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Sasol Limited

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(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

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Enclosures:

Interim results and dividend announcement number 53 for the six months ended

31 December 2005

*sasol limited*  
*group interim*  
*financial report*  
*and declaration of dividend number*  
*53 for the six months ended*  
*31 December 2005*

*significant earnings growth*  
*higher international oil prices*  
*major capital projects advanced – R6,1 bn*  
*gearing reduces to 29%*  
*interim dividend increased by 22%*





*at*  
**31 Dec**  
*31 Dec*  
*30 June*  
**2005**  
 2004  
 2005  
**Reviewed**  
*Reviewed*  
*Audited*  
*Restated*  
*Restated*  
**Rm**  
*Rm*  
*Rm*  
**ASSETS**  
*Property, plant and equipment*  
**60 796**  
 50 672  
 56 550  
*Goodwill*  
**483**  
 580            509  
*Intangible assets*  
**1 763**  
 1 987  
 1 900  
*Post-retirement benefit assets*  
**275**  
 231            300  
*Deferred tax assets*  
**416**  
 507            409  
*Other long-term assets*  
**2 570**  
 1 908  
 2 212  
**Non-current assets**  
**66 303**  
 55 885  
 61 880  
*Investment held-for-sale*  
**41**  
 —  
 41  
*Inventories*  
**11 001**  
 9 208  
 9 995  
*Trade and other receivables*  
**12 832**

11	346
12	384
<i>Short-term financial assets</i>	
17	
8	178
<i>Cash restricted for use</i>	
<b>598</b>	
447	1
002	
<i>Cash</i>	
<b>2 940</b>	
2 974	
2 509	
<i>Current assets</i>	
<b>27 429</b>	
23 983	
26 109	
<i>Total assets</i>	
<b>93 732</b>	
79 868	
87 989	
<b><i>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</i></b>	
<i>Shareholders' equity</i>	
<b>48 665</b>	
37 494	
43 533	
<i>Minority interest</i>	
<b>313</b>	
379	253
<i>Total equity</i>	
<b>48 978</b>	
37 873	
43 786	
<i>Long-term debt</i>	
<b>13 754</b>	
10 746	
12 951	
<i>Long-term provisions</i>	
<b>3 458</b>	
2 430	
2 954	
<i>Post-retirement benefit obligations</i>	
<b>2 998</b>	
2 843	
2 970	
<i>Long-term deferred income</i>	
<b>1 020</b>	
221	763
<i>Deferred tax liability</i>	
<b>6 446</b>	
6 164	

6 286

***Non-current liabilities***

**27 676**

22 404

25 924

*Short-term debt*

**1 987**

4 609

3 300

*Short-term financial liabilities*

**838**

2 127

792

*Other current liabilities*

**13 096**

9 455

11 572

*Bank overdraft*

**1 157**

3 400

2 615

***Current liabilities***

**17 078**

19 591

18 279

***Total equity and liabilities***

**93 732**

79 868

87 989

***balance sheet***







*for the period ended*

***half-year***

*half-year*

*full year*

***31 Dec***

*31 Dec*

*30 June*

***2005***

*2004*

*2005*

***Reviewed***

*Reviewed*

*Audited*

*Restated*

*Restated*

***Rm***

*Rm*

*Rm*

***Turnover***

***40 256***

*33 806*

*69 239*

*Cost of sales and services rendered*

***(22 981)***

*(21 496)*

*(42 267)*

***Gross profit***

***17 275***

*12 310*

*26 972*

*Non-trading income*

***165***

*227            417*

*Marketing and distribution expenditure*

***(2 590)***

*(2 652)*

*(5 097)*

*Administrative expenditure*

***(1 877)***

*(1 955)*

*(4 075)*

*Other operating expenditure*

***(1 376)***

*(926)*

*(3 802)*

*Share-based payment expense*

***(84)***

*(68)*

*(137)*

*Currency translation losses*

***(418)***

(457)  
 91  
**Operating profit**  
**11 095**  
 6 479  
 14 369  
*Dividends and interest received*  
**142**  
 68            149  
*Income from associates*  
**81**  
 81            184  
*Borrowing costs (net of costs capitalised)*  
**(269)**  
 (362)  
 (587)  
**Net income before tax**  
**11 049**  
 6 266  
 14 115  
*Taxation*  
**(3 662)**  
 (2 293)  
 (4 568)  
**Earnings**  
**7 387**  
 3 973  
 9 547  
**Attributable to**  
*Shareholders*  
**7 295**  
 3 915  
 9 437  
*Minority shareholders*  
**92**  
 58            110  
**7 387**  
 3 973  
 9 547  
**Basic earnings per share**  
 – *attributable earnings basis*  
*cents*  
**1 179**  
 639            1  
 537  
 – *headline earnings basis*  
*cents*  
**1 158**  
 692            1  
 727

