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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 6-K**

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

Report on Form 6-K for March 9, 2015

Commission File Number 1-31615

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**Enclosures:**

Reviewed interim financial results for the six months ended 31 December 2014

**SASOL LIMITED**

REVIEWED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

for the six months ended 31 December 2014

**Sasol Limited**

**Reviewed interim financial results for the six months ended**

**31 December 2014**

Sasol is an international integrated energy and chemicals company that leverages the talent and expertise of our more than 32 400 people working in 37 countries. We develop and commercialise technologies, and build and operate world-scale facilities to produce a range of high-value product streams, including liquid fuels, chemicals and low-carbon electricity.

**Salient features**

- Strong group-wide operational performance
- 3% increase in liquid fuels sales volumes for Energy business in Southern Africa
- Performance Chemicals and Base Chemicals sales volumes up 5% and 1% respectively
- Normalised cash fixed costs 0,7% below inflation
- Headline earnings per share up by 6% to R32,00
- Business Performance Enhancement Programme annual cost savings target increased to at least R4,3 billion
- Decisive management action taken in response to lower international oil prices
- Safety Recordable Case Rate (RCR) excluding illnesses improved to 0,32
- Lake Charles Chemicals Project making good progress

**Maintaining momentum**

*President and Chief Executive Officer, David E. Constable says:*

“The changes made to our business since 2011, have resulted in a more effective and cost-conscious organisation. Through the various improvements that have been introduced, we are not only more resilient as a company, but far better equipped to maintain momentum and respond decisively to an evolving global landscape. Overall, we continued to deliver strong operational and cost performance despite the volatile macro-economic environment. With oil prices moving dramatically lower over the last six months, the management team has formulated a comprehensive Response Plan to conserve cash and further refine our organisational structures and near-term strategies.

The benefits of the detailed work we are doing now will ensure that Sasol emerges from the current challenging environment as an even leaner and more focused business.”

**Interim financial results overview\***

Earnings attributable to shareholders for the six months ended 31 December 2014 increased by 54% to R19,5 billion from R12,7 billion in the prior period. Headline earnings per share increased by 6% to R32,00 and earnings per share increased by 53% to R32,04 compared to the prior period.

However, excluding the impact of remeasurement items, net once-off charges, movements in our share-based payment expense and lower unrealised profit in inventory, earnings attributable to shareholders decreased by 23% from the prior period.

Profit from operations of R30,0 billion increased by 39% compared to the prior period. This achievement was due to an overall strong operational performance from our Regional Operating Hubs (ROHs) coupled with increased sales volumes and improved margins in our Performance Chemicals and Base Chemicals Strategic Business Units. The group's profitability was further enhanced by a 9% weaker average rand/US dollar exchange rate (R10,99/US\$ for the six months ended 31 December 2014 compared with R10,08/US\$ in the prior period). This benefit was partially offset by a 19% decline in average Brent crude oil prices (average dated Brent was US\$89,00/barrel for the six months ended 31 December 2014 compared with US\$109,83/barrel in the prior period).

In addition, Sasol's profitability for the first half of the 2015 financial year was also impacted by the following notable once-off and significant charges:

- Reversal of the share-based payment expense of R2,5 billion due to a 32% decline in the share price closing at R431,01.

- The positive movement in unrealised profit in inventory of approximately R2,0 billion, given our updated operating model and lower international oil prices.

- Extension of the useful life of our Southern African operations amounting to a decrease in depreciation of R0,7 billion and environmental rehabilitation provisions of R1,8 billion respectively.

- Net impairments of R0,2 billion for the six months under review compared to the prior period of R6,0 billion (which included the R5,3 billion partial impairment of our Canadian shale gas assets).

- Remeasurement items relating primarily to the R1,3 billion partial impairment reversal of the FT Wax Expansion Project and the partial impairment of our Etame assets in Gabon of R1,3 billion.

Over the period, we maintained a strong operational performance across our ROHs. In tandem, our Energy business in Southern Africa increased its liquid fuels sales volumes by 3% compared to the prior period. Furthermore, our Chemicals businesses delivered an exceptional performance, having consistently reported increased sales volumes over the past two years. Normalising for the impact of the sale of our Solvents Germany and Sasol Polymer Middle East (SPME) businesses and due to focused marketing and sales initiatives, sales volumes for Performance Chemicals and Base Chemicals increased by 5% and 1%, from the prior period.

Our ORYX GTL plant sustained a solid performance, with an average utilisation rate of 91% for the period, despite an earlier than planned shutdown during December 2014.

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Normalised cash fixed costs increased by only 6,1%, 0,7% below the South African producers' price index (SA PPI) of 6,8% for the period. This was achieved despite a challenging South African cost environment in respect of labour, maintenance and

electricity charges. A key focus area for the management team since 2013 has been delivering on our company-wide Business Performance Enhancement Programme, where we have made significant progress in reducing our cost base sustainably. The reduction in the effective corporate tax rate from 37,5% to 31,8% resulted mainly from the impact of the R5,3 billion partial impairment of our Canadian shale gas assets in the prior period.

Cash flow generated from operations increased by 21% to R34,0 billion compared with R28,1 billion in the prior period. This includes a decrease in working capital of R1,8 billion in the current period, due to lower commodity prices. Our net cash position improved by 29% from R38,0 billion in June 2014 to R48,9 billion as at 31 December 2014. Capital expenditure over the period amounted to R22,1 billion, which is in line with our expectations.

As previously announced, our revised dividend policy is a dividend cover range which will be based on headline earnings per share. The interim dividend cover was 4,6 times at 31 December 2014 (31 December 2013: 3,8 times). Taking into account the current volatile macro-economic environment, capital investment plans, our cash conservation initiative, the current strength of our financial position, and the dividend cover range, the Sasol Limited board of directors has declared an interim dividend of R7,00 per share (12,5% lower compared to the prior period).

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All comparisons refer to the prior period as the six months ended 31 December 2013. Except for earning attributable to shareholders, all numbers are quoted on a pre-tax basis.

***Group Financial Controller, Paul Victor says:***

“Despite the headwinds of economic uncertainty and persisting geo-political tensions, the underlying fundamentals of our business remain robust over the long-term. In the near term, we expect tough trading conditions to prevail for the remainder of calendar year 2015. This notwithstanding, we are determined to build on our solid operational platform and improve the effectiveness, simplicity and efficiency of our organisation. Mitigating the challenges of low international oil prices and continuing to deliver maximum sustainable value to our shareholders remains one of our top priorities. As previously announced, our new operating model, and a simplified and consolidated legal structure, came into effect on 1 July 2014. The interim financial results reflect the performance of our six reportable business segments organised along an integrated value chain.”

