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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**SASOL LIMITED**

Audited Financial Results

for the year ended 30 June 2017

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## **SALIENT FEATURES**

### **Sales volumes**

- Base Chemicals up 3% and Performance Chemicals up 2%

- Liquid fuels sales volumes down 2%

### **Strong operational performance across most of the value chain**

- Secunda Synfuels Operations volumes up 1%, to a new record production level

- Eurasian Operations volumes up 6%, highest since 2015

### **Strong cost and cash performance**

- Cash fixed costs, in real terms, remained flat for three consecutive years

- Achieved R5,4 billion per annum of sustainable savings from our Business Performance Enhancement Programme, a year earlier than planned

- Delivered cumulative capital conservation and cash savings from low oil Response Plan of R69,4 billion

### **Delivering on our stakeholder commitments**

- Invested R1,6 billion in skills and socio-economic development

- Over R7 billion spent on preferential procurement from black-owned enterprises in South Africa

### **Audited Financial Results**

#### **for the year ended 30 June 2017**

Sasol is an international integrated chemicals and energy company. Through our talented people, we use selected technologies to safely and sustainably source, produce and market chemical and energy products competitively to create superior value for our customers, shareholders and other stakeholders.

### **Safety Recordable Case**

#### **Rate (RCR), excluding illnesses, improved to**

**0,28**

,  
**regrettably five fatalities**

**Lake Charles  
Chemicals Project  
74%  
complete, capital  
expenditure to date  
of US\$7,5 billion  
and tracking revised  
estimate  
Core headline  
earnings up  
6%  
reflects sustainable  
operations  
Headline earnings per  
share down 15% to  
R35,15  
;  
earnings per share up  
54% to R33,36 in line  
with market consensus**

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**2017**

2016

Contribution to group operating profit

(%)

**2017**

2016

Contribution to group turnover (%)

**Segment report**

**for the year ended 30 June**

**Turnover**

**Operating profit/(loss)**

**R million**

**R million**

2015

2016

**2017**

**Segment analysis**

**2017**

2016

2015

20 859

21 186

**23 046**

**Operating Business Units**

**4 310**

(6 975)

1 173

15 687

16 975

**18 962**

Mining

**3 725**

4 739

4 343

5 172

4 211

**4 084**

Exploration and

Production International

**585**

(11 714)

(3 170)

187 312

173 042

**170 413**

**Strategic Business Units**

**26 843**

29 831

45 448

75 800

64 341

**64 772**

Energy

**11 218**

14 069

22 526

39 728

35 067

**35 755**

Base Chemicals

**5 625**

4 486

10 208

71 784

73 634

**69 886**

Performance Chemicals

**10 000**

11 276

12 714

221

108

**516**

**Group Functions**

**552**

1 383

(72)

208 392

194 336

**193 975**

Group performance

**31 705**

24 239

46 549

(23 126)

(21 394)

**(21 568)**

Intersegmental turnover

185 266

172 942

**172 407**

External turnover

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**Financial results overview**

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Sasol delivered a strong business performance across most of the value chain, with our Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) reporting record volumes and our Eurasian Operations delivering their highest production volumes since 2015. However, continued volatility in the macro-economic environment, particularly the stronger rand and low oil price, has adversely impacted our financial performance.

Earnings attributable to shareholders for the year ended 30 June 2017 increased by 54% to R20,4 billion from R13,2 billion in the prior year. Headline earnings per share (HEPS) decreased by 15% to R35,15 and earnings per share (EPS) increased by 54% to R33,36 compared to the prior year. The prior year EPS was negatively impacted by the R9,9 billion partial impairment of our Canadian shale gas assets.

Core headline earnings<sup>2</sup> increased by 6% (R2,29 per share) compared to the prior year. The Sasol Limited Board (“the Board”) considers core headline earnings as an appropriate indicator of the sustainable operating performance of the group, as it adjusts for period close and once-off items as noted below.

Sasol’s headline earnings were impacted by the following notable once-off and period close items:

**2017****2016****Headline earnings****R35,15**

R41,40

Translation losses/(gains) (including foreign exchange contracts) arising from a stronger closing rand/US dollar market exchange rate at 30 June 2017

**R2,70**

(R0,86)

Mark-to-market valuation of oil and foreign exchange derivatives using forward curves and other market factors at 30 June 2017

**(R1,73)**

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Provision/(reversal of provision) for tax litigation matters

**R1,49**

(R3,77)

Impact of prolonged labour actions at Mining in the first half of the year

**R1,45**

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**Core headline earnings****R39,06**

R36,77

Included in remeasurement items is a partial impairment of our US Gas-to-Liquids (GTL) project amounting to R1,7 billion (US\$130 million) due to the uncertainty around the probability and timing of project execution and the reversal of a partial impairment of the Lake Charles Chemicals Project (LCCP) amounting to R0,8 billion

***Joint President and Chief Executive Officer, Bongani Nqwababa said:***

Notwithstanding the volatile macro-economic environment in which we operate, Sasol delivered a resilient performance. This is testament to the robust foundation we have in place to position Sasol for long-term growth, since we are able to operate profitably and generate healthy free cash flows at oil prices of US\$40/bbl. Our sound business fundamentals are further reflected in our record production volumes and earlier-than-anticipated realisation of the full Business Performance Enhancement Programme (BPEP) savings target. Our heightened focus on macro-economic risk mitigations to protect and strengthen our balance sheet and our ability to operate safe, reliable and sustainable operations positions us well for future



value-based growth.

***Joint President and Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Cornell said:***

Disciplined cost control, focused cash conservation and effective management of financial risks have enabled us to continue delivering shareholder value and achieving a competitive market position. These factors, integral to our DNA, attest to the underlying resilience of our business and our determination to provide shareholders with a world-class investment. To drive future growth, we will sustain this robust foundation through meticulous ongoing continuous improvements, while further enhancing our systems and capital allocation process. As we refine our long-term strategy, our objective is to ensure we have sufficient flexibility to deliver value-based growth under various scenarios. By identifying all opportunities that can contribute to increased total shareholder returns, Sasol is driving an exciting new era of growth for our shareholders and stakeholders.

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(US\$65 million), which resulted from lower spot discount rates and the extension of the useful life of the project to 50 years.