***Diluted earnings per share\****

*– attributable earnings basis*

*cents*

**1 152**

629            1

511

*– headline earnings basis*

*cents*

**1 131**

681            1

697

***Dividends per share***

*– interim\*\**

*cents*

**280**

230            230

*– final*

*cents*

310

*\* Taking the Sasol Share Incentive Scheme into account.*

*\*\*The interim dividend was declared subsequent to 31 December 2005 and is presented for information purposes only. No provision regarding this interim dividend has been recognised.*

***income statement***





*for the period ended*

***half-year***

*half-year*

*full year*

***31 Dec***

*31 Dec*

*30 June*

***2005***

*2004*

*2005*

***Reviewed***

*Reviewed*

*Audited*

*Restated*

*Restated*

***Rm***

*Rm*

*Rm*

***Balance at beginning of period as  
previously reported***

*35 400*

*35 400*

*Share-based payment expense*

*– prior year adjustment*

*2*

*2*

***Balance at beginning of period restated***

***43 786***

*35 402*

*35 402*

*Negative goodwill written off*

***—***

*610*                      *610*

*Shares issued during period*

***258***

*129*                      *311*

*Earnings for period*

***7 295***

*3 915*

*9 437*

*As previously reported*

*3 983*

*9 573*

*Share-based payment expense*

*(68)*

*(136)*

*Dividends paid*

***(1 920)***

*(1 440)*

*(2 856)*



*Movement in foreign currency translation  
 reserve*  
**(629)**  
 (745)  
 313  
*Increase in share-based payment expense  
 reserve*  
**84**  
 68            137  
*Movement in cash flow hedge accounting  
 reserve*  
**44**  
 (72)  
 552  
*Movement in minority interest*  
**60**  
 6            (120)  
**Balance at end of period**  
**48 978**  
 37 873  
 43 786  
**Comprising**  
*Share capital*  
**3 461**  
 3 021  
 3 203  
*Accumulated earnings*  
**50 410**  
 40 933  
 45 035  
*Foreign currency translation reserve*  
**(1 965)**  
 (2 398)  
 (1 336)  
*Share repurchase programme*  
**(3 647)**  
 (3 647)  
 (3 647)  
*Share-based payment expense reserve*  
**695**  
 542            611  
*Investment fair value reserve*  
**2**  
 2            2  
*Cash flow hedge accounting reserve*  
**(291)**  
 (959)  
 (335)  
*Shareholders' equity*  
**48 665**  
 37 494