**Business Performance Enhancement Programme delivering results**

As part of our Business Performance Enhancement Programme, the process of implementing organisational structures and employee placements to align with our updated operating model will be concluded by the end of June 2015. As at 31 December 2014, nearly 1 500 voluntary separations and early retirements were approved by the company.

We still expect cost savings of R4,0 billion by financial year 2016 off a 2013 cost base. We have identified further savings opportunities and now forecast an exit run rate of at least R4,3 billion by the end of financial year 2016. Cost trends are still forecast to track SA PPI from financial year 2017.

At 31 December 2014, the programme realised actual sustainable benefits of R991 million. For the end of the financial year we expect sustainable savings to increase to approximately R1,5 billion.

Implementation costs for the programme amount to R1,5 billion for the first half of the year, and are expected to increase to approximately R2,1 billion for the full financial year. The savings and implementation costs reported are all in line with previous guidance.

As part of our Response Plan actions, we plan to deliver further cash cost sustainable savings of R1 billion annually. These savings will be achieved through additional organisational structural refinements, a 30-month freezing of between 500 and 1 000 vacancies, and focused supply chain cost base reduction initiatives.

#### **Response to lower international oil prices**

In response to a lower-for-longer oil price environment, we announced our Response Plan on 28 January 2015. We have set a 30-month cash conservation target range of between R30 billion to R50 billion, using 31 December 2014 as the baseline. This cash conservation target range supplements our current Business Performance Enhancement Programme sustainable cost savings target of at least R4,3 billion per year, from financial year 2017.

Our Response Plan target of R30 billion to R50 billion will be realised from the following key areas:

- capital portfolio phasing and reductions – target of R13 billion to R22 billion;
- capital structuring – target of R8 billion to R12 billion;
- further cash cost reductions – target of R4 billion to R7 billion of which R1 billion per annum will be considered sustainable at the end of the 30-month period; and
- working capital and margin improvements – target of R5 billion to R9 billion.

As previously announced, decisive measures have already been agreed to and key decisions have been taken to conserve cash, including the delay of our gas-to-liquids (GTL) plant in the US, the change to our dividend policy as well as the further optimisation of our organisational structures.

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

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

- Focusing on our

##### **Operating Business Units (OBUs)**

which secure our feedstock supply:

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The development of the Impumelelo and Shondoni collieries, which are part of our Mining OBU's R14,0 billion mine replacement programme, continues to progress steadily. The establishment of these collieries will ensure uninterrupted coal supply to our Secunda Synfuels Operations. Beneficial operation for both collieries is on track for the first and second half of the 2015 calendar year respectively. Both projects are expected to be delivered on budget.

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The full field development plan for the Production Sharing Agreement (PSA)

was submitted to the Mozambican authorities for approval by the February 2015 deadline. A further update on the investment strategy and monetisation plan will be provided once approval is received from the relevant authorities in Mozambique.

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Offshore Gabon, we are maturing and developing additional proven oil reserves to maintain production in the non-operated Etame Marin Permit. The



Etame Expansion Project and the South East Etame and North Tchibala Project are expected to achieve beneficial operation in the 2015 calendar year. Both projects are expected to be delivered on schedule and within budget.

Looking at the growth projects within our

**Strategic Business Units (SBUs)**

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**Growing our Energy business in Mozambique**

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The R1,6 billion Loop Line on the Mozambique to Secunda pipeline reached beneficial operation during the last quarter of the 2014 calendar year, on schedule and below budget.

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We completed the development of the US\$246 million, 175 megawatt gas-fired power generation plant in Mozambique, in partnership with the country's state-owned power utility, Electricidade de Moçambique (EDM) at Ressano Garcia. All 18 gas engines have been commissioned and beneficial operation is expected within budget during the first half of the 2015 calendar year.

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In Mozambique, a joint pre-feasibility study for a large-scale GTL plant, which will be based on gas from the Rovuma Basin in Northern Mozambique, is underway. The study, which is being conducted in conjunction with Mozambique's national oil company, Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos (ENH) and Italian multinational, Eni S.p.A. (Eni), will assess the viability and benefits of such a plant in the region.

**Expanding our Energy, Base Chemicals and Performance Chemicals SBUs in South Africa and in the United States**

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The R14,2 billion Secunda growth programme is nearing completion with 14 of the 19 projects, which include the gas heated heat exchange reformers, achieving beneficial operation. The completed projects have ensured that the volume and electricity benefits of the programme were fully realised. The remaining five projects are smaller environmental enablers and are expected to reach beneficial operation by the end of the 2015 calendar year.

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The expansion of our FT wax facility in Sasolburg is progressing well with the commissioning of the new slurry bed reactor expected to take place during the first half of the 2015 calendar year. Commissioning of phase two of the project is on track to take place during the second half of the 2016 calendar year. The total project cost for both phases remains unchanged at R13,6 billion. In 2013, we partially impaired the project by R2 billion. At 31 December 2014, we recognised a partial reversal of the impairment of R1,3 billion, mainly due to the extension of the useful life of the asset from 2029 to 2034, supported by the weaker rand/US dollar exchange rate.

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We are making steady progress with the advancement of our US\$8,9 billion ethane cracker and downstream derivatives complex (including infrastructure and utilities) in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Site preparation is underway, and we expect that the plant will achieve beneficial operation during the 2018 calendar year. In December 2014, we established a US\$4,0 billion banking facility which will be used to finance the project. Approximately 80% of the

funds required are in place through a combination of project finance and our own equity contributions. The remainder of the funds required will be raised in a phased manner, including accessing capital markets and further equity contributions.

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On 7 August 2014, Sasol and Ineos Olefins & Polymers USA successfully concluded a toll manufacturing joint venture, Gemini HDPE LLC. Construction of the US\$269 million (Sasol's share) high density polyethylene facility commenced and plant start-up is planned towards the end of the 2016 calendar year. The complex is expected to produce 470 kilotons per annum.

**Strong operational performance on the back of effective cost management**

***Operating Business Units***

***Mining – increased production, unit cost below inflation***

Profit from operations of R2 241 million was 66% higher than the prior period. This was mainly as a result of a 5% increase in production volumes due to the sustained improvement in underground infrastructure, higher export volumes and the benefit of increased cost control measures. In addition, the benefits of our Business Performance Enhancement Programme, coupled with further operational flexibility created by the mine replacement programme, have resulted in the unit costs from our operations being contained to below inflation.

***Exploration and Production International – impacted by once-off items***

Exploration and Production International recorded a loss from operations of R1 748 million compared to a loss from operations of R6 137 million in the prior period.