The highlights of our operational performance can be summarised as follows:

SSO increased production volumes by 1% to a record 7,83 million tons;

Natref production volumes decreased by 5%. Planned plant shutdowns during the first half of the year contributed to a 3% decrease in production volumes and unplanned downtime during May 2017 led to a 2% reduction in production volumes;

Our Eurasian Operations increased production volumes by 6% due to stronger product demand;

ORYX GTL achieved a utilisation rate of 95%, compared to 81% in the prior year, which is higher than market guidance;

Our Performance Chemicals business reported a 2% increase in sales volumes, which is at the upper end of our market guidance, mainly as a result of stronger demand and improved plant stability;

Our Base Chemicals sales volumes increased by 3%, slightly below market guidance, due to extended shutdowns at our Chlor Vinyls and Polypropylene plants and a fire at a third party warehouse; and

Liquid fuels sales volumes in our Energy Business decreased by 2% due to a greater portion of production volumes from SSO being allocated to our higher margin yielding chemical businesses and lower Natref production volumes. Excluding the effect of the Natref downtime and lower allocated volumes from SSO, our liquid fuels sales volumes increased by 1%.

The decrease in the effective corporate tax rate from 36,6% to 28,3% was mainly as a result of the R9,9 billion partial impairment of our Canadian shale gas assets in the prior year. The adjusted effective tax rate, excluding equity accounted investments, remeasurements and once-off items, is 26,5% compared to 28,2% in the prior year.

We have seen some recovery in global oil and product prices as average Brent crude oil prices were 15% higher compared to the prior year (average dated Brent was US\$49,77/bbl for the year ended 30 June 2017 compared with US\$43,37/bbl in the prior year). Despite softness in commodity chemical prices experienced at the start of the financial year, we have seen a steady increase in demand and robust margins in certain key markets. The average margin for our speciality chemicals business remains resilient, despite a margin squeeze in our ammonia business as a result of oversupply in global markets.

Excluding the effect of our hedging programme, the average rand/US dollar market exchange rate strengthened by 6% from R14,52 in 2016 to R13,61, and the closing rand/US dollar market exchange rate strengthened by 11% from R14,71 to R13,06. This resulted in translation losses of R2,3 billion on the valuation of the balance sheet compared to translation gains of R1,1 billion recognised in the prior year (including foreign exchange contracts).

We continued to deliver a strong cost performance and managed to contain our cash fixed costs to below inflation in nominal terms, despite the additional once-off costs incurred due to the Mining strike. Through our continued focus on cost control and the commitment of our people, we achieved our Business Performance Enhancement Programme (BPEP) sustainable savings exit run-rate target of R5,4 billion per annum in 2017, a year earlier than previous market guidance. We have now closed out our BPEP programme, having achieved the targeted sustainable savings. Going forward we are committed to further drive continuous improvement to identify opportunities to sustainably drive down costs and deliver improved returns to our shareholders and stakeholders.

Our comprehensive Response Plan (RP), to counter the effects of a low oil price by focusing on capital conservation and cash savings, has continued to yield positive results in line with our 2017 targets, despite margin contraction and the negative impact of a much stronger exchange rate. The RP realised capital conservation and cash savings of R32,3 billion in 2017, bringing our total cumulative cash conservation to R69,4 billion. The RP's objective is to place the company in the best possible position to operate profitably in a US\$40/bbl oil price environment and to proactively manage the balance sheet and our liquidity. We have increased our RP sustainable annual cash cost savings target from R2,5 billion to at least R3,0 billion by 2019,

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in addition to the R5,4 billion sustainable savings from our BPEP. This takes our cumulative sustainable cost savings to R8,4 billion.

Actual capital expenditure, including accruals, amounted to R60,3 billion. This includes R36,8 billion (US\$2,7 billion) relating to the LCCP. Our actual capital expenditure for the full year is below previous market guidance of R66 billion, largely due to the stronger exchange rate, re-phasing of the LCCP capital cash flow and active management of the capital portfolio.

During the current financial year, Sasol entered into a number of hedges to mitigate specific financial risks and provide protection against unforeseen movements in oil prices, interest rates, currency movements, and commodity and final product prices. Approximately 50% of the crude oil exposure was hedged with crude oil put options for 2017 and 2018 at a net price of ~US\$48,15/bbl. A total net loss of R237 million (US\$17 million) was recognised during the period. To manage the exposure to the US dollar, approximately 70% of the rand/US dollar exposure has been hedged with zero-cost collar instruments at a floor of ~R13,46 for 2018. A net gain of R1 608 million (US\$118 million) was recognised during the period. Should appropriate hedges become available in the market at an acceptable cost, we will enter into additional hedges as mitigation against these financial risks.

Our net cash position decreased by 44%, from R52,2 billion in June 2016 to R29,3 billion as at 30 June 2017 mainly due to the funding of the LCCP and the effect of a stronger closing rand/US dollar exchange rate. Loans raised during the year amounted to R13,3 billion, mainly for the funding of our growth projects. We have sufficient liquidity in place to fund the LCCP and our business operations.

Cash generated by operating activities decreased by 19% to R44,1 billion compared with R54,7 billion in the prior year. This is largely attributable to purchases of crude oil options of R1,3 billion (US\$103 million), increases in working capital as well as a stronger rand/US dollar exchange rate. Notwithstanding reduced cash flows, our balance sheet has the capacity to lever up, as we continue to execute our growth plans and return value to our shareholders. Accordingly, in support of our funding strategy, gearing increased to 27%, which is better than our previous market guidance of 30% to 35%. This provides us with additional headroom compared to our internal targets.

To manage the impact of price volatility and the lower oil price environment, the Board concluded that our internal gearing ceiling will remain at 44% until the end of the 2018 financial year. The net debt-to-EBITDA ratio is 1,13 times compared to 0,56 times in the prior year and is expected to remain below our target of 2,0 times. We actively manage our capital structure and funding plan to ensure that we maintain an optimum solvency and liquidity profile.

Our dividend policy is to pay dividends within a dividend cover range based on HEPS. Taking into account the current volatile macro-economic environment, capital investment plans, our cash conservation initiative, the current strength of our balance sheet, and the dividend cover range, the Board has declared a gross final dividend of R7,80 per share. The dividend cover was 2,8 times at 30 June 2017 (30 June 2016: 2,8 times).

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All comparisons to the prior year refer to the year ended 30 June 2016. Except for earnings attributable to shareholders and the RP cash conservation measures, all numbers are quoted on a pre-tax basis.

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Core headline earnings are calculated by adjusting headline earnings with once-off items, period close adjustments and depreciation and amortisation of significant capital projects, exceeding R4 billion which have reached beneficial operation and are still ramping up and share-based payments on implementation of BBBEE transactions. Once-off items relate to the impact of the prolonged labour actions at Mining as well as the Sasol Oil tax litigation matter. Period

close adjustments in relation to the valuation of our derivatives at period end is to remove volatility from earnings as these instruments are valued using forward curves and other market factors at the reporting date and could vary

from period to period. We believe core headline earnings is a useful measure of the group's sustainable operating performance. However, this is not a defined term under IFRS and may not be comparable with similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

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All non-GAAP measures (such as normalised operating profit, core headline earnings, adjusted effective tax rate, etc.) have not been audited and reported on by the company's auditors.