43 533

*Minority interest*

**313**

379                      253

***Total equity***

**48 978**

37 873

43 786

***statement of changes in equity***

*for the period ended*

***half-year***

*half-year*

*full year*

***31 Dec***

*31 Dec*

*30 June*

***2005***

*2004*

*2005*

***Reviewed***

*Reviewed*

*Audited*

***Rm***

*Rm*

*Rm*

*Cash receipts from customers*

***39 461***

*33 506*

*68 263*

*Cash paid to suppliers and employees*

***(27 310)***

*(25 703)*

*(49 451)*

***Cash generated by operating activities***

***12 151***

*7 803*

*18 812*

*Investment income*

***144***

*92            169*

*Borrowing costs paid*

***(688)***

*(729)*

*(1 523)*

*Tax paid*

***(1 732)***

*(1 785)*

*(3 753)*

*Dividends paid*

***(1 920)***

*(1 440)*

*(2 856)*

***Cash retained from operating activities***

***7 955***

*3 941*

*10 849*

*Additions to property, plant and equipment*

***(6 044)***

*(5 781)*

*(12 414)*

<i>Acquisition of businesses</i>		
<b>(147)</b>		
—	—	
<i>Disposal of businesses</i>		
<b>596</b>		
24	36	
<i>Cash disposed of on disposal of businesses</i>		
<b>(1)</b>		
(47)		
(94)		
<i>Other net (expenditure in)/proceeds</i>		
<i>from investing activities</i>		
<b>(328)</b>		
192	245	
<i>Cash utilised in investing activities</i>		
<b>(5 924)</b>		
(5 612)		
(12 227)		
<i>Share capital issued</i>		
<b>258</b>		
129	311	
<i>Dividends paid to minority shareholders</i>		
<b>(39)</b>		
(53)		
(64)		
<i>Increase in long-term debt</i>		
<b>335</b>		
2 172		
4 165		
<i>(Decrease)/increase in short-term debt</i>		
<b>(1 010)</b>		
1 081		
(440)		
<i>Cash effect of financing activities</i>		
<b>(456)</b>		
3 329		
3 972		
<i>Translation effects on cash and cash</i>		
<i>equivalents of foreign entities</i>		
<b>(90)</b>		
(114)		
(175)		
<i>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</i>		
<b>1 485</b>		
1 544		
2 419		
<i>Cash and cash equivalents*</i>		
<i>– balance at end of period</i>		
<b>2 381</b>		
21	896	
<i>– less balance at beginning of period</i>		

**896**

(1 523)

(1 523)

***Increase in cash and cash equivalents***

**1 485**

1 544

2 419

*\*Comprising cash restricted for use, cash and bank overdraft.*

***cash flow statement***

*for the period ended*

***half-year***

*half-year*

*full year*

***31 Dec***

*31 Dec*

*30 June*

***2005***

*2004*

*2005*

*Restated*

*Restated*

***Rm***

*Rm*

*Rm*

***Selected ratios***

*Operating margin*

*%*

***27,6***

*19,2*

*20,8*

*Borrowing cost cover*

*times*

***16,5***

*9,1*

*9,6*

*Dividend cover*

*times*

***4,2***

*2,8*

*2,8*

***Share statistics***

*Total shares in issue*

*million*

***680,5***

*673,9*

*676,9*

*Treasury shares (share  
repurchase programme)*

*million*

***60,1***

*60,1*

*60,1*

*Weighted average number of shares*

*million*

***618,5***

*612,4*

*613,8*

*Diluted weighted average  
number of shares*

*million*

**633,0**

622,5

624,4

*Share price (closing)*

*Rand*

**226,50**

121,00

180,80

*Market capitalisation*

*Rm*

**154 133**

81 542

122 379

*Net asset value per share*

*Rand*

**78,45**

61,08

70,58

***Other financial information***

*Total debt (including bank overdraft)*

*– interest bearing*

*Rm*

**16 598**

18 731

18 865

*– non-interest bearing*

*Rm*

**300**

24

1

*Borrowing costs capitalised*

*Rm*

**536**

434

1 116

*Capital commitments*

*– authorised and contracted*

*Rm*

**10 249**

9 877

11 429

*– authorised, not yet contracted*

*Rm*

**5 008**

10 787

7 740

*Guarantees and contingent liabilities*

*– total amount*

*Rm*

**31 979**

27 974

33 122

– liability on balance sheet

Rm

**10 986**

6 689

11 230

Significant items in operating profit

– employee costs

Rm

**4 597**

4 748

8 782

– depreciation of property,  
plant and equipment

Rm

**1 783**

1 803

3 591

Effective tax rate

%

**33,1**

36,6

32,4

Number of employees

number

**30 185**

30 150

30 004

**salient features**







for the period ended

**Reconciliation of headline earnings**

**half-year**

half-year

full year

**31 Dec**

31 Dec

30 June

**2005**

2004

2005

Restated

Restated

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

Attributable earnings

**7 295**

3 915

9 437

Capital effects

**(200)**

221 1

275

Impairment of assets

**99**

242 1

078

Reversal of impairment

**(140)**

— —

Profit on disposal of business

**(199)**

— (40)

Profit on sale of participation

rights in GTL

—

(33)

(33)

Profit on disposal of assets

**(12)**

(9) (20)

Scrapping of property, plant and  
equipment

**52**

21 290

Deferred tax asset written off

—

111 122

Tax effect on reconciling items

**67**

(7)	(235)	
<i>Headline earnings</i>		
<b>7 162</b>		
4 240		
10 599		
<b><i>Capital effects by operating segment</i></b>		
<i>Mining</i>		
(2)	6	
23		
<i>Synfuels</i>		
(29)	(14)	
(110)		
<i>Liquid Fuels Business</i>		
(7)		
(6)		
(63)		
<i>Gas</i>		
<b>133</b>	—	
—		
<i>Synfuels International</i>		
—		
33		
33		
<i>Olefins and Surfactants</i>		
<b>121</b>		
(248)		
(783)		
<i>Polymers</i>		
5	(11)	
(12)		
<i>Solvents</i>		
—	—	
(382)		
<i>Other</i>		
(21)	19	19
<b>200</b>	(221)	
(1		
275)		

