM _{2.5} 18.8	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9 46.1 40.3 12.0	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4 54.1 46.6 12.2	- - - 66 94			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2015 2016	97% 90% 96% 24% 94% 100% 47% 94%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0 210.4 148.2 31.0 69.0	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6 143.8 117.5 26.3 58.5	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5 105.1 86.8 PM _{2.5} 18.8 37.4	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9 46.1 40.3 12.0 16.5	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4 54.1 46.6 12.2 19.7	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			
2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017 <i>Average</i> 2015 2016 2017	97% 90% 96% 24% 94% 100% 47% 94% 100%	89.5 80.4 93.9 87.9 68.0 166.0 210.4 148.2 31.0 69.0 82.0	62.2 72.4 60.4 65.0 67.1 141.6 143.8 117.5 26.3 58.5 58.1	SO ₂ 36.2 39.5 32.6 36.1 PM ₁₀ 57.8 97.5 105.1 86.8 PM _{2.5} 18.8 37.4 39.6	15.8 14.8 14.5 15.1 34.0 40.9 46.1 40.3 12.0 16.5 18.5	19.3 19.4 17.3 18.7 36.3 49.4 54.1 46.6 12.2 19.7 21.7	- - - 66 94 - 22 35			

Table 5-10: Summary of the ambient measurements at Embalenhle for the period 2015-2017 (units: µg/m³)

	Availabilit		Но	urly		Appual	No of recorded	
Period	y y	Max	99 th Percentile	90 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	Average	hourly exceedances	
			•	NO ₂				
2015	72%	129.7	61.5	28.4	10.7	13.9	-	
2016	73%	177.1	74.7	32.6	11.3	15.5	-	
2017	88%	150.8	72.0	31.9	9.6	14.2	-	
Average		152.6	69.4	31.0	10.5	14.6		
SO ₂								
2015	93%	442.7	203.2	48.5	7.4	19.9	8	
2016	82%	703.9	190.2	61.6	14.4	26.4	8	
2017	83%	389.1	177.5	55.7	8.2	21.2	2	
Average		511.9	190.3	55.3	10.0	22.5		
				H ₂ S				
2015	92%	202.1	84.1	10.1	3.1	6.6	20	
2016	84%	338.9	76.7	9.1	3.5	6.5	21	
2017	93%	286.3	62.6	9.1	3.1	5.8	3	
Average		275.8	74.4	9.4	3.3	6.3		
	Availahilit		Da	aily	Annual		No of recorded	
Period	y	Max	99 th Percentile	90 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	Average	hourly exceedances	
				PM ₁₀				
2015	0%							
2016	100%	117.8	102.7	65.1	29.9	36.1	22	
2017	89%	158.2	120.0	63.9	32.1	36.7	22	
Average		138.0	111.4	64.5	31.0	36.4		
			•	PM _{2.5}				
2015	0%							
2016	100%	96.8	60.3	34.0	17.1	19.9	18	
2017	88%	145.7	103.3	36.4	18.5	21.6	22	
Average		121.3	81.8	35.2	17.8	20.7		
				SO ₂				
2015	93%	90.4	77.8	40.6	16.8	19.9	-	
2016	82%	144.8	95.5	51.0	22.8	26.4	1	
2017	83%	119.2	76.1	44.7	15.8	21.2	-	
Average		118.1	83.1	45.4	18.5	22.5		
Note: Hourly H ₂ S	exceedances	calculated based	d on the recommen	ded 4-hour acute ex	kposure limit prop	osed by Haaht	ele <i>et al.</i> , (1992)	

Table 5-11: Summary of the ambient measurements at Bosjesspruit for the period 2015-2017 (units: µg/m³)

			Но	urly		Appual	No of recorded	
Period	Availability	Max	99 th Percentile	90 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	Average	hourly exceedances	
				NO ₂				
2015	49%	239.3	154.0	74.5	23.8	34.2	4	
2016	12%	323.5	162.9	78.5	36.7	42.9	8	
2017	44%	289.5	257.6	212.4	32.0	66.4	463	
Average		284.1	191.5	121.8	30.8	47.8		
SO ₂								
2015	53%	322.9	126.0	36.9	6.8	15.2	-	
2016	76%	502.7	144.3	39.9	8.9	17.9	4	
2017	90%	802.2	98.4	27.8	6.6	12.9	2	
Average		542.6	122.9	34.9	7.4	15.3		
				СО				
2015	49%	56 753	2 322	489	0	258	7	
2016	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2017	80%	23 782	3 231	1 534	458	685	-	
Average		40 267	2 776	1 012	229	471		
			Da	aily		Annual	No of recorded	
Period	Availability	Max	99 th Percentile	90 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	Average	daily exceedances	
				SO ₂				
2015	53%	39.7	21.8	10.9	4.2	15.2	-	
2016	76%	84.2	60.7	32.5	12.1	17.9	-	
2017	90%	54.3	43.0	25.4	10.0	12.9	-	
Average		59.4	41.8	22.9	8.7	15.3		
				PM10				
2015	49%	111.5	98.7	37.0	3.3	11.8	6	
2016	70%	358.5	232.3	164.7	62.4	76.1	109	
2017	65%	361.8	213.5	145.9	35.8	58.3	69	
Average		277.3	181.5	115.9	33.8	48.7		
				PM _{2.5}				
2015	49%	62.7	37.4	18.5	2.5	6.7	-	
2016	70%	142.8	133.9	98.8	34.6	43.2	103	
2017	65%	199.2	110.7	76.0	20.7	31.1	69	
Average		134.9	94.0	64.4	19.3	27.0		
				O ₃				
2015	55%	178.8	142.0	100.1	58.8	61.7		
2016	0%							
2017	78%	268.9	210.3	141.3	50.6	64.9		
Average		223.9	176.1	120.7	54.7	63.3		
Note:								
Hourly NO	2 exceedances	should be viewe	ed with caution. Duri	ing 2017 there was	an obvious jump	in levels by a r	magnitude of about 2.	

Table 5-12: Summary of the ambient measurements at Secunda for the period 2015-2017 (units: µg/m³)

The following graphs summarise the observed concentrations of SO_2 , NO_2 and PM_{10} at Secunda Club, Embalenhle, Bosjesspruit, and, Secunda monitoring stations for the years 2015 to 2017. The NAAQS have been included in the graphs for:

- SO₂ hourly (permitted 88 hourly exceedances of 350 μg/m³) and daily average (permitted 4 daily exceedances of 125 μg/m³)
- NO₂ hourly average (permitted 88 hourly exceedances of 200 µg/m³); and,
- PM₁₀ daily average (permitted 4 daily exceedances of 75 μg/m³; 2015 standards).