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Normalised operating profit is calculated by adjusting operating profit for translation effects relating to the closing exchange rate, valuation of hedges, remeasurement items, the reversal of the provision relating to Escravos (EGTL) in the prior year and the strike at Mining.

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**Strong operational performance supported by sustained cost improvements**

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***Operating Business Units***

***Mining – uninterrupted supply to Secunda Synfuels Operations, however negatively impacted by strike action***

Operating profit decreased by 21% to R3,7 billion compared to the prior year, primarily due to the impact of labour actions at our Secunda mining operations in the first half of the financial year. Notwithstanding the impact of labour actions, we delivered our full supply commitment of coal volumes to the integrated Sasol value chain through our own production and increased external coal purchases. SSO used additional gas during the strike period to limit the amount of coal required. The labour action resulted in additional once-off costs of R1 billion and external coal purchases of R0,4 billion to ensure continuous supply to SSO. The total cost amounts to R1,4 billion.

We are still ramping up our operations to achieve targeted production run-rates and flexibility in our operations. A business improvement programme to improve productivity and cost efficiency is currently underway. We expect to see our mines return to the targeted level of operational performance in the next 12 months. Due to the lower productivity, our normalised unit cost of production increased by 13% above inflation to R270/ton compared to the prior year. Our business improvement programme is further aimed at limiting these cost increases to inflation with a targeted unit cost of production between R260 – R270/ton for 2018.

Our export coal business benefited from higher global coal prices during the year; however a portion of the volumes were sent to SSO during the strike period.

***Exploration and Production International – returning to profitability with focused management of the asset portfolio***

Exploration and Production International (E&PI) recorded an operating profit of R585 million compared to an operating loss of R1,8 billion (excluding the impact of the partial impairment of our Canadian shale gas operations of R9,9 billion) in the prior year. This result was achieved through focused management of the asset portfolio and strict cost control. Operating profit includes a translation gain of R337 million versus a translation loss of R695 million in the prior year.

Operating profit from our Mozambican producing operations increased to R2,0 billion from R1,1 billion in the prior year, mainly due to a 2% increase in gas production volumes and the net positive impact of foreign currency translations.

Our Gabon asset recorded an operating profit of R295 million compared to an operating loss of R994 million in the prior year, mainly due to higher sales prices, the partial reversal of an impairment of R197 million and lower depreciation charges. This was offset by an 18% decrease in production volumes resulting from the deferral of drilling activities in line with our RP cash conservation initiatives.

Our Canadian shale gas asset in Montney generated a lower operating loss of R746 million, compared to an operating loss of R1,1 billion (excluding the impact of a partial impairment of R9,9 billion) in the prior year. Our Canadian gas production volumes increased by 6% compared to the prior year, mainly due to completion activities on existing wells. There were no drilling rigs in operation during the year in line with our RP cash conservation initiatives.

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***Strategic Business Units******Performance Chemicals – increased sales volumes, resilient margins***

Operating profit of R10 billion increased by 2% on a normalised basis and decreased by 11% in absolute terms compared to the prior year, mainly as a result of significantly lower margins on ammonia due to lower market prices, the impact of a stronger rand and a partial impairment of R527 million (US\$38,4 million) relating to our US Phenolics cash generating unit.

Sales volumes increased by 2% compared to the prior year mainly due to an increase of 2% in Organics volumes. Our Fischer-Tropsch Wax facility in South Africa continues to ramp up and produced 92 thousand tons (kt) of hard wax in 2017, which is in line with our forecast. These additional wax volumes were offset by lower volumes from our European wax facility due to reduced demand.

The European organics products benefited from improved volumes and margins resulting from favourable market conditions. Our US assets benefited from higher ethylene sales prices during the first half of the financial year, but subsequently came under pressure as a result of reduced market prices. Cash fixed costs remained below inflation for the year.

***Base Chemicals – increased sales volumes, stronger rand adversely impacted profitability***

Operating profit increased by 25% to R5,6 billion compared to the prior year and our operating margin increased from 13% to 16%.

Our normalised operating profit of R5,1 billion is at the mid-point of our previous market guidance, but is 13% lower compared to the prior year. This is largely due to the stronger exchange rate, which negatively impacted earnings by R2,5 billion in 2017.

Sales volumes increased by 3% mainly as a result of higher volumes from SSO and improved production due to the commissioning of the C3 Expansion project in the prior year. The US dollar basket price of our commodity chemicals improved by 6% compared to the prior year, but this was negated by the stronger rand/US dollar exchange rate. Cash fixed costs, normalised for new business set-up costs and higher costs resulting from the increased ratio of chemicals volumes from SSO, were contained well within inflation.

***Energy – strong cost performance, margins remained robust***

Operating profit, including equity accounted earnings, of R11,2 billion decreased by R2,9 billion or 20% compared to the prior year. Normalised operating margins improved by 1% to 21% in 2017.

Normalised operating profit increased by 5% mainly due to higher crude oil prices, solid production performance of ORYX GTL, further positive contributions from our BPEP and RP initiatives, partially negated by a 19% decrease in petrol differentials, stronger rand/US dollar exchange rates and lower liquid fuel sales volumes. In nominal terms, our cash fixed costs increase was contained to less than 1%, well below inflation, due to strict cost control and lower costs allocated from SSO.

Gas sales volumes were 2% lower compared to the prior year mainly due to lower market demand. Our share of power produced at the Central Térmica de Ressano Garcia (CTRG) joint operation in Mozambique amounted to 658 gigaWatt-hours of electricity, 1% higher than the prior year.

ORYX GTL delivered an excellent production performance with an average utilisation rate of 95%, while maintaining a world class safety recordable case rate of zero. ORYX GTL contributed R839 million to operating profit with volumes increasing by 16% compared to the prior year. In Nigeria, Escravos GTL resumed operations after completion of the scheduled maintenance programme with both trains running as expected.

The plant is expected to ramp up towards design capacity during the year.