*The reader is referred to the definitions contained in the 2005 Sasol Limited annual financial statements.*

***salient features***  
***(continued)***





*segment report*

*half-year*

*half-year*

*full-year*

*Dec 2005*

*Dec 2004*

*June 2005*

*Rm*

*Rm*

*Rm*

***Contribution to group turnover***

•

*Mining*

705            626

1 471

•

*Synfuels*

462

408

820

•

*Liquid Fuels Business*

15 539

11 091

23 525

•

*Gas*

814            715

1 408

•

*Synfuels International*

119

—

—

•

*Olefins and Surfactants*

9 835

8 791

18 040

•

*Polymers*

3 907

3 617

7 199

•

*Solvents*

4 364

3 875

8 063

•

*Other*

4 511

4 683

8 713

40 256

33 806

69 239

*half-year*

*half-year*

*full-year*

*Dec 2005*

*Dec 2004*

*June 2005*

*Restated*

*Restated*

*Rm*

*Rm*

*Rm*

***Operating profit\****

•

*Mining*

636            533

1 239

•

*Synfuels*

7 336

3 686

7 546

•

*Liquid Fuels Business*

1 125

763

1 892

•

*Gas*                            780

470

931

•

*Synfuels International*

(256)

(52)

(201)

•

*Olefins and Surfactants*

290

(136)

(231)

•

*Polymers*

394            569

1 475

•



*Solvents*

516            551

1 238

•

*Other*

274            95            480

11 095

6 479

14 369

*\*Taking into account the effect of capital items. Refer salient features for further detail.*

***Dec 2005***

***turnover***

***Dec 2005***

***operating profit***







***a pleasing performance***

*Attributable earnings for the first half of the financial year 2006 (the 'interim period') increased by 86% from R3,9 billion to R7,3 billion. Headline earnings per share increased by 67% to R11,58. In US dollar terms, attributable earnings per share of US\$1,81 represented a 76% increase.*

*IFRS 2, which refers to share-based payments, applied from 1 July 2005 resulted in attributable earnings diluting by R84 million and headline earnings per share reducing by 14 cents during the interim period. Previous years' comparative information has been restated accordingly.*

***higher international oil prices***

*Operating profit increased by R4,6 billion (71%) to R11,1 billion. Higher average international oil prices (dated Brent US\$59,21/b versus US\$42,77/b) boosted operating profit by about R2,9 billion, taking into account the negative effect of the Sasol Synfuels oil production hedge incurred in the previous reporting period of R0,7 billion. This benefit was enhanced by the positive impact of the weaker rand (average rate R6,52: US\$1,00 versus R6,21: US\$1,00), which increased operating profit by approximately R0,6 billion. The currency effects manifested themselves across all of Sasol's businesses. The benefit of higher international oil prices was, however, only realised in the energy and fuel-related businesses with adverse effects being experienced in the chemical businesses because of higher oil-derivative feedstock costs. Furthermore, margins were adversely affected in most of the chemical businesses by a reduction in international chemical commodity prices.*

***major capital projects advanced***

*Cash flow capital expenditure amounted to R6,1 billion. Major projects advanced included the fuel quality enhancement and polymer expansion project (Project Turbo) in South Africa, the Oryx gas to-liquids (GTL) venture in Qatar and the Arya Sasol polymers project in Iran.*

***gearing reduced***

*Gearing (net debt as a percentage of shareholders' equity) reduced from 42% at 31 December 2004 to 29%. Gearing is expected to return to within our targeted range of 30% to 50% by the end of the financial year 2006.*

***interim dividend increased***

*The interim dividend declared of R2,80 per share represents a 22% increase compared to the previous interim dividend declared.*

***sasol mining***

*The operating profit of Sasol Mining of R636 million was R103 million (19%) better than the previous comparable reporting period, mainly because of slightly higher sales volumes and selling prices.*

***sasol synfuels***

*Primarily because of higher oil prices and slightly higher production volumes, Sasol Synfuels achieved an increase in operating profit of 99% to R7 336 million. The increase in production volumes resulted from the shift of a planned shutdown from September 2005 to September 2006. Higher intake of natural gas from*

*Mozambique also contributed to improved plant stability. Regrettably, a number of short, unscheduled shutdowns occurred during the period under review. The causes are being addressed to avoid reoccurrence.*

***sasol liquid fuels business (LFB)***

*Higher refinery margins, improved sales volumes and some benefit from a weaker rand increased operating profit in our liquid fuels business by 47% to R1 125 million.*