The hourly 99th percentiles for SO₂ were below the limit value of 350 μ g/m³ at all four stations for all three years (Figure 5-18, Figure 5-20, Figure 5-22 and Figure 5-24). The daily 99th percentiles for SO₂ were below the limit value (125 μ g/m³) at all the



stations: Secunda Club (Figure 5-19), Embalenhle (Figure 5-21), Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-23), and Secunda (DEA) (Figure 5-25).

Figure 5-18: Observed hourly average SO₂ concentrations at Secunda Club



Figure 5-19: Observed daily average SO₂ concentrations at Secunda Club



Figure 5-20: Observed hourly average SO₂ concentrations at Embalenhle



Figure 5-21: Observed daily average SO_2 concentrations at Embalenhle



Figure 5-22: Observed hourly average SO₂ concentrations at Bosjesspruit



Figure 5-23: Observed daily average SO₂ concentrations at Bosjesspruit



Figure 5-24: Observed hourly average SO₂ concentrations at Secunda (DEA)



Figure 5-25: Observed daily average SO₂ concentrations at Secunda (DEA)

The hourly 99th percentiles for NO₂ were below the limit value (200 μ g/m³) at all stations and for all three years (Figure 5-26, Figure 5-27 and Figure 5-28) with the exception of the Secunda DEA station during 2017. This data has a marked jump in values in September 2017 that needs further investigation and verification. The data presented here should be viewed with caution (Figure 5-29).



Figure 5-26: Observed hourly average NO₂ concentrations at Secunda Club



Figure 5-27: Observed hourly average NO₂ concentrations at Embalenhle



Figure 5-28: Observed hourly average NO₂ concentrations at Bosjesspruit



Figure 5-29: Observed hourly average NO₂ concentrations at Secunda (DEA)

The daily 99th percentiles for PM₁₀ exceeded the limit value (75 μ g/m³; 2015 standard) at the Secunda Club in 2016 (Figure 5-30) and Embalenhle and Bosjesspruit stations (Figure 5-31 and Figure 5-32) in 2016 and 2017. At the Secunda (DEA) station, daily 99th percentile PM₁₀ exceeded the limit value for all three years (Figure 5-33). While the SO₂ and NO₂ annual averages were below the NAAQS, the PM₁₀ annual averages exceeded the 2015 limit value of 40 μ g/m³ for 2016 and 2017 at Embalenhle and Secunda (DEA) stations.



Figure 5-30: Observed daily average PM₁₀ concentrations at Secunda Club



Figure 5-31: Observed daily average PM₁₀ concentrations at Embalenhle



Figure 5-32: Observed daily average PM₁₀ concentrations at Bosjesspruit



Figure 5-33: Observed daily average PM10 concentrations at Secunda (DEA)

Time series plots (mean with 95% confidence interval) of ambient SO₂, NO₂, H₂S and PM₁₀ concentrations measured at Secunda Club (Figure 5-34 and Figure 5-35), and Embalenhle (Figure 5-36 and Figure 5-37) Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-38 to Figure 5-40), and Secunda (DEA) (Figure 5-41 and Figure 5-42) show the variation of these pollutants over daily, weekly and annual cycles.

The daily SO₂ show a typically industrial signature with increased SO₂ concentrations at just before midday due to the breakup of an elevated inversion layer, in addition to the development of daytime convective conditions causing the plume to be brought down to ground level relatively close to the point of release from tall stacks. Increased NO₂ concentrations during peak traffic times (07:00 to 08:00 and 16:00 to 18:00) illustrate the contribution of vehicle emissions to the ambient NO₂ concentrations. The winter (June, July and August) elevation of SO₂ and NO₂ shows the contribution of residential fuel burning to the ambient SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations.

Monthly variation of PM₁₀ shows a typical Highveld signature of elevated concentrations during winter months due to the greater contribution from domestic fuel burning, dust from uncovered soil and the lack of the settling influence of rainfall.

Large temporal variation is evident in H_2S with a typically industrial signature with increased H_2S concentrations at just before midday due to the break-up of an elevated inversion layer, in addition to the development of daytime convective conditions causing the plume to be brought down to ground level relatively close to the point of release from tall stacks.



Figure 5-34: Time series plot of normalised observed SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations at Secunda Club (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-35: Time series plot of normalised observed PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at Secunda Club (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-36: Time series plot of normalised observed SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations at Embalenhle (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-37: Time series plot of normalised observed PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at Embalenhle (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-38: Time series plot of observed SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations at Bosjesspruit (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-39: Time series plot of normalised observed PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at Bosjesspruit (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)


Figure 5-40: Time series plot of normalised observed H₂S concentrations at Bosjesspruit (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-41: Time series plot of normalised observed SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations at Secunda (DEA) (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)



Figure 5-42: Time series plot of normalised observed PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at Secunda (DEA) (shaded area indicates 95th percentile confidence interval)

5.1.6 Model Performance

5.1.6.1 Understanding of Observed Concentrations

An analysis of the observed NO₂, SO₂, PM₁₀ and H₂S concentrations at Secunda Club, Embalenhle, Bosjesspruit, and Secunda monitoring stations was completed, in which the concentration values have been categorised into wind speed and direction bins for different concentrations. This information is most easily visualised as polar plots, where the centre of the polar plot refers to the location of the monitoring station, as shown for SO₂ observations in Figure 5-43 (Secunda Club), Figure 5-46 (Embalenhle), Figure 5-49 (Bosjesspruit), and Figure 5-53 (Secunda). The corresponding NO₂ analyses are summarised in Figure 5-44 (Secunda Club), Figure 5-47 (Embalenhle), Figure 5-50 (Bosjesspruit), and Figure 5-54 (Secunda), with PM₁₀ provided in Figure 5-45 (Secunda Club), Figure 5-48 (Embalenhle), Figure 5-52 (Bosjesspruit), and Figure 5-55 (Secunda). A polar plot for H₂S (Figure 5-51 - Bosjesspruit) is also provided.

These polar plots (Carslaw and Ropkins, 2012; Carslaw, 2013) provide an indication of the directional contribution as well as the dependence of concentrations on wind speed. The directional display is fairly obvious, i.e. when higher concentrations are shown to occur in a certain sector, e.g. north-westerly for H₂S at Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-51), it is understood that most of the high concentrations occur when winds blow from that sector. The presence of a high concentration pattern which is more symmetrical around the centre of the plot is an indication that the contributions are near-equally distributed and occur under calm-wind conditions.