Our businesses excluding Canada, reflected a loss from operations of R1 164 million which includes a partial impairment of our Etame assets in Gabon of R1 331 million due to a decline in international oil prices and a loss of R565 million on the exiting of the Nigerian upstream licences. Excluding these charges, we generated a profit of R732 million mainly due to favourable gas prices in Mozambique. Gas volumes remained at similar levels compared to the prior period. Our oil production in Gabon was slightly lower and averaged 15 000 barrels of oil per day.

Our Canadian shale gas asset in Montney generated a loss from operations of R584 million compared to R6 484 million in the prior period, which included the partial impairment of the asset of R5 308 million. Excluding the effect of the prior period impairment, the loss decreased from R1 176 million to R584 million in the current period mainly due to lower depreciation and operational costs. We are actively de-risking this asset, with specific emphasis on the Cypress A acreage.

***Strategic Business Units***

***Energy – improved volumes and cost performance, margins under pressure***

Profit from operations of R14 818 million decreased by R1 556 million compared to the prior period. Production volumes at Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) and Natref Operations, increased by 2% and 6% respectively in comparison with the prior period. This was mainly due to the total factory shutdown at SSO in the prior period and improved production throughput at Natref Operations.

In South Africa, our Energy SBU's profitability was enhanced by a 3% increase in liquid fuels sales volumes compared to the prior period and higher refining margins, on the back of strong product differentials. The increased cost of production resulting from higher than inflationary increases in feedstock and utilities, as well as the reduction in the basic fuel price, on the back of lower international crude oil prices, resulted in an 18% negative impact on our gross margin. Through our Business Performance Enhancement Programme, we expect normalised cash costs per unit for the full year to be below SA PPI.

The Energy SBU's share of profit from equity accounted joint ventures of R1 291 million decreased from R1 901 million in the prior period. This was mainly due to lower international oil prices and an earlier than planned shutdown at our ORYX GTL facility. The plant achieved a utilisation rate of 91%, while maintaining a world class safety incident RCR of 0,0.

***Base Chemicals – increased profit from operations, higher sales volumes and lower costs***

The Base Chemicals SBU delivered a strong performance, increasing profit from operations by 42% to R5 818 million compared to the prior period. Sales volumes, normalised for the sale of our Solvents Germany and SPME operations in the prior period, increased by 1%. Normalised cash fixed costs were contained within inflation. Profit from operations further benefited from the extension of the useful life of operating assets in South Africa amounting to R899 million, once-off items in the prior period and a weaker rand/US dollar exchange rate. This was partially negated by lower sales prices. For the six months ended 31 December 2014, our chemical basket dollar prices have declined by 5% in comparison with a 19% decline in average Brent crude oil prices.

***Performance Chemicals – improved performance boosted by higher sales volumes***

The Performance Chemicals SBU continued to deliver a solid performance, increasing profit from operations by 60% to R7 365 million compared to R4 614 million for the prior period. Sales volumes increased by 5% from the prior period, mainly due to improved production output, supported by higher demand. In Euro terms, costs were maintained within inflation. Although still realising healthy margins in our US business, the decrease in the oil price resulted in a corresponding decrease in polyethylene prices. Our European ROH continued to report improved volumes. The financial performance was positively impacted by the R1 336 million partial impairment reversal of the Wax Expansion Project in Sasolburg, the impact of the weaker rand/Euro exchange rate, and a 6% increase in operating margin.

**Maintaining our focus on sustainable value creation**

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

- Safety remains a top priority for Sasol. We have shown steady progress in our safety performance in the first six months of the year with the RCR for employees and service providers improving to 0,32 (excluding illnesses) at 31 December 2014 (0,36 as at 30 June 2014). Including illnesses, our RCR improved to 0,40 (0,42 as at 30 June 2014). Tragically, we experienced one fatality involving a service provider at a mining construction project. Our operations continue to make steady progress in the reduction of process safety incidents.
- During the six months ended 31 December 2014, we spent over R0,5 billion on skills and socio-economic development, which includes our public/private Ikusasa initiative, bursaries, learnerships and artisan training programmes.
- 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 now received decisions on our postponement applications from the National Air Quality Officer, which, while aligned with our requests, impose stretched targets. Our focus is now on the alignment of our licences to reflect these postponement decisions, and on implementing our air quality roadmaps, including community-based offsets to sustainably improve ambient air quality in the areas where we operate.
- During the period, we paid R16,2 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  
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transaction, Sasol's landmark broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) transaction, has been partially refinanced, which will significantly contribute to reducing the scheme's financing costs. The refinancing will also return increased value to its shareholders.

### **Proposed carbon tax for South Africa**

South Africa's carbon emissions are not expected to increase before 2020, and the implementation of a carbon tax will have a limited effect on emissions, but will, instead, add a further cost burden to the economy.

At the same time, we are concerned that the proposed carbon tax will diminish South Africa's international competitiveness and result in a range of other unintended consequences. In our view, South Africa needs appropriate incentives to invest in new, more energy efficient processes and projects that improve our energy security.

Sasol continues to engage with the Department of Environmental Affairs and National Treasury in South Africa on the carbon tax issue.

### **Competition law compliance**

On 5 June 2014, the South African Competition Tribunal (the Tribunal) released its decision relating to Sasol Polymers' pricing of propylene and polypropylene. This matter was initiated at the end of 2007, when the South African Competition Commission (Commission) commenced its investigation into the South African monomers and polymers industries. The Commission's complaint was referred to the Tribunal in 2010, contending that Sasol Polymers had, between January 2004 and December 2007, charged excessive prices for propylene and polypropylene supplied into the South African market. In its decision, the Tribunal found against Sasol Polymers in relation to the pricing of both propylene and polypropylene, for the period in question. The Tribunal imposed an administrative penalty of R534 million. The Tribunal also ordered revised future pricing of propylene and polypropylene. Sasol appealed the Tribunal's ruling to the Competition Appeal Court. The appeal was heard in December 2014. At this stage, it is not known when the Competition Appeal Court will make its ruling.

Separately, the Commission is conducting investigations into several industries in which Sasol operates, including the petroleum and polymer industries and has initiated a market inquiry in the South African liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) market. We continue to cooperate with the Commission in these investigations. To the extent appropriate, further announcements will be made in future.

### **Profit outlook<sup>#</sup> – strong production performance and cost reductions to continue**

The global economic environment remains volatile and uncertain. We expect oil prices to remain low for the rest of the 2015 calendar year. We also expect the rand exchange rate to be impacted by quantitative easing in the Eurozone, uncertainties relating to the interest rate normalisation by key central banks and infrastructure constraints in South Africa. Both oil price and rand exchange rate developments are outside of our influence, and therefore our focus remains firmly on factors within our control, which include volume growth, margin improvement and cost optimisation. Oil and other commodity price risk hedging are evaluated on an ongoing basis. The market is constantly monitored for risk management opportunities, taking cognisance of integration benefits and the strength of Sasol's balance sheet.