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### **Advancing projects to enable future growth**

We are encouraged by the headway we are making in delivering on our project pipeline:

#### **Growing our footprint in North America:**

Overall construction on the LCCP continues on all fronts, with most engineering and procurement activities nearing completion. At 30 June 2017, capital expenditure amounted to US\$7,5 billion, and the overall project completion was 74%. The total forecasted capital cost for the project remains within the approved US\$11 billion budget and project progress is tracking the approved schedule. This budget includes a contingency which, measured against industry norms for this stage of project completion, is considered sufficient to effectively complete the project to beneficial operation (BO) within the approved budget. Various savings opportunities have been identified and are continuously being implemented to mitigate project risks. Although unplanned event-driven risks may still impact the execution and cost of the project, we are confident that the remaining construction, procurement, execution and business readiness risks can be managed within the budget. We continue to monitor the economics of the project against the backdrop of a challenging macro-economic environment. We rely extensively on the views of independent market consultants in formulating our views on our long-term assumptions. Their views differ significantly, from period to period, which again is indicative of the volatility in the market. For these reasons, the internal rate of return (IRR) for the LCCP, based on these different sets of price assumptions, varies between a range of returns which is both higher and lower than our weighted average cost of capital (WACC). At spot market prices, using the last quarter of 2017 as a reference, the IRR is between 8% to 8,5%. We are of the view that limited structural changes have occurred to market fundamentals since February 2017, when we last published the expected long-term IRR of the project, hence, based on our internal assessment, we are of the view that the IRR is in a range of 7% to 8% (Sasol WACC at 8% in US\$ terms) based on conservative ethane prices. The cracker, however, remains cost competitive and is at the lower end of the cost curve for ethylene producers. We will continue to focus on factors that we can control, which are progressing the cost and schedule of the project according to plan. The updated economics, earnings profile, capital spend and sensitivities are detailed in the Analyst Book available on our website, [www.sasol.com](http://www.sasol.com).

Construction of our 50% joint venture high-density polyethylene plant with Ineos Olefins and Polymers USA is essentially complete and we are in the commissioning phase with start-up on track for quarter four in calendar year 2017. The plant will be the largest bi-modal high density polyethylene (HDPE) manufacturing facility in the US (470kt per annum) and is expected to produce some of the most cost competitive performance resins based on Innovene

TM

S technology. The

market conditions continue to be favourable with low feedstock cost and strong polyethylene market demand.

#### **Focusing on our asset base in Southern Africa:**

Our strategic R14 billion mine replacement programme, which will ensure uninterrupted coal supply to SSO in order to support Sasol's strategy to operate its Southern African facilities until 2050, is nearing completion. Phase 2 of the Impumelelo Colliery project commenced during the first half of the 2016 calendar year and is on track to be completed within budget of R0,9 billion, late in the 2019 calendar year.



The development of the Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) licence area in Mozambique remains on budget and schedule. We have successfully drilled and tested four oil wells and two gas wells, and captured 3D seismic over parts of the PSA. Gas reserves look promising and in line with expectations. We are now anticipating oil production between the mid to lower end of the range anticipated in the Field Development Plan. The surface facilities design and oil field development plan are being optimised in line with the lower volumes, and it is anticipated that substantial capital savings will be realised.

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### **Maintaining our focus on sustainable value creation**

We continued to deliver on our broader sustainability and community contributions during the year:

Safety remains a top priority for Sasol. Regrettably, we experienced the loss of five of our colleagues during the year. Our thoughts remain with our colleagues' families and friends. Our safety RCR for employees and service providers, excluding illnesses, improved to 0,28 at 30 June 2017 (0,29 as at 30 June 2016). We retain our focus on safety and strive for zero harm.

During the year, we invested R1,6 billion in skills development and socio-economic development, which includes our Ikusasa programme, bursaries, learnerships and artisan training programmes. The Ikusasa programme focuses on education, health and wellbeing, infrastructure, and safety and security in the Secunda and Sasolburg regions. In line with our commitment to support our fenceline communities, we increased our investment in Secunda and Sasolburg by 54% to R128 million.

While we support the transition to a lower-carbon economy, we are concerned that the proposed carbon tax in South Africa will diminish the country's competitiveness. It also does not address the structural issues that lie at the heart of the country's carbon intensity. The proposed design of the carbon tax creates substantial regulatory and investment uncertainty as there is insufficient clarity relating to the phases of the tax, especially post 2020. This is exacerbated by the fact that the carbon tax is not aligned with the carbon budget system which is currently in the trial phase of implementation. Sasol continues to engage with the South African government on these policy issues.

To ensure our ongoing compliance with new air quality regulations in South Africa, Sasol applied for certain postponements to manage our short-term challenges relating to the compliance timeframes. We have received decisions on our initial postponement applications from the National Air Quality Officer, which, while aligned with our requests, imposed stretched targets reflected in our atmospheric emission licences. In some cases shorter postponements were granted and further applications have been made to extend compliance timeframes in line with our committed environmental roadmaps.

We continue to measure our comprehensive climate change response in accordance with our key performance indicators. Our total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the financial year 30 June 2017 is 67,6 million tons compared to 69,3 million tons for the prior year. Our GHG emissions intensity (measured in carbon dioxide equivalent per ton of production) is relatively constant at 3,66 due to lower production resulting from planned shutdowns. GHG targets in South Africa are being developed in conjunction with the South African government's process for setting carbon budgets.

The improvement in our utility Energy Intensity Index (EII) of 4,2% exceeded our internal target of 1% improvement for the year for our operations in South Africa. Including our international operations, we improved our EII by 1,67% from the previous financial year.

During the year, we paid R35,6 billion in direct and indirect taxes to the South African government. Sasol remains one of the largest corporate taxpayers in South Africa, contributing significantly to the country's economy.

The revised Mining Charter was published on 15 June 2017. It is intended to ensure alignment between the BBBEE Act and the Mining Charter and introduces a number of new requirements which may

have a significant impact on Sasol. Amongst others, it increases the Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) ownership targets from 26% to 30% and requires an additional payment of 1% of the turnover generated by new mining rights to its BEE shareholders. The Chamber of Mines applied to the High Court for an urgent interdict to suspend the implementation of the revised Mining Charter until such a time as an application for a judicial review of the revised Mining Charter has been dealt with. The Minister of Mineral Resources announced on 12 July 2017 not to implement the revised Mining Charter pending the completion of the litigation. Sasol is assessing the impact of the revised Mining Charter on its business.

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**Business performance outlook\* – strong production performance and cost reductions to continue**

The current economic climate continues to remain highly volatile and uncertain. While oil price and foreign exchange movements are outside our control and may impact our results, our focus remains firmly on managing factors within our control, including volume growth, security of feedstock supply, cost optimisation, effective capital allocation, focused financial risk management and maintaining an investment grade credit rating.