Furthermore, since the observed concentrations have also been categorised according to wind speed categories, it provides an indication of the plume height. As explained in Section 5.1.4.1 (plume buoyancy), stronger winds reduce the amount of plume rise, and may effectively increase ground-level concentrations. However, since an increased wind speed also enhances plume dispersion, a concentration maximum would be reached for a wind speed where the plume rise and dilution effects cancel each other. These conditions would be different for day- and night-time atmospheric stabilities. It is expected that high ground level concentrations from elevated stacks would be more prevalent during stronger wind speeds during stable conditions than daytime, convective conditions, when the plume buoyancy is often not as effective in lifting the plume centreline. Low-level emissions behave differently, and higher concentrations would normally be observed during weak-wind conditions.

The SO₂ concentrations observed at Secunda Club (Figure 5-43) show two distinct wind directions, namely from the southwest (higher concentrations) and the north (Secunda town and other more remote emitters). The NO₂ concentrations observed at Secunda Club (Figure 5-44) indicate that most of the high concentrations occur with south-westerly winds of less than 6 m/s. These are most likely due to emissions at SSO. Lower ground-level concentrations observed to originate from the north, may be due to vehicular exhaust emissions in Secunda town and more remote sources of NO₂. The PM₁₀ concentrations observed at Secunda Club (Figure 5-45) are mainly from the northwestern sector where industrial, mining and vehicle activity sources are most likely to contribute to the concentrations.

Median SO₂ concentrations above 100 μ g/m³ were observed with winds from the north and east-south-east at Embalenhle (Figure 5-46). The easterly sector is most likely associated with SSO, whilst the northerly sector may also include Sasol, it is also believed that other sources are likely to contribute to these observations. The NO₂ concentrations observed at Embalenhle (Figure 5-47) recorded high concentrations during calm-wind conditions (most-likely localised emitters) with winds from the northerly and easterly directions. The easterly emitters are most likely due to SSO, whereas the northerly observations are due to more remote sources of NO₂. The highest mean PM₁₀ concentrations at Embalenhle were observed at low wind speeds indicating local sources, and more distant sources to the south-west, west, and north-west at wind speeds greater than 6 m/s (Figure 5-48). The contributing sources of particulate matter would include vehicle entrainment, domestic fuel burning, industrial and mining activity.

The SO₂ concentrations observed at Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-49) indicate that most of the elevated concentrations occur with north-westerly winds of between 5 m/s and 10 m/s and northerly winds of above 8 m/s. High concentrations were also measured with south-easterly winds above 8 m/s. The contribution from the north-westerly sector is most likely associated with SSO, whereas the other two directions are most likely due to other emitters of SO₂. The NO₂ concentrations observed at Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-50) indicate that most of the high concentrations occur with north-westerly winds of between 5 m/s and 10 m/s. Slightly lower concentrations contributions were from the north with winds of about 8 m/s. The north-westerly sector is clearly associated with SSO. Whilst the northerly sector may also include SSO, it is also believed that other sources may contribute to these observations, including vehicular exhaust emissions, which can potentially be significant NO₂ emitters. The H₂S concentrations observed at Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-51) indicate that most of the north-westerly sector are most likely associated with SSO. The PM₁₀ concentrations observed at Bosjesspruit (Figure 5-52) are mainly from the northwestern sector where industrial, mining and vehicle activity sources are most likely to contribute to the concentrations.

The SO₂ concentrations observed at Secunda (Figure 5-53) indicate that minor contributions at higher wind speeds originate from the east-south-easterly section. The NO₂ concentrations observed at Secunda (Figure 5-54) indicate a distant source (at wind speeds between 2 and 8 m/s) to the north. This data should however be viewed with caution as the data for 2017 appears to jump considerably compared to 2016 and this data needs to be investigated and validated going forward. The highest mean PM₁₀ concentrations at Secunda were observed at low wind speeds indicating local sources (Figure 5-55). The local contributing sources of particulate matter would include vehicle entrainment and domestic fuel burning.



Figure 5-43: Polar plot of hourly median SO₂ concentration observations at Secunda Club for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-44: Polar plot of hourly median NO₂ concentration observations at Secunda Club for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-45: Polar plot of median PM₁₀ concentration observations at Secunda Club for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-46: Polar plot of hourly median SO₂ concentration observations at Embalenhle for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-47: Polar plot of hourly median NO₂ concentration observations at Embalenhle for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-48: Polar plot of hourly median PM₁₀ concentration observations at Embalenhle for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-49: Polar plot of hourly median SO₂ concentration observations at Bosjesspruit for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-50: Polar plot of hourly median NO₂ concentration observations at Bosjesspruit for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-51: Polar plot of hourly median H₂S concentration observations at Bosjesspruit for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-52: Polar plot of hourly median PM₁₀ concentration observations at Bosjesspruit for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-53: Polar plot of hourly median SO₂ concentration observations at Secunda for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-54: Polar plot of hourly median NO_2 concentration observations at Secunda for 2015 to 2017



Figure 5-55: Polar plot of hourly median PM₁₀ concentration observations at Secunda for 2015 to 2017

5.1.6.2 Model Validation

Ambient concentrations of NO₂, SO₂, and PM₁₀ measured by Sasol and the DEA in Secunda help provide an understanding of existing ambient air concentrations as well as providing a means of verifying the dispersion modelling. Since the aim of the investigation is to illustrate the change in ground level concentrations from the current levels (i.e. baseline emission scenario) to those levels resulting from the introduction of the required emission limits (i.e. new plant emission standards), the intention was not to comprehensively include all air emissions within Secunda. Unaccounted emissions include those from unintended leaks within the plant (fugitive emissions) and small vents, as well as air emissions from other industries, emissions from activities occurring within the communities, and biomass burning (especially during winter season), as well as long-range transport into the modelling domain. However, information about community activities, such as the amount of traffic within the community and the amount of fuel used for heating is often difficult to estimate.

These emissions, when combined, may potentially add up to be a significant portion of the observed concentrations in the modelling domain. In terms of the current investigation, the portion of air quality due to air emission sources that is not included in the model's emissions inventory constitutes the background concentration.

Discrepancies between predicted and observed concentrations may also be as a result of process emission variations and may include upset emissions and shutdowns. These conditions could result in significant under-estimating or over-estimating the air concentrations. In order to accommodate these upset emission conditions, a time varying emissions database would be required as input into the model.

A summary of the predicted concentrations and their comparison with observations are given in Appendix G. In order to establish model performance under average emission conditions, it is not uncommon to use a certain percentile of predicted and observed concentrations for comparison. Although these may range from a 90th to 99.9th percentile, it was decided to use the DEA NAAQS for guidance. For criteria pollutants SO₂, NO₂ and PM₁₀, the NAAQS requires compliance with the 99th percentile. As hourly averages, this allows exceedances of the limit value of 88 hours (SO₂ and NO₂) or 4 days (SO₂ and PM₁₀) per year. Estimated short-term (hourly or daily) background concentrations (not associated with the emissions included in the simulations) used the observed concentration value when simulated concentrations from Secunda Operations indicate very small contributions (0.1 µg/m³).