We expect an overall strong production performance for the 2015 financial year, with:

- Liquid fuels product volumes for the Energy SBU in Southern Africa to be approximately 59 million barrels;
- The average utilisation rate at ORYX GTL in Qatar to be above 90% of nameplate capacity;
- Base Chemicals normalised sales volumes to be slightly higher than the previous financial year with margins under pressure due to lower international oil prices;
- Performance Chemicals sales volumes to outperform the previous financial year on the back of increased market demand;
- Average Brent crude oil prices to be at least 30% lower during the second half of the financial year compared to the first half;
- Normalised cash fixed costs to follow SA PPI;
- Capital expenditure of R45 billion for 2015, R65 billion in 2016 and R60 billion in 2017 as we progress with the execution of our growth plan and strategy;
- Our balance sheet gearing up to a level of between 2% and 7% at year-end; and
- The Response Plan cash flow contribution from all streams to range between R6 billion and R10 billion.

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

#### **Disposals of businesses**

In September 2014, we notified our partners in the Nigerian licenses OML-140 and OPL-214, of our withdrawal from both licenses as part of an ongoing restructuring of our asset base. Accordingly, we recognised a loss on disposal of R565 million relating to these licences for the six months ended 31 December 2014.

On 1 November 2014, the sale of our marketing business, Exel Lesotho (Pty) Ltd, was concluded for a purchase consideration of R164 million, realising a profit on disposal of R84 million.

#### **Subsequent events**

On 9 February 2015, Sasol announced changes to its top management structures. Sasol has also decided to combine two of its reportable segments, Southern Africa Energy and International Energy, and their associated management structures, into one segment, now referred to as Energy. Given this decision, Sasol's segmental reporting now consists of six reportable segments: Mining, Exploration and Production International, Energy, Base Chemicals, Performance Chemicals, and Group Functions.

On 4 March 2015, the FTSE/JSE Advisory Committee approved changes to the FTSE/JSE Index series, resulting in Sasol being reclassified from an 'Integrated Oil & Gas' company to a 'Speciality Chemicals' company. This change will be effective from 23 March 2015.

#### **Change in directors**

Ms Nomgando Matyumza was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Sasol with effect from 8 September 2014 and a member of the audit committee with effect from 26 September 2014.

Mr Bongani Nqwababa resigned as a non-executive director and member of the audit committee with effect from 26 September 2014, and was appointed as executive director and Chief Financial Officer of Sasol with effect from 1 March 2015.

Mr Paul Victor returned to his permanent role of Group Financial Controller with effect from 1 March 2015.

**Declaration of cash dividend number 71**

An interim gross cash dividend of South African 700,00 cents per ordinary share (31 December 2013 – 800,00 cents per ordinary share) has been declared for the six months ended 31 December 2014. The interim cash dividend is payable on the ordinary shares and the Sasol BEE ordinary shares. The dividend has been declared out of retained earnings (income reserves). The South African dividend withholding tax rate is 15% and no credits in terms of secondary tax on companies have been utilised. At the declaration date, there are 650 879 016 Sasol ordinary, 25 547 081 Sasol 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 595,00 cents per share, while the dividend amount payable to shareholders who are exempt from dividend withholding tax is 700,00 cents per share.

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

Declaration date

Monday, 9 March 2015

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

Wednesday, 1 April 2015

Trading ex dividend commences

Thursday, 2 April 2015

Record date

Friday, 10 April 2015

Dividend payment date

Monday, 13 April 2015

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

Ex dividend on New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

Wednesday, 8 April 2015

Record date

Friday, 10 April 2015

Approximate date of currency conversion

Tuesday, 14 April 2015

Approximate dividend payment date

Thursday, 23 April 2015

1. All dates are approximate as the NYSE sets the record date after receipt of the dividend declaration.

On Monday, 13 April 2015, 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, 13 April 2015.

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or re-materialised between Thursday, 2 April 2015 and Friday, 10 April 2015, both days inclusive.

On behalf of the board

**Mandla SV Gantsho**

**David E Constable**

**Paul Victor**

Chairman

President and

Group Financial Controller



Chief Executive Officer  
(Acting Chief Financial  
Officer for the period)  
Sasol Limited  
9 March 2015

**Basis of preparation**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2014 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, as well as the requirements of the South African Companies Act, 2008, as amended and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Listings Requirements.

The condensed consolidated interim 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 condensed consolidated interim 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 condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in South African rand, which is Sasol Limited's functional and presentation currency.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements appearing in this announcement are the responsibility of the directors. The directors take full responsibility for the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements. Paul Victor CA(SA), in his capacity as the Acting Chief Financial Officer for the period has taken responsibility for this set of condensed consolidated interim financial statements and has supervised the preparation thereof in conjunction with the Vice President: Financial Reporting, Nina Stofberg CA(SA).

**Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these condensed consolidated interim 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 2014.

**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.

**Reassessment of useful lives of assets**

On 1 July 2014, we operationalised our Project 2050 initiative to extend the lifespan of Sasolburg and Natref operations to 2034 and our Secunda operations to the middle of the century. The extension of useful lives has been accounted for as a change in estimate and has been applied prospectively.

The change in useful lives estimate of the affected assets has impacted the following lines in the financial statements:

**Half year**

**2015 – including  
effect of change in  
estimate**

**Half year**

**2015 – excluding the  
effect of change in  
estimate**

**Difference due to  
change in estimate**

Increase/(Decrease)

Rm

Rm

Rm

**Depreciation \***

**6 393**

**7 095**

**(702)**

Mining

651

691

(40)

Exploration and

Production International

1 301

1 301

-

Energy

1 527

1 745

(218)

Base Chemicals

1 443

1 823

(380)

Performance Chemicals

1 285

1 347

(62)

Group Functions

186

188

(2)

**Rehabilitation**

**provision \***

**10 617**

**12 433**

**(1 816)**

Mining

1 125

1 125

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Exploration and  
Production International

4 097

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Energy

2 609

3 672

(1 063)

Base Chemicals

1 482

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(519)

Performance Chemicals

1 304

1 538

(234)

\* The expected impact of the reassessment of the useful lives on depreciation in future periods is limited to the recognition of the assets over their extended useful lives and is accordingly R702 million. The expected future impact on the rehabilitation provision will be through the unwinding of the provision over a longer period. Accordingly, before consideration of future expansion and assuming no changes in discount rates or other assumptions, the future impact is R1 816 million.

### **Financial Instruments**

Fair value

*Valuation techniques and assumptions utilised for the purpose of calculating fair value*

The group does not hold any financial instruments traded in an active market, except for the investment in listed equity instruments. Fair value is determined using valuation techniques as outlined below. Where possible, inputs are based on quoted prices and other market determined variables.