We expect an overall strong operational performance for 2018, with:

Base Chemicals US dollar product prices to recover during the year and our South African Base Chemicals sales volumes to be between 3% to 5% higher than the prior year; in addition our US high-density polyethylene plant will contribute an additional 80kt to 110kt during the second half of the year. Normalised operating profit is estimated to be between R3 billion to R5 billion;

Performance Chemicals sales volumes, excluding merchant ethylene which will now be accounted for in Base Chemicals, to be between 2% to 3% higher, with average margins for the business remaining resilient;

Liquid fuels sales volumes to be marginally below 60 million barrels due to planned shutdowns at Natref;

Gas production volumes from the Petroleum Production Agreement to be between 114 bscf and 118 bscf;

Average utilisation rate at ORYX GTL in Qatar to exceed 90%;

Normalised cash fixed costs to remain in line with SA PPI;

Cumulative capital conservation and cash flow contribution from our RP to be close to the upper end of our targeted range of R65 billion to R75 billion by the end of FY18;

Capital expenditure, including capital accruals, of R59 billion for 2018 and R37 billion for 2019 as we progress with the execution of our growth plan and strategy. Capital estimates may change as a result of exchange rate volatility and other factors;

Our balance sheet gearing up to a level of between 35% and 44%;

Rand/US dollar exchange rate to range between R13,00 and R14,50; and

Average Brent crude oil prices to remain between US\$45/bbl and US\$55/bbl.

\*

The financial information contained in this business performance outlook is the responsibility of the directors and in accordance with standard practice, it is noted that this information has not been audited and reported on by the company's auditors.

**Competition law compliance**

The South African Competition Commission is conducting proceedings against various petroleum products producers, including Sasol. The Competition Commission has finalised a market inquiry in the South African LPG market and Sasol is in the process of implementing the Commission's recommendations. We continue to interact and co-operate with the South African Competition Commission in respect of the areas that are subject to the Commission's investigations. To the extent appropriate, further announcements will be made

in future.

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Sasol Limited Group

**Overview**

(continued)

**Tax litigation and contingency**

The South African Revenue Service (“SARS”) has issued revised assessments for Sasol Oil (Pty) Ltd (“Sasol Oil”) relating to a dispute around its international crude oil procurement activities for the 2005 to 2012 tax years. These revisions could result in potential adjustments to the company’s taxable income and an additional tax liability including interest and penalties of approximately R1,2 billion for the periods 2005 to 2014. Sasol Oil has co-operated fully with SARS during the course of the audit related to these assessments. SARS' decisions to suspend the payment of this disputed tax for the periods 2005 to 2012 currently remain in force. The litigation process in the Tax Court, relating to the international crude oil procurement activities for the 2005 to 2007 years of assessment was concluded and judgement was delivered on 30 June 2017 in favour of SARS. As a result, a liability of R1,2 billion has been recognised in the annual financial statements in respect of the 2005 to 2014 matters that remain the subject of the ongoing litigation. Sasol Oil, in consultation with its tax and legal advisors, does not support the basis of the judgement and issued a Notice of Intention to Appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeal on 31 July 2017. The Tax Court granted Sasol Oil's application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeal on 14 August 2017. SARS has notified Sasol Oil of its intention to place on hold the field audit relating to this issue for the 1999 to 2004 tax years pending the outcome of the litigation. As a result of the judgement handed down on 30 June 2017, a possible obligation may arise from the field audit, which is regarded as a contingent liability. In addition, there could be a potential tax exposure of R11,6 billion for the periods 2013 to 2014 on varying tax principles relating to the aforementioned activities. Supported by its specialist tax and external legal advisors, Sasol Oil disagrees with SARS' assessment for 2013 and 2014 periods. Accordingly, Sasol Oil has submitted an objection to the revised assessments and requested suspension of payment. Sasol Oil and SARS have come to a resolution with regards to the request for suspension of payment, resulting in SARS suspending payment for the significant majority of the disputed tax. Further based on the outcome of the Tax Court judgement, a possible obligation may arise for the tax years subsequent to 2014, which could give rise to a further contingent liability at 30 June 2017.

**Change in directors**

Ms GMB Kennealy and Ms ME Nkeli were appointed as Non-executive Directors with effect from 1 March 2017.

**Declaration of cash dividend number 76**

A final gross cash dividend of South African 780 cents per ordinary share (30 June 2016 – 910 cents per ordinary share) has been declared for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The cash dividend is payable on the ordinary shares and the Sasol BEE ordinary shares. The Board is satisfied that the liquidity and solvency of the company, as well as capital remaining after payment of the dividend is sufficient to support the current operations for the ensuing year. The dividend has been declared out of retained earnings (income reserves). The South African dividend withholding tax rate is 20%. At the declaration date, there are 651 439 446 ordinary (including 8 809 886 treasury shares), 25 547 081 preferred ordinary and 2 838 565 Sasol BEE ordinary shares in issue. The net dividend amount payable to shareholders who are not exempt from the dividend withholding tax, is 624 cents per share, while the dividend amount payable to shareholders who are exempt from dividend withholding tax is 780 cents per share.

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The salient dates for holders of ordinary shares and Sasol BEE ordinary shares are:

Declaration date

Monday, 21 August 2017

Last day for trading to qualify for and participate in the final dividend (cum dividend)

Tuesday, 5 September 2017

Trading ex dividend commences

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

Record date

Friday, 8 September 2017

Dividend payment date (electronic and certificated register)

Monday, 11 September 2017

The salient dates for holders of our American Depository Receipts are<sup>1</sup>

Ex dividend on New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

Record date

Friday, 8 September 2017

Approximate date for currency conversion

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

Approximate dividend payment date

Thursday, 21 September 2017

1

All dates are approximate as the NY SE sets the record date after receipt of the dividend declaration.

On Monday, 11 September 2017, dividends due to certificated shareholders on the South African registry will either be electronically transferred to shareholders' bank accounts or, in the absence of suitable mandates, dividend cheques will be posted to such shareholders. Shareholders who hold dematerialised shares will have their accounts held by their CSDP or broker credited on Monday, 11 September 2017. Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between 6 September 2017 and 8 September 2017, both days inclusive.