Table 5-13 to Table 5-15 is a summary of comparisons between simulated and observed SO₂ concentrations at the monitoring stations in the study area. As shown in the tables of the observed peak concentration only 14% at Bosjesspruit and 19% at Secunda could not be accounted for. The difference between simulated and observation increases significantly when considering long-term comparisons (i.e. 50th percentile and annual average), clearly illustrating the contribution of emission **sources not included in the dispersion model's emissions inventory.**

	Bosjesspruit							
Description	ç	SO ₂ concentration (µg/m ³)						
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted					
Peak	440.4	511.9	71.4	0.14				
99th Percentile	166.1	190.4	24.3	0.13				
90th Percentile	7.3	55.2	47.9	0.87				
50th Percentile	0.0	10.0	10.0	1.00				
Annual Average	7.5	22.5	15.0	0.66				

Table 5-13: Comparison of predicted and observed SO₂ concentrations at Bosjesspruit monitoring station

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Table 5-14: Comparison of predicted and observed SO₂ concentrations at Secunda Club monitoring station

		Secunda Club								
Description		SO ₂ concentration (μ g/m ³)								
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted							
Peak	685.2	513.5	0.0	-						
99th Percentile	140.6	168.2	27.5	0.16						
90th Percentile	3.4	49.6	46.2	0.93						
50th Percentile	0.0	9.2	9.2	1.00						
Annual Average	5.4	20.4	14.9	0.73						

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Table 5-15: Comparison of predicted and observed SO₂ concentrations at Embalenhle monitoring station

	Embalenhle								
Description	, , ,	Linaccounted Fraction*							
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted						
Peak	691.5	496.0	0.0	-					
99th Percentile	113.5	155.0	41.4	0.27					
90th Percentile	1.7	45.3	43.6	0.96					
50th Percentile	0.0	9.5	9.5	1.00					
Annual Average	3.7	19.3	15.6	0.81					

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Table 5-16: Comparison of predicted and observed SO₂ concentrations at Secunda monitoring station

		Secunda								
Description		SO ₂ concentration (µg/m³)								
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted							
Peak	578.3	717.0	138.7	0.19						
99th Percentile	103.6	190.9	87.4	0.46						
90th Percentile	1.1	54.8	53.7	0.98						
50th Percentile	0.0	11.1	11.1	1.00						
Annual Average	3.3	23.6	20.3	0.86						

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

The performance evaluation was completed using the fractional bias method. Fractional bias is one of the evaluation methods recommended by the U.S. EPA for determining dispersion model performance (U.S. EPA 1992). Fractional bias provides a comparison of the means and standard deviation of both modelled and monitored concentrations for any given number of locations.

In this assessment, the background concentrations were added to the simulated concentrations prior to the calculation of the fractional bias. The 99th percentile (with background concentration) was compared to the same ranked monitored concentrations.

In Figure 5-56, the fractional bias is plotted with the means on the X-axis and the standard deviations on the Y-axis. The box on the plot encloses the area of the graph where the model predictions are within a fractional bias between -0.67 and +0.67; indicating a good correlation). The U.S. EPA states that predictions within a factor of two are a reasonable performance target for a model before it is used for refined regulatory analysis (U.S. EPA 1992). Data points appearing on the left half of the plot indicate an over-prediction and those on the right half of the plot represent under-predictions.

The fractional bias of the means was less than 0.67 at all monitoring sites, clearly showing good model performance. The fractional bias of the standard deviation at all monitoring sites (with the exception of Embalenhle) was less than 0.67 and is an indication that the model depicted the wide range of SO_2 concentrations at these locations well. The bias of standard deviation (the range of SO_2 concentrations displayed on the y-axis) at Embalenhle was 0.9, within the acceptable model performance range (factor of two).



Figure 5-56: Fractional bias of means and standard deviation for SO_2

The same calculations and comparisons were repeated for NO_2 simulations and observations. The CALPUFF simulations were specifically for NO_x and the formation of HNO_3 and other nitrates using the MESOPUFF II chemical transformation mechanism, as discussed in Section 5.1.4.3.

Table 5-17 to Table 5-20 provide summary of comparisons between simulated and observed NO_2 concentrations at the monitoring stations in the study area. As shown in the tables of the observed peak concentration only 11% at Bosjesspruit and 50% at Secunda could not be accounted for.

As for SO₂, the difference between simulated and observation increases significantly when considering long-term comparisons (i.e. 50th percentile and annual average), clearly illustrating the contribution of emission sources not included in the dispersion **model's emissions inventory**.

		Bosjesspruit							
Description		NO ₂ concentration (µg/m ³)							
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted						
Peak	136.3	152.6	16.2	0.11					
99th Percentile	59.3	69.4	10.2	0.15					
90th Percentile	8.7	31.0	22.3	0.72					
50th Percentile	0.0	10.5	10.5	1.00					
Annual Average	4.1	14.6	10.5	0.72					

Table 5-17: Comparison of predicted and observed NO₂ concentrations at Bosjesspruit monitoring station

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Table 5-18: Comparison of predicted and observed NO₂ concentrations at Secunda Club monitoring station

		Secunda Club								
Description	1	Unaccounted Fraction*								
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted	Unaccounted Fraction						
Peak	214.0	194.9	0.0	-						
99th Percentile	56.5	80.2	23.6	0.29						
90th Percentile	4.4	40.1	35.6	0.89						
50th Percentile	0.0	15.1	15.1	1.00						
Annual Average	3.0	19.8	16.8	0.85						

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Table 5-19: Comparison of predicted and observed NO₂ concentrations at Embalenhle monitoring

	Embalenhle							
Description	1	Lineacounted Freetien*						
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted					
Peak	201.0	184.9	0.0	-				
99th Percentile	53.7	87.8	34.0	0.39				
90th Percentile	4.9	45.2	40.3	0.89				
50th Percentile	0.0	16.3	16.3	1.00				
Annual Average	2.4	21.4	19.0	0.89				

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Table 5-20: Comparison of predicted and observed NO₂ concentrations at Secunda monitoring station

	Secunda								
Description	1	Lineacounted Fraction*							
	Simulated	Observed	Unaccounted						
Peak	176.7	354.3	177.6	0.50					
99th Percentile	52.3	220.4	168.0	0.76					
90th Percentile	2.7	137.3	134.6	0.98					
50th Percentile	0.0	34.4	34.4	1.00					
Annual Average	1.9	54.0	52.0	0.96					

* unaccounted fraction as a percentage of observed concentration

Fractional biases (i.e. using the 99th percentile simulated concentrations and the estimated background concentration) were calculated for the monitoring stations within the study area. The results are summarised in Figure 5-57. The fractional bias of

the means was less than 0.67 at all monitoring sites, clearly showing good model performance. The fractional bias of the standard deviation at all monitoring sites was less than 0.67 and is an indication that the model depicted the wide range of NO_2 concentrations at these locations well.