#### **Fair Value hierarchy**

The following table is provided representing the assets and liabilities measured at fair value at reporting date, or for which fair value is disclosed at 31 December 2014. 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. Significant inputs have been classified into the hierarchical levels in line with IFRS 13, as shown below:

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.

**Financial instrument**

**Fair**

**Value**

**Rm**

**Valuation method**

**Significant inputs**

**Fair Value**

**hierarchy**

**of inputs**

**Financial Assets**

Investments in  
securities - measured  
at fair value

888

Fair value

Quoted market price for  
the same or similar  
instruments

Level 1

Investments in  
securities - measured  
at amortised cost

140

Discounted cash  
flow

Market related interest  
rates

Level 3

Investments in  
securities - measured  
at cost\*\*

\*\*

\*\*

\*\*

Long-term receivables

1 856

Discounted cash  
flow

Market related interest  
rates

Level 3

Financial assets  
(derivatives)

863

Forward rate  
interpolator model,  
appropriate currency  
specific discount  
curve.

Forward exchange  
contracted rates, market

foreign exchange rates,  
forward contract rates,  
market commodity prices

Level 2

Trade receivables

20 231 \*

\*

Level 3\*

Other receivables

2 239 \*

\*

Level 3\*

Cash and cash  
equivalents

48 921 \*

\*

Level 1\*

**Financial liabilities**

Long-term debt

35 115

Discounted cash  
flow

Quoted market price for  
the same or similar  
instruments or on the  
current rates available for  
debt with the same  
maturity profile and with  
similar cash flows

Level 3

Short-term debt

447 \*

\*

Level 3\*

Financial liabilities  
(derivatives)

164

Forward rate  
interpolator model,  
appropriate currency  
specific discount  
curve.

Forward exchange  
contracted rates, market  
foreign exchange rates,  
forward contract rates,  
market commodity prices

Level 2

Trade payables

16 254 \*

\*

Level 3\*

Other payables

1 947 \*

\*

Level 3\*

\* The fair value of these instruments approximates their carrying value, due to their short-term nature.

\*\* These investments are held in equity instruments which do not have quoted prices, as they are not listed on an exchange. Fair value therefore cannot be measured reliably. As a result, these instruments are held at cost.

**Restated segments**

To reflect our new operating model, our financial reporting has been updated and new reportable segments have been restated accordingly. The restated reportable segments are presented on the next two pages.

**Other**  
**Mining**  
**Exploration and**  
**Production**  
**International**  
**Energy**  
**Base Chemicals**  
**Performance**  
**Chemicals**  
**Group Functions**  
**Total operations**  
**Rm**  
**Rm**  
**Rm**  
**Rm**  
**Rm**  
**Rm**  
**Rm**  
**Turnover**  
external  
**1 103**  
**1 482**  
**41 432**  
**21 017**  
**33 234**  
-  
**98 268**  
intersegment  
**5 875**  
**926**  
**724**  
**1 337**  
**1 497**  
-  
**10 359**  
Total turnover  
**6 978**  
**2 408**  
**42 156**  
**22 354**  
**34 731**  
-  
**108 627**  
Operating profit/(loss) before remeasurement items and translation gains/(losses)  
**1 344**  
**(551)**  
**14 128**  
**4 207**  
**4 597**  
**331**  
**24 056**



Translation gains/(losses)

2

(108)

(86)

244

91

912

1 055

Operating profit/(loss) before remeasurement items

1 346

(659)

14 042

4 451

4 688

1 243

25 111

Remeasurement items

5

(5 478)

429

(604)

(75)

(7)

(5 730)

Operating profit/(loss) after remeasurement items

1 351

(6 137)

14 471

3 847

4 613

1 236

19 381

Share of profit of equity accounted joint ventures, net of tax

-

-

1 901

96

-

-

1 997

Share of profit/(loss) of associates, net of tax

-

-

2

164

1

(11)

156

Profit/(loss) from operations

1 351

(6 137)

16 374

4 107

4 614

1 225

21 534

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

561

1 628

1 508

1 544

1 120

173

6 534

Amortisation of intangibles

-

10

14

12

44

69

149

**EBITDA**

1 912

(4 499)

17 896

5 663

5 778

1 467

28 217

**Statement of financial position**

Property, plant and equipment

9 380

10 412

28 126

32 540

21 734

2 132

104 324

Assets under construction

4 831

6 826

9 919

8 268

15 949

944

46 737

Other Intangible assets

7

66

98

83

**816**  
**481**  
**1 551**  
Other non-current assets  
1  
**495**  
-  
**9 034**  
**2 802**  
**1 489**  
**1 115**  
**14 935**  
Current assets  
1  
**1 306**  
**2 843**  
**21 417**  
**15 240**  
**21 780**  
**23 408**  
**85 994**  
**Total external assets**  
1  
**16 019**  
**20 147**  
**68 594**  
**58 933**  
**61 768**  
**28 080**  
**253 541**  
Non-current liabilities  
1  
**2 121**  
**2 825**  
**6 836**  
**3 446**  
**7 647**  
**20 736**  
**43 611**  
Current liabilities  
1  
**1 685**  
**1 564**  
**12 953**  
**4 617**  
**7 725**  
**4 135**  
**32 679**  
**Total external liabilities**  
1  
**3 806**

4 389

19 789

8 063

15 372

24 871

76 290

**Cash flow information**

Additions to non-current assets

2 345

2 925

5 251

4 051

5 115

209

19 896

**Capital commitments**

Subsidiaries and joint operations

9 178

6 265

18 790

9 144

15 755

665

59 797

Equity accounted joint ventures and associates

-

-

895

58

-

-

953

**Total Capital commitments**

9 178

6 265

19 685

9 202

15 755

665

60 750

**Number of employees**

2

8 279

483

5 168

6 478

6 157

7 196

33 761

**Operating Business Units**

**Strategic Business Units**

1

Excludes deferred tax asset, deferred tax liability, tax receivable, tax payable and post-retirement benefit assets.

2

Includes permanent and non-permanent employees.