On behalf of the Board

**Mandla Gantsho**

**Bongani Nqwababa**

**Stephen Cornell**

**Paul Victor**

*Chairman*

*Joint President and Chief*

*Executive Officer*

*Joint President and Chief*

*Executive Officer*

*Chief Financial Officer*

Sasol Limited

18 August 2017

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**Income statement**

**for the year ended 30 June**

2015

2016

**2017**

**2017**

2016

2015

US\$m\*

US\$m\*

**US\$m\***

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

16 181

11 911

**12 668**

**Turnover**

**172 407**

172 942

185 266

(7 002)

(4 912)

**(5 249)**

Materials, energy and consumables used

**(71 436)**

(71 320)

(80 169)

(528)

(476)

**(471)**

Selling and distribution costs

**(6 405)**

(6 914)

(6 041)

(666)

(582)

**(636)**

Maintenance expenditure

**(8 654)**

(8 453)

(7 628)

(1 930)

(1 647)

**(1 794)**

Employee-related expenditure



**(24 417)**

(23 911)

(22 096)

(48)

(20)

**(36)**

Exploration expenditure and  
feasibility costs

**(491)**

(282)

(554)

(1 185)

(1 127)

**(1 190)**

Depreciation and amortisation

**(16 204)**

(16 367)

(13 567)

(866)

(625)

**(922)**

Other expenses and income

**(12 550)**

(9 073)

(9 912)

(84)

10

**(88)**

Translation (losses)/gains

\*\*

**(1 201)**

150

(959)

(782)

(635)

**(834)**

Other operating expenses and  
income

**(11 349)**

(9 223)

(8 953)

(70)

(888)

**(119)**

Remeasurement items

**(1 616)**

(12 892)

(807)

179

35

**79**

Equity accounted profits net of tax

**1 071**

509

2 057

4 065

1 669

**2 330**

**Operating profit**

**31 705**

24 239

46 549

112

125

**115**

Finance income

**1 568**

1 819

1 274

(195)

(161)

**(240)**

Finance costs

**(3 265)**

(2 340)

(2 230)

3 982

1 633

**2 205**

**Profit before tax**

**30 008**

23 718

45 593

(1 260)

(598)

**(624)**

Taxation

**(8 495)**

(8 691)

(14 431)

2 722

1 035

**1 581**

**Profit for the year**

**21 513**

15 027

31 162

**Attributable to**

2 595

911

**1 497**

Owners of Sasol Limited

**20 374**

13 225

29 716

127

124

**84**

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

**1 139**

1 802

1 446

2 722

1 035

**1 581**

**21 513**

15 027

31 162

US\$

US\$

US\$

**Earnings per share**

**Rand**

Rand

Rand

4,25

1,49

**2,45**

Basic earnings per share

**33,36**

21,66

48,71

4,25

1,49

**2,44**

Diluted earnings per share

**33,27**

21,66

48,70

\* Supplementary non-IFRS information. US dollar convenience translation, converted at average exchange rate of R13,61/US\$1 (30 June 2016 – R14,52/US\$1; 30 June 2015 – R11,45/US\$1).

\*\* A loss of R1 107 million (30 June 2016 – R920 million gain; 30 June 2015 – R156 million loss) arising from foreign exchange

contracts (FECs) has been reclassified from translation (losses)/gains, to other operating expenses and income, in accordance with the recognition of other derivative gains and losses.

The summarised financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis.

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**Statement of comprehensive income  
for the year ended 30 June**

**2017**

2016

2015

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

**Profit for the year**

**21 513**

15 027

31 162

**Other comprehensive income, net of tax**

**Items that can be subsequently reclassified to the  
income statement**

**(8 931)**

13 253

3 604

Effect of translation of foreign operations

**(10 074)**

15 112

3 590

Effect of cash flow hedges

**1 821**

(2 855)

—

Fair value of investments available for sale

**11**

(7)

16

Tax on items that can be subsequently reclassified to  
the income statement

**(689)**

1 003

(2)

**Items that cannot be subsequently reclassified to  
the income statement**

**743**

(546)

(593)

Remeasurements on post-retirement benefit  
obligations

**1 114**

(877)

(847)

Tax on items that cannot be subsequently reclassified  
to the income statement

**(371)**

331

254

**Total comprehensive income for the year**

**13 325**

27 734

34 173

**Attributable to**

Owners of Sasol Limited

**12 234**

25 890

32 727

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

**1 091**

1 844

1 446

**13 325**

27 734

34 173

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**Statement of financial position**

**at 30 June**

2016

**2017**

**2017**

2016

US\$m\*

**US\$m\***

**Rm**

Rm

**Assets**

10 541

**12 157**

Property, plant and equipment

**158 773**

155 054

7 071

**10 010**

Assets under construction

**130 734**

104 011

182

**181**

Goodwill and other intangible assets

**2 361**

2 680

892

**904**

Equity accounted investments

**11 813**

13 118

42

**48**

Post-retirement benefit assets

**622**

614

230

**236**

Deferred tax assets

**3 082**

3 389

252

**276**

Other long-term assets

**3 600**

3 715

19 210

**23 812**

**Non-current assets**

**310 985**

282 581

72

**17**

Assets in disposal groups held for sale

**216**

1 064

1 618

**1 943**

Inventories

**25 374**

23 798

2 102

**2 310**

Trade and other receivables

**30 179**

30 913

3

**210**

Short-term financial assets

**2 739**

42

158

**138**

Cash restricted for use

**1 803**

2 331

3 398

**2 117**

Cash

**27 643**

49 985

7 351

**6 735**

**Current assets**

**87 954**

108 133

26 561

**30 547**

**Total assets**

**398 939**

390 714

**Equity and liabilities**

14 072  
**16 211**  
Shareholders' equity  
**211 711**  
206 997  
368  
**423**  
Non-controlling interests  
**5 523**  
5 421  
14 440  
**16 634**  
**Total equity**  
**217 234**  
212 418  
5 303  
**5 690**  
Long-term debt  
**74 312**  
78 015  
1 279  
**1 275**  
Long-term provisions  
**16 648**  
18 810  
864  
**847**  
Post-retirement benefit obligations  
**11 069**  
12 703  
43  
**70**  
Long-term deferred income  
**910**  
631  
193  
**56**  
Long-term financial liabilities  
**733**  
2 844  
1 611  
**1 980**  
Deferred tax liabilities  
**25 860**  
23 691  
9 293  
**9 918**  
**Non-current liabilities**  
**129 532**



136 694

136

**744**

Short-term debt

**9 718**

2 000

58

**57**

Short-term financial liabilities

**740**

855

2 625

**3 185**

Other current liabilities

**41 592**

38 611

9

**9**

Bank overdraft

**123**

136

2 828

**3 995**

**Current liabilities**

**52 173**

41 602

26 561

**30 547**

**Total equity and liabilities**

**398 939**

390 714

\* Supplementary non-IFRS information. US dollar convenience translation, converted at closing rate of R13,06/US\$1 (30 June 2016 – R14,71/US\$1).