Figure 5-57: Fractional bias of means and standard deviation for NO₂

5.1.7 Scenario Emission Inventory

Dispersion modelling included all point sources in all scenarios (Table 4-1, Table 4-2, Table 4-3, and Table 4-4); however 10 sources had emission rates which varied between the three scenarios assessed. The baseline (i.e. unvarying) sources were modelled as per parameters and emission rates provided in Table 4-1, Table 4-2, Table 4-3, and Table 4-4. The source parameters of sources for which postponement is applied were unchanged from the baseline (Table 4-1). Emissions per scenario were provided by Secunda Operations for the assessment and are given in and Table 5-21.

Source name	SO ₂	NO _x as NO ₂	PM	CO	HCI	HF	TOC	NH₃	Dioxins & Furans	Sum of Metals	Hg	Cd & TI
	Baseline											
B1 (U43): Main Stack West	2 897	1 962	141									
B2 (U243): Main Stack East	2 611	2 207	141									
SCC 1 Stack	3.8	1.8	6.69									
WA1 (052WK-2102)	0.2	1.9	1.8	16.5	0.01	0.004	3.3	0.12	0.0000009	0.02	0.0046	0.0003
WA2 (052WK-2202)	0.04	1.8	1.2	15.5	0.03	0.003	10.3	0.23	0.0000008	0.02	0.0096	0.0004
WA3 (252WK-2102)	0.8	3.7	2.0	20.7	0.02	0.005	7.7	0.12	0.0000002	0.02	0.0056	0.0004
WA4 (252WK-2202)	0.1	1.0	1.4	8.4	0.01	0.002	2.7	0.07	0.0000004	0.02	0.0039	0.0003
HOW1 (052CI-101)	0.4	8.6	0.8	0.7	0.05	0.004	0.2	0.03	0.0000027	0.01	0.0002	0.0002
HOW1 (252CI-101)	0.6	9.5	0.7	1.0	0.02	0.003	0.2	0.01	0.0000038	0.01	0.0003	0.0001
Ammonium Nitrate Stack (SCO)			0.2					0.70				
				At New Pla	nt Emission S	Standards						
B1 (U43): Main Stack West	2 897	1 395	93									
B2 (U243): Main Stack East	2 611	1 468	98									
SCC 1 Stack	3.8	1.8	6.5									
WA1 (052WK-2102)	0.3	1.4	0.07	0.34	0.07	0.01	0.07	0.07	0.0000008	0.003	0.0003	0.0003
WA2 (052WK-2202)	0.3	1.2	0.06	0.29	0.06	0.01	0.10	0.06	0.0000008	0.005	0.0005	0.0005
WA3 (252WK-2102)	0.5	1.9	0.09	0.47	0.09	0.01	0.10	0.09	0.0000008	0.005	0.0005	0.0005
WA4 (252WK-2202)	0.2	0.7	0.03	0.16	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.0000006	0.003	0.0003	0.0003
HOW1 (052CI-101)	0.3	1.0	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.0000005	0.002	0.0002	0.0002
HOW1 (252CI-101)	0.2	0.7	0.03	0.17	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.0000004	0.001	0.0001	0.0001
Ammonium Nitrate Stack (SCO)			0.06					0.11				
		_		At Alte	ernative Emis	sions						
B1 (U43): Main Stack West	2 897	2 232	223									
B2 (U243): Main Stack East	2 611	2 349	235									
SCC 1 Stack	3.8	1.8	19.5									
WA1 (052WK-2102)	1.6	4.3	5.8	30.9	0.2	0.14	25.2	0.71	0.000003	0.06	0.02	0.0008
WA2 (052WK-2202)	1.4	3.6	4.9	25.9	0.1	0.12	37.3	0.60	0.000004	0.09	0.03	0.0012

Table 5-21: Varying point source emissions per dispersion modelling scenario provided for the Secunda Operations (units: g/s)

Source name	SO ₂	NO _x as NO ₂	PM	CO	HCI	HF	ТОС	NH3	Dioxins & Furans	Sum of Metals	Hg	Cd & TI
WA3 (252WK-2102)	2.3	5.9	8.0	42.2	0.2	0.19	38.4	0.98	0.000003	0.09	0.03	0.0013
WA4 (252WK-2202)	0.8	2.1	2.8	14.7	0.08	0.07	20.3	0.34	0.000003	0.05	0.01	0.0007
HOW1 (052CI-101)	2.1	21.3	4.5	6.6	0.3	0.02	0.6	0.07	0.000021	0.10	0.002	0.0006
HOW1 (252CI-101)	1.5	14.6	3.1	4.5	0.2	0.01	0.3	0.05	0.000016	0.06	0.001	0.0004
Ammonium Nitrate Stack (SCO)			0.1					0.50				

Source name	Tank contents			
		Baseline	New	Alternative
056TK-0109	Synjet	2.19	2.19	2.19
056TK-0110	Synjet	2.23	2.23	2.23
056TK-0112	Synjet	4.50	4.50	4.50
056TK-0113	SLO	2.82	2.82	2.82
056TK-0121	Creosote	0.15	0.15	0.15
056TK-0122	Creosote	0.15	0.15	0.15
056TK-0130	W012	2.64	2.64	2.64
056TK-0143	MEK	0.15	0.15	0.15
056TK-0146	ETHANOL	0.59	0.59	0.59
056TK-0203	ETHANOL	0.54	0.54	0.54
056TK-0214	WO12	0.42	0.42	0.42
056TK-0216	BENZENE	0.03	0.03	0.03
056TK-1401	Crude tar	0.48	0.05	0.48
056TK-1402	Crude tar	0.40	0.04	0.40
056TK-1414	Residue Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00
056TK-1508	Heavy Naphtha	0.18	0.18	0.18
056TK-1601	Crude phenol	0.22	0.22	0.22
056TK-2901	SLO	3.85	0.39	3.85
056TK-2902	SLO	4.06	0.41	4.06
056TK-2903	Mixed HCs	0.13	0.01	0.13
056TK-3201	C5 Raffinate	2.41	2.41	2.41
056TK-3202	C5C6	1.68	1.68	1.68
056TK-3301	PHT	4.02	0.40	4.02
056TK-3304	Petrol	2.86	2.86	2.86
056TK-3321	Synjet	1.23	1.23	1.23
056TK-3322	Synjet	1.97	1.97	1.97
056TK-3401	DO	1.01	0.10	1.01
056TK-3402	DO	0.00	0.00	0.00
056TK-3501	DHT	1.16	1.16	1.16
056TK-3521	Heavy Diesel	0.63	0.63	0.63
056TK-3601	NAC Feed	1.45	0.15	1.45
056TK-3602	Carbonyls	1.65	0.16	0.16
056TK-3603	ETHANOL	0.89	0.89	0.89
056TK-3705	ACETONE	0.38	0.38	0.38
056TK-3706	ACETONE	0.06	0.06	0.06
056TK-3709	MEK	0.04	0.04	0.04
056TK-3710	MEK	0.04	0.04	0.04
056TK-3713	METHANOL	0.01	0.01	0.01
056TK-3714	METHANOL	0.01	0.01	0.01
056TK-3721	Carbonyls	0.25	0.25	0.25
056TK-3811	ETHANOL	0.45	0.04	0.45
056TK-3812	ETHANOL	0.46	0.05	0.46
056TK-3835	ETHANOL	0.22	0.22	0.22
056TK-3901	Coker Oil	0.30	0.30	0.30
056TK-3902	Coker Oil	0.38	0.38	0.38