*The expansion of the dual brand (Sasol and Exel) retail network advanced successfully and market share objectives were met.*

*The proposed merging of our liquid fuels business with Engen was considered at the Competition Tribunal during October 2005. The ruling announced by the Competition Tribunal on 23 February 2006, prohibiting the merger, is being studied and a response is being formulated together with Petronas of Malaysia. The Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) component of this merger advanced successfully with the announcement during the period under review of our broad-based Tshwarisano LFB Investments transaction. Likewise, the implications of the ruling on this transaction are being considered.*

***sasol gas***

*Primarily driven by higher selling prices and moderate sales volume increases, both to external customers and Sasol businesses, operating profit increased by 66% to R780 million including a capital profit of R199 million. On 1 July 2005 the South African Government, through its gas pipeline development company iGas, acquired a 25% stake in Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Investments Company (Pty) Limited (ROMPCO), which owns the natural gas pipeline between Mozambique and South Africa.*

***sasol synfuels international***

*This business hosts the growth ambitions of the group relating to GTL and coal-to-liquid (CTL) ventures. Its costs are associated with advancing the Qatar and Nigeria GTL projects and evaluating others in accordance with our strategic objective to build these global businesses. Costs rose to R256 million in this period as a direct consequence of increased activity in this respect. We expect our Oryx GTL plant to come into operation during the second quarter of 2006.*

***sasol olefins and surfactants (O&S)***

*The operating profit of Sasol O&S of R290 million is R426 million better than the operating loss achieved during the previous comparable reporting period, mainly because of non-recurring impairment costs incurred during the previous period and the reversal of impairment costs relating to the Octene train-3 project that were previously written off. Excluding these capital effects, the operating profit amounted to R169 million, which was R57 million (51%) higher than the first half of the previous financial year.*

*Oil-derivative feedstock costs reached record high levels although most of these increases were recovered through increased product pricing and continuing cost optimisation initiatives. The results of O&S were also negatively impacted by Hurricane Rita which caused our Lake Charles site to close down for almost a month. Towards the end of the reporting period, detergent-range alcohol prices started to come under pressure in anticipation of significant oleochemical-based capacity additions coming on stream in South East Asia.*

***sasol polymers***

*Higher oil-derivative feedstock costs from Sasol Synfuels could not be fully recovered through higher polymer selling prices resulting in significantly depressed margins. Sasol Polymers achieved an operating profit of R394 million, which was 31% lower than the comparable result of the previous period.*

***sasol solvents***

*After an extraordinary previous year characterised by unprecedented high selling prices and margins, market conditions in the solvents industry normalised. Operating profit of R516 million was R35 million (6%) lower than the comparable result of the previous reporting period.*

***other businesses***

*Sasol Nitro's performance improved because of higher ammonia prices and pleasing results from our explosives business. The fertiliser business experienced trading difficulties because of lower sales resulting from high maize inventories and reduced plantings because of late rains.*

*The operating profit of Sasol Wax was lower than in the previous period mainly because of currency effects and higher oil-derivative feedstock cost increases that were not recovered through selling prices.*

***basis of preparation and accounting policies***

*The condensed consolidated interim financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2005 has been prepared in compliance with the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (in particular International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting) and the South African Companies Act, 1973, as amended.*

*Except as otherwise disclosed, the accounting policies applied in the presentation of the interim financial report are consistent with those applied for the year ended 30 June 2005.*

*The following accounting standards were adopted by Sasol with effect from 1 July 2005:*

*IFRS2 Share-based payment (with retrospective application);*

*IFRS4 Insurance contracts;*

*IAS21 The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates;*

*IAS24 Related party disclosure;*

*IAS32 Financial instruments: disclosure and presentation; and*

*IAS39 Financial instruments: recognition and measurement.*

*The provisions of IFRS2 Share-based payment have been applied retrospectively and comparative information restated accordingly. IFRS2 requires that every business accounts for the effects of its share-based payment expenses on profit and its financial position, including the effects of share options granted to employees. The effect of the adoption of this standard is set out in the interim financial report. Basic earnings and diluted earnings per share were reduced by 11 cents for the six months ended 31 December 2004 and 22 cents for the year ended 30 June 2005.*

*The adoption of the remaining standards had no material effect on the financial results and financial position of the group.*

*Further details will be provided in the annual report for the year ending 30 June 2006.*