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**SEGMENT ANALYSIS**

**for the six months ended 31 December 2013**

<b>Other</b>	
<b>Mining</b>	
<b>Exploration and</b>	
<b>Production</b>	
<b>International</b>	
<b>Energy</b>	
<b>Base Chemicals</b>	
<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Chemicals</b>	
<b>Group Functions</b>	
<b>Total operations</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Rm</b>	
<b>Turnover</b>	
external	
<b>2 154</b>	
<b>2 990</b>	
<b>84 632</b>	
<b>42 262</b>	
<b>70 592</b>	
<b>53</b>	
<b>202 683</b>	
intersegment	
<b>11 980</b>	
<b>2 218</b>	
<b>1 420</b>	
<b>2 778</b>	
<b>2 982</b>	
<b>-</b>	
<b>21 378</b>	
Total turnover	
<b>14 134</b>	
<b>5 208</b>	
<b>86 052</b>	
<b>45 040</b>	
<b>73 574</b>	
<b>53</b>	
<b>224 061</b>	
Operating profit/(loss) before remeasurement items and translation gains/(losses)	
<b>2 463</b>	
<b>(378)</b>	
<b>27 931</b>	
<b>7 802</b>	
<b>12 074</b>	
<b>(1 387)</b>	
<b>48 505</b>	

Translation gains/(losses)

(3)

(130)

(179)

255

27

828

798

Operating profit/(loss) before remeasurement items

2 460

(508)

27 752

8 057

12 101

(559)

49 303

Remeasurement items

(7)

(5 472)

(47)

(1 765)

(254)

(84)

(7 629)

Operating profit/(loss) after remeasurement items

2 453

(5 980)

27 705

6 292

11 847

(643)

41 674

Share of profit of equity accounted joint ventures, net of tax

-

-

3 710

100

-

-

3 810

Share of profit/(loss) of associates, net of tax

-

-

8

350

1

(25)

334

Profit/(loss) from operations

2 453

(5 980)

31 423

6 742

11 848

(668)

45 818

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

1 211

2 654

3 174

3 281

2 497

382

13 199

Amortisation of intangibles

-

23

27

26

91

150

317

**EBITDA**

3 664

(3 303)

34 624

10 049

14 436

(136)

59 334

**Statement of financial position**

Property, plant and equipment

10 578

10 496

29 378

33 466

25 124

2 407

111 449

Assets under construction

6 380

7 888

11 029

8 945

16 088

990

51 320

Other Intangible assets

9

64

123

309



**882**  
**495**  
**1 882**  
 Other non-current assets  
 1  
**527**  
 -  
**8 140**  
**2 938**  
**1 685**  
**1 322**  
**14 612**  
 Current assets  
 1  
**1 726**  
**2 869**  
**19 893**  
**13 393**  
**27 497**  
**31 443**  
**96 821**  
**Total external assets**  
 1  
**19 220**  
**21 317**  
**68 563**  
**59 051**  
**71 276**  
**36 657**  
**276 084**  
 Non-current liabilities  
 1  
**4 360**  
**3 287**  
**6 775**  
**3 848**  
**8 287**  
**21 698**  
**48 255**  
 Current liabilities  
 1  
**2 402**  
**1 486**  
**13 610**  
**4 008**  
**8 722**  
**7 669**  
**37 897**  
**Total external liabilities**  
 1  
**6 762**

4 773  
20 385  
7 856  
17 009  
29 367  
86 152

**Cash flow information**

Additions to non-current assets

5 837  
4 564  
8 946  
7 940  
10 358  
1 134  
38 779

**Capital commitments**

-

Subsidiaries and joint operations

7 532  
6 639  
18 841  
10 271  
15 272  
503  
59 058

Equity accounted joint ventures and associates

-

-

747  
17

-

-

764

**Total Capital commitments**

7 532  
6 639  
19 588  
10 288  
15 272  
503  
59 822

**Number of employees**

2  
8 435  
527  
5 219  
6 220  
6 112  
6 887  
33 400

**Operating Business Units**

**Strategic Business Units**

1

Excludes deferred tax asset, deferred tax liability, tax receivable, tax payable and post-retirement benefit assets.

2

Includes permanent and non-permanent employees.

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**SEGMENT ANALYSIS**

**for the year ended 30 June 2014**

**Independent review by the auditors**

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements, including the segment report for the six months ended 31 December 2014 have been reviewed by

PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., who expressed an unmodified conclusion thereon.

The individual auditor assigned to perform the review is Mr PC Hough. A copy of the

auditor's unmodified review report on the condensed consolidated interim financial

statements is available for inspection at the company's registered office, together

with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements identified in the

auditor's report. The auditor's report does not necessarily report on all of the

information contained in this announcement of interim 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 condensed consolidated interim 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**

**Sasol 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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**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”.

*Comprehensive additional information is available on our website:*

*[www.sasol.com](http://www.sasol.com)*

The interim financial statements are presented on a condensed consolidated basis.

**Statement of financial position**

*at*

**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

**Reviewed**

Reviewed

Audited

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

**ASSETS**

Property, plant and equipment

**124 476**

104 324

111 449

Assets under construction

**55 273**

46 737

51 320

Goodwill

**575**

631

644

Other intangible assets

**1 669**

1 551

1 882

Investments in equity accounted joint ventures

**9 393**

8 804

8 280

Investments in associates

**2 099**

2 093

1 877

Post-retirement benefit assets

**568**

452

487

Deferred tax assets

**1 932**

2 435

3 143

Other long-term assets

**3 021**

3 407

3 811

**Non-current assets**

**199 006**

170 434

182 893

Assets in disposal groups held for sale

**426**

1 463

1 419

Inventories

**24 389**

26 241

26 758

Trade and other receivables

**26 560**

27 352

30 374

Short-term financial assets

**863**

1 789

420

Cash restricted for use

**4 875**

3 718

1 245

Cash

**44 577**

25 886

37 155

**Current assets**

**101 690**

86 449

97 371

**Total assets**

**300 696**

256 883

280 264

**EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**

Shareholders' equity

**183 988**

158 212

170 977

Non-controlling interests

**4 176**

3 512

3 792

**Total equity**

**188 164**

161 724

174 769

Long-term debt



**32 386**

21 893

23 419

Long-term financial liabilities

**11**

19

17

Long-term provisions

**11 686**

12 614

15 232

Post-retirement benefit obligations

**10 577**

8 783

9 294

Long-term deferred income

**317**

302

293

Deferred tax liabilities

**21 900**

17 895

18 246

**Non-current liabilities**

**76 877**

61 506

66 501

Liabilities in disposal groups held for sale

**32**

1 495

57

Short-term debt

**2 922**

1 922

2 637

Short-term financial liabilities

**164**

80

446

Other current liabilities

**32 006**

29 419

35 475

Bank overdraft

**531**

737

379

**Current liabilities**

**35 655**

33 653

38 994

**Total equity and liabilities**

**300 696**

256 883

280 264

-

-

-

**Income statement**  
*for the period ended*  
**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

**Reviewed**

Reviewed

Audited

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

**Turnover**

**99 837**

98 268

202 683

Materials, energy and consumables used

**(44 770)**

(44 100)

(89 224)

Selling and distribution costs

**(3 019)**

(2 758)

(5 762)

Maintenance expenditure

**(3 832)**

(4 048)