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**Statement of changes in equity  
for the year ended 30 June**

**2017**

2016

2015

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

**Balance at beginning of year**

**212 418**

196 483

174 769

Shares issued on implementation of share options

–

54

144

Share-based payment expense

**463**

123

501

Long-term incentive scheme converted to equity  
settled

**645**

–

–

Total comprehensive income for the year

**13 325**

27 734

34 173

Dividends paid to shareholders

**(8 628)**

(10 680)

(12 739)

Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in  
subsidiaries

**(989)**

(1 296)

(365)

**Balance at end of year**

**217 234**

212 418

196 483

**Comprising**

Share capital

<b>29 282</b>
29 282
29 228
Share repurchase programme
<b>(2 641)</b>
(2 641)
(2 641)
Retained earnings
<b>176 714</b>
164 917
161 078
Share-based payment reserve
<b>(12 525)</b>
(13 582)
(12 403)
Foreign currency translation reserve
<b>23 285</b>
33 316
18 289
Remeasurements on post-retirement benefits
<b>(1 790)</b>
(2 533)
(1 976)
Investment fair value reserve
<b>33</b>
26
42
Cash flow hedge accounting reserve
<b>(647)</b>
(1 788)
(7)
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>
<b>211 711</b>
206 997
191 610
Non-controlling interests
<b>5 523</b>
5 421
4 873
<b>Total equity</b>
<b>217 234</b>
212 418
196 483

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**Statement of cash flows  
for the year ended 30 June**

**2017**

2016

2015

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

Cash receipts from customers

**172 061**

175 994

186 839

Cash paid to suppliers and employees

**(127 992)**

(121 321)

(125 056)

**Cash generated by operating activities**

**44 069**

54 673

61 783

Dividends received from equity accounted  
investments

**1 539**

887

2 812

Finance income received

**1 464**

1 633

1 234

Finance costs paid

**(3 612)**

(3 249)

(2 097)

Tax paid

**(6 352)**

(9 329)

(10 057)

Dividends paid

**(8 628)**

(10 680)

(12 739)

**Cash retained from operating activities**

**28 480**

33 935

40 936

Total additions to non-current assets

**(56 812)**

(70 497)  
(42 645)  
Additions to non-current assets  
**(60 343)**  
(73 748)  
(45 106)  
Increase in capital project related payables  
**3 531**  
3 251  
2 461  
Additional cash contributions to equity accounted  
investments  
**(444)**  
(548)  
(588)  
Proceeds on disposals and scrappings  
**788**  
569  
1 210  
Other net cash flow from investing activities  
**(209)**  
(558)  
(62)  
**Cash used in investing activities**  
**(56 677)**  
(71 034)  
(42 085)  
Share capital issued on implementation of share  
options  
–  
54  
144  
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders in  
subsidiaries  
**(989)**  
(1 296)  
(365)  
Proceeds from long-term debt  
**9 277**  
34 008  
14 543  
Repayments of long-term debt  
**(2 364)**  
(3 120)  
(1 663)  
Proceeds from short-term debt  
**4 033**  
2 901  
2 686  
Repayments of short-term debt  
**(1 410)**

(3 369)

(2 280)

**Cash generated by financing activities**

**8 547**

29 178

13 065

Translation effects on cash and cash equivalents

**(3 207)**

7 069

3 095

**(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents**

**(22 857)**

(852)

15 011

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year

**52 180**

53 032

38 021

**Cash and cash equivalents at end of year**

**29 323**

52 180

53 032

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**Salient features**

**for the year ended 30 June**

**2017**

2016

2015

**Selected ratios**

Return on equity

%

**9,7**

6,6

16,4

Finance costs cover

times

**9,2**

8,0

22,8

Net borrowings to shareholders' equity

(gearing)

%

**26,7**

14,6

(2,8)

Dividend cover – Headline earnings per

share

times

**2,8**

2,8

2,7

**Share statistics**

Total shares in issue

million

**679,8**

679,8

679,5

Sasol ordinary shares in issue

million

**651,4**

651,4

651,1

Treasury shares (share repurchase programme)

million

**8,8**

8,8

8,8

Weighted average number of shares

million

**610,7**

610,7

610,1

Diluted weighted average number of shares

million

**612,4**

610,7

610,2

Share price (closing)

Rand

**366,50**

397,17

450,00

Market capitalisation – Sasol ordinary shares

Rm

**238 738**

258 717

292 995

Market capitalisation – Sasol BEE ordinary shares

Rm

**866**

892

994

Net asset value per share

Rand

**348,27**

340,51

315,36

Dividend per share

Rand

**12,60**

14,80

18,50

– interim

Rand

**4,80**

5,70

7,00

– final

Rand



**7,80**

9,10

11,50

**Other financial information**

Total debt (including bank overdraft)

Rm

**84 153**

80 151

42 919

– interest bearing

Rm

**82 849**

79 175

42 187

– non-interest bearing

Rm

**1 304**

976

732

Finance expense capitalised

Rm

**2 764**

2 253

1 118

Capital commitments (subsidiaries and joint operations)

Rm

**90 736**

137 286

116 236

– authorised and contracted for

Rm

**154 739**

143 380

109 448

– authorised but not yet contracted for

Rm

**61 673**

95 590

66 266

– less expenditure to the end of year

Rm

**(125 676)**

(101 684)

(59 478)

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Sasol Limited Group

**Salient features**

(continued)

**2017**

2016

2015

Capital commitments (equity  
accounted investments)

Rm

**584**

608

648

– authorised and contracted for

Rm

**292**

175

716

– authorised but not yet contracted for

Rm

**573**

756

691

– less expenditure to the end of year

Rm

**(281)**

(323)

(759)

Significant items in operating profit

Directors' remuneration, excluding  
long-term incentives

Rm

**77**

71

91

Share appreciation rights with  
performance targets granted to  
directors – cumulative

3

000

**147**

518

535

Long-term incentive rights granted to directors – cumulative

3  
000  
**303**

290  
195

Sasol Inzalo share rights granted to directors – cumulative

3  
000  
**20**

25  
25

Effective tax rate

%  
**28,3**

36,6  
31,7

Adjusted effective tax rate

1  
%  
**26,5**

28,2  
33,0

Number of employees

2  
number  
**30 900**

30 100  
30 919

Average crude oil price – dated Brent  
US\$/barrel

**49,77**  
43,37  
73,46

Average rand/US\$ exchange rate

1US\$ = Rand  
**13,61**

14,52  
11,45

Closing rand/US\$ exchange rate

1US\$ = Rand  
**13,06**

14,71  
12,17

1  
Effective tax rate adjusted for equity accounted investments, remeasurement items and once-off items.

2 The total number of employees includes permanent and non-permanent employees and the group's share of employees within joint operations, but excludes contractors and equity accounted investments' employees.

3 Ms VN Fakude resigned as director with effect from 31 December 2016, long-term incentive rights, share appreciation rights and Inzalo share rights attributable to her are retained, subject to appropriate service penalties, with unchanged vesting periods.

