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Dear Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS RELATED TO THE UPGRADING OF A FUELS BLENDING FACILITY AT THE SASOL ONE COMPLEX IN SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

The applicant, Sasol Energy Technology [a Division of Sasol South Africa (Pty) Ltd] (Sasol), operates an existing underground fuel tank blending facility which accommodates fifteen underground tanks with a total capacity of 212m³. The site is located within the Sasol One complex in Sasolburg, Free State province. These tanks were installed in the 1980s and are reaching their end-of-life. Sasol intends to replace the existing tanks with nine new tanks with a capacity of 242m³ adjacent to the existing tanks. Due to the need for continuous operation, the new tanks will be installed and commissioned prior to the existing tanks being decommissioned and thus resulting in an interim increase in capacity of 242m³.

Specifications of the existing tanks are included in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Existing tanks' specifications

Storage type	Volume (m ³)	Quantity	Capacity (m ³)
7.5m ³ tank	7.5	4	30
10m ³ tank	10	3	30
15m ³ tank	15	4	60
23m ³ tank	23	4	92
Total	-	15	212

Specifications of the new tanks are included in **Table 2**.

Table 2: New tanks' specifications

Storage type	Volume (m ³)	Quantity	Capacity (m ³)
23m ³ tank	23	2	46
30m ³ tank	30	2	60
30m ³ tank	30	2	60
23m ³ tank	23	2	46
30m ³ tank	30	1	30
Total	-	9	242

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL PROCESS

Listed Activity 51 of Listing Notice 1 [2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations] is triggered by the proposed project. The listed activity reads as follows: "The expansion of facilities for the storage, or storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where the capacity of such storage facility will be expanded by more than 80 cubic metres". The listed activity was discussed with both the provincial and national environmental departments and is related to the simultaneous operation of the combined tank volume during the content transfer process. The proposed project constitutes an expansion, not a 'new facility'. Should you require further clarity please contact the Environmental Assessment

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Practitioner (EAP) at details provided below. The Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (FS-DESTEA) is the delegated lead authority.

STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff) has been appointed as the independent EAP, to manage the Basic Assessment (BA) process. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Proposed Project are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP (Tutayi Chifadza) at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence, and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

Should you have any queries/comments please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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