(8 290)

Employee-related expenditure

**(8 184)**

(11 602)

(28 569)

Exploration expenditure and feasibility costs

**(268)**

(300)

(604)

Depreciation and amortisation

**(6 561)**

(6 683)

(13 516)

Other expenses, net

**(4 673)**

(3 666)

(7 415)

Translation (losses)/gains

**(416)**

1 055

798

Other operating expenses

**(5 016)**  
(5 244)  
(12 522)  
Other operating income  
**759**  
523  
4 309  
**Operating profit before remeasurement items**  
**28 530**  
25 111  
49 303  
Remeasurement items  
**(169)**  
(5 730)  
(7 629)  
**Operating profit after remeasurement items**  
**28 361**  
19 381  
41 674  
Share of profits of equity accounted joint ventures, net of tax  
**1 377**  
1 997  
3 810  
Share of profits of associates, net of tax  
**296**  
156  
334  
**Profit from operations**  
**30 034**  
21 534  
45 818  
Net finance costs  
**(466)**  
(449)  
(705)  
Finance income  
**594**  
512  
1 220  
Finance costs  
**(1 060)**  
(961)  
(1 925)  
**Profit before tax**  
**29 568**  
21 085  
45 113  
Taxation  
**(9 406)**  
(7 900)  
(14 696)

**Profit for period**

**20 162**

13 185

30 417

**Attributable to:**

Owners of Sasol Limited

**19 545**

12 710

29 580

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

**617**

475

837

**20 162**

13 185

30 417

**Earnings per share**

**Rand**

Rand

Rand

Basic earnings per share

**32,04**

20,88

48,57

Diluted earnings per share

**31,95**

20,85

48,27

**Statement of comprehensive income**

*for the period ended*

**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

**Reviewed**

Reviewed

Audited

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

**Profit for period**

**20 162**

13 185

30 417

**Other comprehensive income, net of tax**

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

**2 241**

3 770

4 460

Effect of translation of foreign operations\*

**2 235**

3 772

4 477

Effect of cash flow hedges

**1**

(16)

(66)

Fair value of investments available-for-sale

**6**

13

34

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

**(1)**

1

15

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

**(856)**

157

(22)

Remeasurements on post-retirement benefit obligations

**(1 238)**

224

(80)

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

**382**

(67)

58

**Total comprehensive income for the period**

**21 547**

17 112

34 855

**Attributable to**

Owners of Sasol Limited

**20 926**

16 629

34 002

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

**621**

483

853

**21 547**

17 112

34 855

\* Includes the effect of the realisation of the foreign currency translation reserve on the net investment in foreign operation of R547 million.

**Statement of changes in equity**  
*for the period ended*

**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

**Reviewed**

Reviewed

Audited

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

Balance at beginning of period

**174 769**

152 893

152 893

Shares issued on implementation of share options

**74**

220

373

Share-based payment expense

**387**

136

267

Transactions with non-controlling shareholders in subsidiaries

-

(14)

1

Total comprehensive income for the period

**21 547**

17 112

34 855

Dividends paid to shareholders

**(8 376)**

(8 357)

(13 248)

Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders in subsidiaries

**(237)**

(266)

(372)

**Balance at end of period**

**188 164**

161 724

174 769

**Comprising**

Share capital

**29 158**

28 931

29 084



Share repurchase programme

**(2 641)**

(2 641)

(2 641)

Sasol Inzalo share transaction

**(22 054)**

(22 054)

(22 054)

Retained earnings

**155 295**

132 349

144 126

Share-based payment reserve

**9 537**

9 020

9 150

Foreign currency translation reserve

**16 932**

14 001

14 704

Remeasurements on post-retirement benefit obligations

**(2 265)**

(1 431)

(1 413)

Investment fair value reserve

**32**

9

28

Cash flow hedge accounting reserve

**(6)**

28

(7)

**Shareholders' equity**

**183 988**

158 212

170 977

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

**4 176**

3 512

3 792

**Total equity**

**188 164**

161 724

174 769

**Statement of cash flows**  
*for the period ended*  
**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

**Reviewed**

Reviewed

Audited

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

Cash receipts from customers

**103 188**

99 409

203 549

Cash paid to suppliers and employees

**(69 224)**

(71 301)

(138 100)

**Cash generated by operating activities**

**33 964**

28 108

65 449

Cash flow from operations

**32 158**

33 235

67 592

Decrease/(increase) in working capital

**1 806**

(5 127)

(2 143)

Finance income received

**2 775**

3 043

5 920

Finance costs paid

**(190)**

(255)

(499)

Tax paid

**(4 729)**

(6 604)

(13 647)

Dividends paid

**(8 376)**

(8 357)

(13 248)

**Cash retained from operating activities**

**23 444**  
 15 935  
 43 975  
 Additions to non-current assets  
**(21 345)**  
 (19 896)  
 (38 779)  
 Disposal of businesses  
**715**  
 2 319  
 1 353  
 Cash disposed of on disposal of businesses  
**(9)**  
 -  
 -  
 Additional investment in equity accounted joint ventures  
**(137)**  
 (55)  
 (632)  
 Acquisition of investments in associates  
 -  
 (519)  
 (519)  
 Reimbursement of capital in associate  
 -  
 274  
 616  
 Other net cash flow from investing activities  
**33**  
 390  
 148  
**Cash used in investing activities**  
**(20 743)**  
 (17 487)  
 (37 813)  
 Share capital issued on implementation of share options  
**74**  
 220  
 373  
 Contributions from non-controlling shareholders in subsidiaries  
 -  
 -  
 3  
 Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders in subsidiaries  
**(237)**  
 (266)  
 (372)  
 Proceeds from long-term debt  
**8 023**  
 239  
 3 263

Repayments of long-term debt

**(1 576)**

(962)

(2 207)

Proceeds from short-term debt

**1 974**

993

2 346

Repayments of short-term debt

**(1 657)**

(763)

(2 497)

**Cash generated by/(used in) financing activities**

**6 601**

(539)

909

**Translation effects on cash and cash equivalents of foreign operations**

**1 598**

454

455

**Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents**

**10 900**

(1 637)

7 526

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period

**38 021**

30 555

30 555

Net reclassification to held for sale

-

(51)

(60)

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

**48 921**

28 867

38 021

**SEGMENT REPORT**

*for the period ended*

*Business unit analysis*

full year

**30 Jun 14**

half year

**31 Dec 13**

half year

**31 Dec 14**

half year

**31 Dec 14**

half year

**31 Dec 13**

full year

**30 Jun 14**

19 342

9 386

**10 623**

*Operating Business Units*

**493**

(4 786)

(3 527)

