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## NOTIFICATION OF FINAL SUBMISSION

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

Dear Interested and Affected Party

We would like to thank all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) who participated in the 2017 postponement application process for the Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd Synfuels Operations in Secunda (SSO).

Between 2013 and 2014 Sasol undertook a process to apply for postponements from the 2015 compliance timeframes of the Minimum Emissions Standards (MES) Government Notice No. 893 in Government Gazette 37054 of 22 November 2013 ("GN 893"), in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA). Sasol was granted postponements for a number of its operations by the National Air Quality Officer (NAQO) with the concurrence of the licensing officer. In some instances, and for some sources, postponements were granted for less than five years as initially requested. In these instances, Sasol will be challenged to meet the compliance requirements within the specified timeframes. SSO therefore has applied for further postponements for their Incinerators and Phenosolvan Plant where postponements were previously only granted for three years.

### Submission of Final Postponement Application

All I&APs are hereby notified that in accordance with the legal requirements for postponements as specifically contained in the MES, Sasol has submitted the application including the finalised documents listed below to the National Air Quality Officer (NAQO) in support of its postponement application:

1. A Motivation Report, detailing the justification and reasons for the application.
2. An Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR).
3. Independent Peer Review Report of the AIR.
4. A Public Participation Report.
5. Comments and Response Report.
6. Technical Appendix.
7. Redacted Atmospheric Emission Licence.
8. Annual Emissions Report.

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## Availability of the Final Motivation Reports for Public Comment

The documents as listed above, have been submitted to the NAQO as the postponement application for consideration on 31 March 2017. Any further comments on these documents should be directed to the NAQO as explained below. These documents can be accessed subsequent to submission as follows:

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

Comments on the Motivation Report and annexures thereto, can be submitted directly to the NAQO on or before **5 May 2017** as follows:

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Should you elect to submit additional comments to the NAQO, please also provide a copy to SRK, who was independently appointed by the applicant to conduct the Public Participation component of this application.

## Next Steps in the Application Process

The NAQO is required to consider the finalised application, together with any additional comments submitted to her by stakeholders, and thereafter to issue a decision in concurrence with the licensing authority. Registered I&APs will be informed of the decision once issued, as well as be advised of the way forward following the decision aligned with specific requirements imposed by the NAQO in this regard.

Should you have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Yours faithfully,

**SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd**

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