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2017

2016

2015

Rm

Rm

Rm

**Reconciliation of headline earnings**

Earnings attributable to owners of Sasol Limited

**20 374**

13 225

29 716

Effect of remeasurement items for subsidiaries and joint operations

**1 616**

12 892

807

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

**415**

8 424

294

Impairment of assets under construction

**1 942**

3 586

2 555

Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets

**120**

310

3

Impairment of other assets

–

–

1

Reversal of impairment

**(1 136)**

–

(2 036)

Fair value write down – assets held for sale

**64**

–

–

Profit on disposal of non-current assets

**(21)**

(389)

(93)

(Profit)/loss on disposal of investments in  
businesses

**(51)**

226

410

Scrapping of non-current assets

**283**

1 099

549

Write-off of unsuccessful exploration wells

–

(3)

–

Realisation of foreign currency translation  
reserve

–

(361)

(876)

Tax effects and non-controlling interests

**(539)**

(846)

(165)

Effect of remeasurement items for equity  
accounted investments

**14**

13

(1)

**Headline earnings**

**21 465**

25 284

30 357

**Headline earnings adjustments per  
above**

Mining

**6**

31

31

Exploration and Production International

**(6)**

9 963

3 126

Energy

**1 844**

1 267

(104)

Base Chemicals

**(901)**

1 723

93

Performance Chemicals

**663**

55

(1 804)

Group Functions

**10**

(147)

(535)

**Remeasurement items**

**1 616**

12 892

807

**Headline earnings per share**

Rand

**35,15**

41,40

49,76

**Diluted headline earnings per share**

Rand

**35,05**

41,40

49,75

The reader is referred to the definitions contained in the 2017 Sasol Limited financial statements.



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### **Basis of preparation**

The summarised consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the JSE Limited's (JSE) Listings Requirements for summary financial statements, and the requirements of the Companies Act applicable to summary financial statements. The JSE requires summary financial statements to be prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS), the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and to also, as a minimum, contain the information required by IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The summarised consolidated financial statements do not include all the disclosure required for complete annual financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. These summarised consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention except that certain items, including derivative instruments, liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment schemes, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial assets, are stated at fair value. The summarised consolidated financial statements are presented in South African rand, which is Sasol Limited's functional and presentation currency. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these summarised consolidated financial statements are in terms of IFRS and are consistent with those applied in the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017. The summarised consolidated financial statements appearing in this announcement are the responsibility of the directors. The directors take full responsibility for the preparation of the summarised consolidated financial statements. Paul Victor CA(SA), Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for this set of summarised consolidated financial statements and has supervised the preparation thereof in conjunction with the Senior Vice President: Financial Control Services, Brenda Baijnath CA(SA).

### **Related party transactions**

The group, in the ordinary course of business, entered into various sale and purchase transactions on an arm's length basis at market rates with related parties.

### **Financial instruments**

#### **Fair value**

Fair value is determined using valuation techniques as outlined unless the instrument is listed in an active market. Where possible, inputs are based on quoted prices and other market determined variables.

#### **Fair value hierarchy**

The table below represents significant financial instruments measured at fair value at reporting date, or for which fair value is disclosed at 30 June 2017. The US dollar bond, the interest rate swap, the crude oil put options, the zero-cost foreign exchange collars and the coal swaps were considered to be significant financial instruments for the group based on the amounts recognised in the statement of financial position and the fact that these instruments are traded in an active market. The calculation of fair value requires various inputs into the valuation methodologies used. The source of the inputs used affects the reliability and accuracy of the valuations. Financial instruments have been classified into the hierarchical levels in line with IFRS 13.

#### **Level 1**

Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

**Level 2** Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (directly or indirectly).

**Level 3** Inputs for the asset or liability that are unobservable.

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**IFRS 13 fair**

**Carrying  
value**

**Fair value**

**Valuation**

**Instrument**

**value hierarchy**

**Rm**

**Rm**

**method**

**Significant inputs**

Listed long-term  
debt

Level 1

**13 014**

**13 365**

Fair value

Quoted market price  
for the same or  
similar instruments

Derivative financial  
assets and  
liabilities

Level 2

**1 271**

**1 271**

Forward rate  
interpolator  
model,

discounted

expected cash

flows, numerical  
approximation,

as appropriate

Foreign exchange

rates, market

commodity prices,

US\$ swap curve, as  
appropriate

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**Independent audit by the auditors:**

These summarised consolidated financial statements, including the segment report for the year ended 30 June 2017, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., who expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. The individual auditor assigned to perform the audit is Mr PC Hough. The auditor also expressed an unmodified opinion on the annual financial statements from which these summarised consolidated financial statements were derived. A copy of the auditor's report on the summarised consolidated financial statements and of the auditor's report on the annual consolidated financial statements are available for inspection at the company's registered office, together with the financial statements identified in the respective auditor's reports. The auditor's report does not necessarily report on all of the information contained in this announcement of financial results. Shareholders are therefore advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report together with the accompanying summarised consolidated financial statements from the company's registered office.

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\*Independent ^Lead independent director

**Company Secretary:** Mr VD Kahla

**Company registration number:** 1979/003231/06, incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

**Income tax reference number:** 9520/018/60/8

**JSE**

**NYSE**

**Ordinary shares**

Share code:

SOL

SSL

ISIN:

ZAE000006896

US8038663006

### **Sasol BEE Ordinary shares**

Share code:

SOLBE1

ISIN:

ZAE000151817

#### **American depository receipts (ADR) program:**

Cusip number 803866300

ADR to ordinary share 1:1

**Depository:** The Bank of New York Mellon, 22nd Floor, 101 Barclay Street, New York, NY 10286, United States of America

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RP and our business performance outlook. Words such as “believe”, “anticipate”, “expect”, “intend”, “seek”, “will”, “plan”,

“could”, “may”, “endeavour”, “target”, “forecast” and “project” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and there are risks that the predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. If one or more of these

risks materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated. You should understand that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors are discussed more fully in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F filed on 27 September 2016 and in other

filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The list of factors discussed therein is not exhaustive;

when relying on forward-looking statements to make investment decisions, you should carefully consider both these factors and other uncertainties and events. Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date on which they are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any of them, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Please note:** A billion is defined as one thousand million. All references to years refer to the financial year ended 30 June.

Any reference to a calendar year is prefaced by the word “calendar”.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Sasol Limited, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date:

August 21, 2017

By:

/s/ V D Kahla

Name:

Vuyo Dominic Kahla

Title:

Company

Secretary