Table 5-22: Tank emissions per dispersion modelling scenario provided for the Secunda Operations (units: g/s) ^(a)

Source name	Tank contents			
		Baseline	New	Alternative
056TK-7301	ETHANOL	0.69	0.69	0.69
056TK-7302	ETHANOL	0.69	0.69	0.69
056TK-7303	ETHANOL	1.23	1.23	1.23
256TK-0143	MEK	0.60	0.60	0.60
256TK-0216	BENZENE	0.05	0.05	0.05
256TK-1401	Crude tar	0.51	0.05	0.51
256TK-1402	Crude tar	0.28	0.03	0.28
256TK-1508	Heavy Naphtha	0.14	0.14	0.14
256TK-2801	Creosote Cracker Feed	0.99	0.99	0.99
256TK-2902	SLO	4.43	0.44	4.43
256TK-2904	Petrol	7.17	7.17	7.17
256TK-3001	NHT	2.70	0.27	2.70
256TK-3002	NHT	1.23	0.12	1.23
256TK-3301	PHT	3.93	0.39	3.93
256TK-3320	Synjet	1.90	1.90	1.90
256TK-3401	DO	0.74	0.07	0.74
256TK-3402	DO	0.52	0.05	0.52
256TK-3601	NAC FEED	0.92	0.09	0.92
256TK-3602	Carbonyls	1.34	0.13	0.13
256TK-3705	MEK	0.10	0.10	0.10
256TK-3706	MEK	0.08	0.08	0.08
256TK-3713	METHANOL	0.01	0.01	0.01
256TK-3714	METHANOL	0.01	0.01	0.01
256TK-3721	Carbonyls	0.31	0.31	0.31
256TK-3811	ETHANOL	0.45	0.45	0.45
256TK-3812	ETHANOL	0.45	0.45	0.45
256TK-3835	ETHANOL	0.18	0.18	0.18
256TK-3850	ACETONE	0.53	0.05	0.53
256TK-3851	ACETONE	0.56	0.56	0.56
256TK-3852	Petrol	4.66	4.66	4.66
256TK-0148	Propanol Plus	0.31	0.03	0.31
256TK-9301	SCC feed	0.44	0.44	0.44
256TK-9302	SCC feed	0.45	0.45	0.45
286TK-B901	Heavy Naphtha	0.45	0.45	0.45
286TK-B906	Heavy Naphtha	0.22	0.22	0.22
56TK0101	Petrol	0.31	0.31	0.31
56TK0102	Petrol	0.30	0.30	0.30
56TK0103	Petrol	0.30	0.30	0.30
56TK0105	Petrol	0.10	0.10	0.10
56TK0106	Petrol	0.17	0.17	0.17
56TK0107	Petrol	0.18	0.18	0.18
56TK1502	Naphtha-Rectisol	0.01	0.01	0.01
56TK1505	Naphtha-Light	0.00	0.00	0.00
56TK3005	Petrol	0.15	0.15	0.15
56TK3006	Petrol	0.14	0.14	0.14
56TK3010	Diesel	0.01	0.01	0.01

Source name	Tank contents	Emission rate (g/s)			
		Baseline	New	Alternative	
56TK3305	Petrol	0.10	0.10	0.10	
56TK3308	Petrol	0.17	0.17	0.17	
56TK3309	Petrol	0.18	0.18	0.18	
256TK0104	Petrol	0.31	0.31	0.31	
256TK0108	Petrol	0.18	0.18	0.18	
256TK1501	Naphtha-Waxy	0.07	0.07	0.07	
256TK1502	Naphtha-Rectisol	0.01	0.01	0.01	
256TK1505	Naphtha-Light	0.00	0.00	0.00	
256TK2811	Petrol	0.07	0.07	0.07	
256TK2812	Petrol	0.07	0.07	0.07	
256TK2901	SLO	0.01	0.01	0.01	
256TK3005	Petrol	0.12	0.12	0.12	
256TK3006	Petrol	0.11	0.11	0.11	
256TK3201	C5C6	0.02	0.02	0.02	
256TK3202	C5C6	0.02	0.02	0.02	
15TK101		0.89	0.09	0.09	
215TK101		0.98	0.10	0.10	
56TK3002	NHT Feed	1.11	0.11	1.11	
301TK6206	Octene Feed	1.02	0.10	1.02	
56TK0125	DTA Feed	2.03	0.20	2.03	
25TK0126	DTA Feed	2.03	0.20	2.03	
36TK101	CWU Feed	32.31	3.23	32.31	
236TK101	Synthol wash water return	32.00	3.20	32.00	
301TK6205	Octene Feed	1.02	0.10	1.02	

(a) Sources and emissions that vary between scenarios are provided in bold

5.1.8 Model Results

Air quality standards are fundamental tools to assist in air quality management. The NAAQS (Section 5.1.2.2) are intended to reduce harmful effects on health of the majority of the population, including the very young and the elderly. In this section, predicted ambient concentrations of criteria pollutants at specific sensitive receptors are compared against the promulgated local NAAQS (Table 5-2).

Prior to dispersion modelling, 53 receptors were identified in the vicinity of the Secunda Operations (within the 50-by-50 km modelling domain). Sensitive receptors included residential areas, schools, hospitals and clinics, as well as monitoring stations (Figure 5-58 and Table 5-23). Ambient air quality monitoring stations (AQMS) were the first receptors identified because comparison of the predicted concentrations could be compared with measured concentrations for model validation. Schools, hospitals and clinics within the domain were identified and included as sensitive receptors in the dispersion model (full list provided in Appendix K). All receptors are presented in the isopleth plots, where the AQMS are included in results figures and the 20 closest receptors are included in the results tables at increasing distance from the centre of Secunda Operations.



