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Dear Interested & Affected Party

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

SASOL SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED OPERATING THROUGH ITS SECUNDA OPERATIONS:

APPLICATION FOR A LOAD-BASED EMISSION LIMIT FOR SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO₂) IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 12A OF THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS (MES) OF 13 NOVEMBER 2013, AS AMENDED, PUBLISHED IN TERMS OF SECTION 21 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT, 39 OF 2004 ("CLAUSE 12A APPLICATION")

BACKGROUND

Air Resource Management (Pty) Ltd (ARM) would like to thank all interested and affected parties (I&APs) who participated in the process pertaining to Sasol Secunda Operations' Clause 12A Application, including commenting on and raising issues relevant thereto.

As communicated previously, Sasol South Africa Limited (Sasol), operating through its Secunda Operations applied to the National Air Quality Officer (NAQO) for an alternative load-based emission limit for sulphur dioxide (" SO_2 ") generated via the boilers at its steam plants. The application was made to the NAQO, in in terms of Clause 12A of the MES, to enable continued lawful operations pending the completion of the implementation of the integrated emission reduction solution post 1 April 2025.

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DECISION

Interested and affected parties were informed on the 12th of July 2023 of the decision of the NAQO to decline Sasol's Clause 12A Application. Your attention was drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in accordance with the procedure detailed in Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice R993) made under the National Environmental Management Act (No.107 of 1998) will apply. An electronic version of the decision is available on the ARM website: <u>https://arm-air.co.za/documents/</u> for ease of reference.

SASOL APPEAL

This notification serves to inform you that Sasol has lodged an appeal with the appeals directorate, on 31st of July 2023, against the decision of the NAQO in accordance with applicable regulatory and procedural requirements.

Availability of Sasol appeal

The appeal documents can be accessed as follows:

- Electronically on the following Dropbox link:
 - <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5r26xw3q6mnvxfp/AABEavLWHunOmj5ahRDHxICQa?dl</u>
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- Copies of the appeal documents can be requested from ARM via email (comments@armair.co.za) or telephonically (010 009 5336 or 078 137 2019).
- Sasol's associated media release is also available on the above website or on www.sasol.com
- Additionally, an electronic version of appeal documents will also be made available on the ARM website: <u>https://arm-air.co.za/documents/</u>.

Comment on Sasol appeal

Parties wishing to respond to Sasol's appeal must capture it on the *Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Appeal and Response Form.* A copy of this prescribed appeal form can be accessed as follows:

- Electronically on the following Dropbox link:
 - o <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/otm6lcemd0x8c6j/AADgd1AkGXlb1YBZ7dsMuOUha?dl=0</u>
- A copy can be obtained on request from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment by sending an email to <u>AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za</u>

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Deadline for responding to the Sasol appeal

Responding parties must submit their responding statements, captured on the prescribed "*Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Appeal and Response Form* to the appeals directorate and Sasol within 20 calendar days of date of receiving this notification. For ease of reference the relevant contact details are provided below:

Organisation	Appeal Authority	Sasol South Africa Limited
Department	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Sasol Secunda Operations
Attention	The Director: Appeals and Legal Review	Senior Manager: Environment Air
Email	AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za	Hannes.Buys@sasol.com
by Hand	Environment House, 473 Steve Biko, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083 by Post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001	Block G (2R5-BD-28), Synfuels Road, Secunda, 2302
by Post	Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001	Private Bag X1000, Secunda, 2302

Sasol appointed Air Resource Management (Pty) Ltd, an independent consultant to manage the notification and comment process during the application. If you have any further queries, please contact Mr Anesu Shamu at ARM: Tel: 078 137 2019 or 010 009 5336 or email: <u>comments@arm-air.co.za</u>.

ARM thanks you for your valued participation in this application process.

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Regards,

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