***related party transactions***

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

***disposal of businesses***

*On 1 July 2005, a 25% interest in Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Investments Company (Pty) Limited was sold to iGas (Pty) Limited in terms of the shareholders' agreement. A profit of R199 million was realised on this transaction.*

*The group is advancing the process of preparing its Olefins & Surfactants business for sale.*

***post-balance sheet date events***

*The 2006 budget presented by the Minister of Finance, South Africa, made reference to a task force being appointed to investigate a windfall tax which may affect Sasol. The company is still studying the proposals and will be engaging with government to obtain further information on the proposed investigation. Sasol will cooperate with the proposed task force and is confident that, once all of the pertinent facts have been scrutinised, an outcome will result in which the interests of all stakeholders would be addressed.*

*On 23 February 2006, the South African Competition Tribunal prohibited the merger between Sasol Oil (Pty) Limited and Engen Limited.*

***changes in contingent liabilities since 30 June 2005***

*The South African Competition authorities received a complaint against Sasol Oil (Pty) Limited in April 2003. The competition authorities found against Sasol that it was a dominant firm whose conduct met the test required in establishing prohibited price discrimination. The company filed a notice of appeal which was heard and upheld by the South African Competition Appeal Court.*

***principal foreign currency conversion rates***

*The economic indicators used in preparing the interim report were:*

*One unit of foreign*

*31 Dec*

*31 Dec*

*30 June*

*currency equals*

*2005*

*2004*

*2004*

*Rand/US\$ (closing rate)*

*6,33*

*5,66*

*6,67*

*Rand/US\$ (average rate)*

*6,52*

*6,21*

*6,21*

*Rand/euro (closing rate)*

*7,49*

*7,70*

*8,07*

*Rand/euro (average rate)*

*7,85*

*7,82*

*7,89*

***independent review by the auditors***

*The condensed consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2005 and the related condensed consolidated statements of income, changes in equity and cash flow for the six months then ended have been reviewed by our auditors, KPMG Inc. Their unmodified review report is available for inspection at the registered*



*office of Sasol Limited.*

***profit outlook***

*Assuming lower oil and commodity chemical prices and a stronger rand relative to the first half, earnings in the second half of the financial year are expected to be considerably lower than the first half year although pleasing growth in earnings for the full financial year is anticipated.*

***declaration of interim dividend number 53***

*The directors of Sasol Limited have declared an interim dividend of 280 cents per share (2004: 230 cents per share) for the six months to 31 December 2005. The dividend has been declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa. The salient dates are:*

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

*Friday, 31 March 2006*

*Trading ex dividend commences*

*Monday, 3 April 2006*

*Record date*

*Friday, 7 April 2006*

*Dividend payment date (electronic and certificated register)*

*Monday, 10 April 2006*

*On 10 April 2006, 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 have dematerialised their share certificates will have their accounts, at their Central Securities Depository Participant or broker credited on Monday, 10 April 2006.*

*Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 3 April 2006 and Friday, 7 April 2006, both days inclusive.*

*On behalf of the board*

*P V Cox*

*L P A Davies*

*T S Munday*

*Chairman*

*Chief executive*

*Deputy chief executive and*

*chief financial officer*

*Sasol Limited*

*6 March 2006*





*Forward-looking statements: In this report we make certain statements that are not historical facts and relate to analyses and other information based on forecasts of future results not yet determinable, relating, amongst other things, to exchange rate fluctuations, volume growth, increases in market share, total shareholder return and cost reductions. These are forward-looking statements as defined in the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “believe”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “seek”, “will”, “plan”, “could”, “may”, “endeavour” and “project” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties and, if one or more of these risks materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may be very different from those anticipated. The factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements are discussed more fully in our most recent annual report under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on Form 20-F filed on 26 October 2005 and in other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date on which they are made, and Sasol does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any of them, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

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*M S V Gantsho, A Jain (Indian), I N Mkhize, S Montsi, J E Schrempp (German),*

*(executive):*

*L P A Davies (Chief executive),*

*T S Munday (Deputy chief executive and chief financial officer), V N Fakude*

*Company secretary:*

*N L Joubert*

*Company registration number:*

*1979/003231/06 , Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa*

*ISIN code:*

*ZAE000006896*

*Share codes:*

*JSE-SOL NYSE-SSL*

*American depositary receipt (ADR) program:*

*Cusip number 803866300 ADR to ordinary share 1:1*

*Depositary:*

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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: 6 March 2006

By:

/s/ N L Joubert

Name: Nereus Louis Joubert

Title: Company Secretary