Figure 5-58: Sensitive receptors identified for assessment of impact as a result of Secunda Operations

Receptor code name	Receptor details	Distance from centre of operations (km)
Embalenhle	Sasol Embalenhle Monitoring Station (previously Langverwacht)	3.3
Secunda Club	Sasol Secunda Club Monitoring Station	6.3
Secunda	DEA Secunda Monitoring Station	6.0
Bosjesspruit	Sasol Bosjesspruit Monitoring Station	8.3
42	Roodebank Combined School	4.5
60	Zamokuthle Primary School	5.8
46	Osizweni Secondary School	6.1
55	Isibanisesizwe Primary School	6.3
41	Maphala-Gulube Primary School	6.3
56	Kiriyatswane Secondary School	6.3
48	Osizweni Primary School	6.4
57	Kusasalethu Secondary School	6.5
58	Laerskool Oranjegloed	6.7
62	Highveld Medi Clinic/Hydromed	7.2
53	Tholukwazi Primary School	7.3
30	TP Stratten Primary School	7.3
59	School	7.5
33	Laerskool Goedehoop	7.5
38	Laerskool Kruinpark	7.5

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Receptor code name	Receptor details	Distance from centre of operations (km)
52	Lifalethu Primary School	7.6
61	Secunda Medi Clinic	7.7
50	Embalenhle Primary School	7.8
51	Buyani Primary School	8.0
54	Allan Makhunga Primary School	8.1

Since the focus of the study is to illustrate the relative changes in ambient concentrations of pollutants theoretically arising from different point source emission scenarios, the predicted concentration differences from scenario to scenario were provided as percentage increase or decrease over the modelled baseline scenario (*C*_{Baseline Scenario}).

$\frac{C_{S, Future \, Scenario} - C_{S, \, Baseline \, Scenario}}{C_{Baseline \, Scenario}}$

Equation 1

It should be noted that the changes in ground-level concentrations, at the receptors, between the scenarios shown in the results: (1) are theoretical changes and may not necessarily be technically possible, and; (2) represent the maximum achievable improvements and are, therefore, not indicative of the day-to-day average reduction at every receptor point cumulatively.

5.1.8.1 Criteria Pollutants

The findings for each of the criteria pollutants (SO₂, NO₂ and PM) are presented for the Secunda Operations in three forms. The first figure presents the predicted pollutant concentration (99th percentile) at the AQMS (Table 5-23) for each of the emission scenarios (baseline operating conditions, emissions in theoretical compliance with New Plant Standards [2020]; and the Alternative Emission) relative to the appropriate NAAQS. A table then presents the percentage change in ground-level concentrations between the emission scenarios and the baseline at the AQMS and 20 closest sensitive receptors (Table 5-23). Finally, isopleth plots have been included for all the relevant emission scenarios and pollutants.

5.1.8.1.1 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)

Ambient concentrations of SO₂ as a result of Secunda Operations baseline emissions are predicted to fall below the hourly NAAQS at the AQMS (Figure 5-59 to Figure 5-61) and receptors (Table 5-24 to Table 5-26). Very little change in ambient SO₂ concentrations are evident with theoretical compliance with new plant emission standards and the alternative emission scenario, by less than 5% (Table 5-24 to Table 5-26). SO₂ impacts for all scenarios for all averaging periods are well below the NAAQS.

Isopleth plots are presented for all averaging periods ground-level SO₂ concentrations as a result of all emission scenarios for Secunda Operations, as per the figure numbers below:

Scenario	Hourly	Daily	Annual
Baseline concentrations	Figure 5-62	Figure 5-65	Figure 5-68
New Plant standards	Figure 5-63	Figure 5-66	Figure 5-69
Alternative emissions	Figure 5-64	Figure 5-67	Figure 5-70



Figure 5-59: Simulated hourly SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) at AQMS for Secunda Operations



Figure 5-60: Simulated daily SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) at AQMS for Secunda Operations



Figure 5-61: Simulated annual SO $_2$ concentrations at AQMS for Secunda Operations

	Hourly SO ₂ (99 th percentile)				
Receptor	Baseline	New		Alternative	
	Concentration (µg/m³)	Concentration (µg/m³)	Relative change	Concentration (µg/m³)	Relative change
Emalenhle AQMS	139.7	139.2	-0.3%	139.3	-0.3%
Secunda Club AQMS	139.7	139.2	-0.3%	139.3	-0.3%
Secunda AQMS	105.5	105.2	-0.3%	105.2	-0.3%
Bosjesspruit AQMS	166.7	166.3	-0.3%	166.5	-0.1%
Roodebank Combined School	63.9	63.8	-0.2%	64.0	0.1%
Zamokuthle Primary School	92.3	92.2	-0.2%	92.2	-0.2%
Osizweni Secondary School	82.3	82.2	-0.2%	82.2	-0.1%
Isibanisesizwe Primary School	102.2	102.0	-0.2%	102.0	-0.2%
Maphala-Gulube Primary School	116.2	115.8	-0.4%	116.0	-0.1%
Kiriyatswane Secondary School	96.9	96.6	-0.2%	97.0	0.2%
Osizweni Primary School	81.2	81.0	-0.3%	81.1	-0.1%
Kusasalethu Secondary School	100.7	100.2	-0.5%	100.5	-0.2%
Laerskool Oranjegloed	151.8	151.5	-0.2%	151.5	-0.2%
Highveld Medi Clinic/Hydromed	113.5	113.3	-0.2%	113.4	-0.1%
Tholukwazi Primary School	90.1	89.9	-0.2%	90.1	0.0%
TP Stratten Primary School	68.7	68.7	0.0%	68.7	0.0%
School	135.1	135.1	0.0%	135.2	0.1%
Laerskool Goedehoop	136.2	136.0	-0.2%	136.1	-0.1%
Laerskool Kruinpark	163.4	163.0	-0.2%	163.1	-0.2%
Lifalethu Primary School	93.7	93.5	-0.2%	93.8	0.2%
Secunda Mediclinic	124.4	124.2	-0.2%	124.6	0.1%
Embalenhle Primary School	90.3	90.2	-0.1%	90.3	0.0%
Buyani Primary School	90.5	90.4	-0.1%	90.6	0.1%
Allan Makhunga Primary School	102.0	101.6	-0.5%	102.1	0.1%

Table 5-24: Simulated baseline hourly SO₂ concentrations and the theoretical change in concentrations relative to the baseline at the AQMs and 20 closest receptors

	Daily SO ₂ (99 th percentile)				
Receptor	Baseline	New		Alternative	
Neceptor	Concentration (µg/m³)	Concentration (µg/m³)	Relative change	Concentration (µg/m³)	Relative change
Emalenhle AQMS	48.1	47.9	-0.3%	47.9	-0.2%
Secunda Club AQMS	48.1	47.9	-0.3%	47.9	-0.2%
Secunda AQMS	42.1	41.9	-0.4%	42.1	-0.1%
Bosjesspruit AQMS	48.9	48.8	-0.2%	48.9	-0.1%
Roodebank Combined School	28.9	28.9	0.0%	29.1	0.7%
Zamokuthle Primary School	38.1	38.1	-0.1%	38.1	0.0%
Osizweni Secondary School	28.8	28.8	-0.1%	28.8	0.1%
Isibanisesizwe Primary School	39.0	39.1	0.2%	39.6	1.7%
Maphala-Gulube Primary School	49.4	49.1	-0.7%	49.1	-0.6%
Kiriyatswane Secondary School	37.2	37.2	-0.1%	37.3	0.1%
Osizweni Primary School	29.1	29.1	-0.2%	29.1	0.0%
Kusasalethu Secondary School	40.8	40.8	-0.1%	41.4	1.4%
Laerskool Oranjegloed	43.7	43.5	-0.5%	43.5	-0.4%
Highveld Medi Clinic/Hydromed	36.0	35.9	-0.3%	36.0	-0.1%
Tholukwazi Primary School	34.0	33.9	-0.2%	34.2	0.6%
TP Stratten Primary School	24.8	24.8	-0.1%	25.1	1.0%
School	45.5	45.4	-0.2%	45.4	-0.1%
Laerskool Goedehoop	43.4	43.3	-0.4%	43.4	-0.1%
Laerskool Kruinpark	45.2	45.4	0.3%	45.6	0.8%
Lifalethu Primary School	38.4	38.4	0.1%	39.0	1.6%
Secunda Mediclinic	39.1	39.0	-0.2%	39.1	0.0%
Embalenhle Primary School	34.2	34.1	-0.2%	34.4	0.6%
Buyani Primary School	37.1	37.1	0.0%	37.2	0.3%
Allan Makhunga Primary School	38.3	38.3	0.0%	38.5	0.5%

Table 5-25: Simulated baseline daily SO₂ concentrations and the theoretical change in concentrations relative to the baseline at the AQMs and 20 closest receptors

	Annual SO ₂				
Receptor	Baseline	New		Alternative	
Receptor	Concentration (µg/m³)	Concentration (µg/m³)	Relative change	Concentration (µg/m³)	Relative change
Emalenhle AQMS	5.4	5.4	-0.3%	5.5	0.6%
Secunda Club AQMS	5.4	5.4	-0.3%	5.5	0.6%
Secunda AQMS	3.3	3.3	0.2%	3.4	2.7%
Bosjesspruit AQMS	7.5	7.5	-0.4%	7.6	0.5%
Roodebank Combined School	2.1	2.1	0.0%	2.1	2.2%
Zamokuthle Primary School	3.0	3.0	0.2%	3.1	2.4%
Osizweni Secondary School	2.5	2.5	0.2%	2.5	1.7%
Isibanisesizwe Primary School	3.2	3.2	0.4%	3.3	3.0%
Maphala-Gulube Primary School	3.8	3.8	0.0%	3.9	2.7%
Kiriyatswane Secondary School	3.1	3.1	0.4%	3.2	3.1%
Osizweni Primary School	2.4	2.4	0.1%	2.5	1.6%
Kusasalethu Secondary School	3.2	3.2	0.3%	3.3	2.9%
Laerskool Oranjegloed	5.9	5.9	-0.4%	5.9	0.3%
Highveld Medi Clinic/Hydromed	4.3	4.2	-0.2%	4.3	0.3%
Tholukwazi Primary School	2.8	2.8	0.2%	2.9	2.4%
TP Stratten Primary School	2.1	2.1	0.0%	2.1	1.1%
School	5.2	5.2	-0.2%	5.2	1.0%
Laerskool Goedehoop	5.0	5.0	-0.3%	5.1	0.4%
Laerskool Kruinpark	6.3	6.3	-0.3%	6.3	0.2%
Lifalethu Primary School	3.0	3.0	0.3%	3.1	2.6%
Secunda Mediclinic	4.3	4.3	-0.2%	4.4	0.9%
Embalenhle Primary School	2.8	2.9	0.2%	2.9	2.4%
Buyani Primary School	2.9	2.9	0.3%	3.0	2.5%
Allan Makhunga Primary School	3.2	3.2	0.4%	3.3	3.2%

Table 5-26: Simulated baseline annual SO₂ concentrations and the theoretical change in concentrations relative to the baseline at the AQMs and 20 closest receptors



Figure 5-62: Simulated hourly SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) as a result of baseline emissions



Figure 5-63: Simulated hourly SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) as a result of theoretical compliance with new plant emission standards



Figure 5-64: Simulated hourly SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) as a result of alternative emissions



Figure 5-65: Simulated daily SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) as a result of baseline emissions



Figure 5-66: Simulated daily SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) as a result of theoretical compliance with new plant emission standards



Figure 5-67: Simulated daily SO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) as a result of alternative emissions



Figure 5-68: Simulated annual SO₂ concentrations as a result of baseline emissions



Figure 5-69: Simulated annual SO₂ concentrations as a result of theoretical compliance with new plant emission standards



Figure 5-70: Simulated annual SO₂ concentrations as a result of alternative emissions

5.1.8.1.2 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

Compliance with the hourly and annual NAAQS is simulated at the AQMS (Figure 5-71 and Figure 5-72) and receptors (Table 5-27 and Table 5-28) for all scenarios. Theoretical compliance with the new plant emission standards will result in a reduction in ground-level concentrations by up to a maximum of 26.5% (Table 5-27 and Table 5-28). On average the reduction is 24% at the AQMS and receptors (based on the annual concentrations). The alternative emission scenario will result in an increase in ground-level concentrations up to 20.5%. NO₂ impacts for all scenarios for all averaging periods are well below the NAAQS.

Isopleth plots are presented for all averaging periods ground-level NO₂ concentrations as a result of all emission scenarios for Secunda Operations, as per the figure numbers below:

Scenario	Hourly	Annual
Baseline concentrations	Figure 5-73	Figure 5-76
New Plant standards	Figure 5-74	Figure 5-77
Alternative emissions	Figure 5-75	Figure 5-78



Figure 5-71: Simulated hourly NO₂ concentrations (99th percentile) at AQMS for Secunda Operations



Figure 5-72: Simulated annual NO₂ concentrations at AQMS for Secunda Operations