14 134

6 978

**7 817**

Mining

**2 241**

1 351

2 453

5 208

2 408

**2 806**

Exploration and Production International

**(1 748)**

(6 137)

(5 980)

204 666

99 241

**101 211**

*Strategic Business Units*

**28 001**

25 095

50 013

86 052

42 156

**41 860**

Energy

**14 818**

16 374

31 423

45 040

22 354

**21 387**

Base Chemicals

**5 818**

4 107

6 742

73 574

34 731

**37 964**

Performance Chemicals

**7 365**

4 614

11 848

53

-

**176**

***Group Functions***

**1 540**

1 225

(668)

224 061

108 627

**112 010**

**30 034**

21 534

45 818

(21 378)

(10 359)

**(12 173)**

*Intercompany turnover*

202 683

98 268

**99 837**

**Contribution to group turnover (%)**

**full year**

**30 Jun 14**

**half year**

**31 Dec 13**

**half year**

**31 Dec 14**

**half year**

**31 Dec 14**

**half year**

**31 Dec 13**

**full year**

**30 Jun 14**

9%

8%

**10%**

***Operating Business Units***

7%

5%  
5%  
6%  
6%  
7%  
Mining  
7%  
5%  
5%  
3%  
2%  
3%  
Exploration and Production International  
-  
-  
-  
91%  
92%  
90%  
*Strategic Business Units*  
88%  
91%  
95%  
38%  
39%  
37%  
Energy  
47%  
59%  
60%  
20%  
21%  
19%  
Base Chemicals  
18%  
15%  
13%  
33%  
32%  
34%  
Performance Chemicals  
23%  
17%  
22%  
-  
-  
-  
*Group Functions*  
5%  
4%  
-

100%

100%

**100%**

**100%**

100%

100%

**Dec 14 Dec 13 Dec 14**

Dec 13

*Turnover*

*R million*

*Profit/(loss) from operations*

*R million*

**Contribution to group profit from  
operations (%)**



**SALIENT FEATURES**

*for the period ended*

**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

**Selected ratios**

Return on equity

%

**22,8 \***

17,5 \*

18,5

Return on total assets

%

**22,0 \***

18,5 \*

17,9

Operating profit margin

%

**30,1**

21,9

22,6

Finance costs cover

times

**161,2**

86,5

94,3

Dividend cover - Attributable basic earnings per share

times

**4,6**

2,6

2,3

Dividend cover - Headline earnings per share

times

**4,6**

3,8

2,8

\* Annualised

**Share statistics**

Total shares in issue

million

**679,3**

678,2

678,9

Sasol ordinary shares in issue

million

**650,9**

649,9

650,6

Treasury shares (share repurchase programme)

million

**8,8**

8,8

8,8

Weighted average number of shares

million

**610,1**

608,7

609,0

Diluted weighted average number of shares

million

**617,5**

609,5

620,8

Share price (closing)

Rand

**431,01**

514,50

632,36

Market capitalisation - Sasol ordinary shares

Rm

**280 533**

334 374

411 413

Market capitalisation - Sasol BEE ordinary shares

Rm

**1 011**

1 064

1 330

Net asset value per share

Rand

**302,91**

260,95

281,68

Dividend per share

Rand

**7,00**

8,00

21,50

- interim

Rand

**7,00**

8,00

8,00

- final

Rand

-

-

13,50

**Other financial information**

Total debt (including bank overdraft)

**35 839**

24 552

26 435

- interest bearing

Rm

**35 239**

23 991

25 744

- non-interest bearing

Rm

**600**

561

691

Finance expense capitalised

Rm

**399**

250

530

Capital commitments (subsidiaries and joint operations)

Rm

**128 913**

59 797

59 058

- authorised and contracted

Rm

**86 163**

70 747

66 491

- authorised, not yet contracted

Rm

**96 808**

38 886

44 951

- less expenditure to date

Rm

**(54 058)**

(49 836)

(52 384)

Capital commitments (equity accounted joint ventures)

**991**

953

764

- authorised and contracted

Rm

**1 126**

1 221

1 152

- authorised, not yet contracted

Rm

**496**

400  
438  
- less expenditure to date  
Rm  
**(631)**  
(668)  
(826)  
Guarantees, indemnities and contingent liabilities  
- total amount  
Rm  
**53 917**  
43 356  
42 552  
- liability included in the statement of financial position  
Rm  
**32 653**  
21 995  
23 733  
Significant items in operating profit  
- Restructuring costs related to our business performance  
enhancement programme  
1  
Rm  
**1 365**  
190  
1 131  
Retrenchment packages provided for  
**612**  
-  
269  
Retrenchment packages settled during the year  
**205**  
-  
60  
Accelerated share-based payments  
**395**  
-  
417  
Consultancy costs  
**144**  
190  
320  
System implementation costs  
**9**  
-  
65  
- Share-based payment expenses  
Rm  
**(2 523)**  
1 210  
5 652

Sasol share incentive schemes

Rm

**(2 910)**

1 074

5 385

Sasol Inzalo share transaction

2

Rm

**387**

136

267

1

In addition to these costs, an additional R108 million of internal resources was allocated to the project, bringing the total spend for the period to

R1 473 million.

2

Includes a share-based payment expense of R280 million relating to the partial refinancing of the Sasol Inzalo transaction.

**SALIENT FEATURES**

*for the period ended*

**half year**

half year

full year

**31 Dec 14**

31 Dec 13

30 Jun 14

Effective tax rate

%

**31,8**

37,5

32,6

Number of employees

1

number

**32 495**

33 761

33 400

Average crude oil price - dated Brent

US\$/barrel

**89,00**

109,83

109,40

Average rand / US\$ exchange rate

1US\$ = Rand

**10,99**

10,08

10,39

Closing rand / US\$ exchange rate

1US\$ = Rand

**11,57**

10,50

10,64

**Reconciliation of headline earnings**

**Rm**

Rm

Rm

Earnings attributable to owners of Sasol Limited

**19 545**

12 710

29 580

Effect of remeasurement items for subsidiaries and joint operations

**169**

5 730

7 629

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

**456**

3 265

3 289

Impairment of assets under construction

<b>1 093</b>	
2 625	
2 625	
Impairment of investment in equity accounted joint venture	
-	
-	
275	
Impairment of other intangible assets	
<b>3</b>	
81	
79	
Other impairments	
-	
21	
3	
Reversal of impairment	
<b>(1 353)</b>	
(10)	
(1)	
(Profit) / loss on disposal of non-current assets	
<b>(81)</b>	
(10)	
45	
Loss / (profit) on disposal of investment in businesses	
<b>483</b>	
(255)	
747	
Fair value gain on acquisition of businesses	
-	
(110)	
(110)	
Scrapping of non-current assets	
<b>120</b>	
74	
634	
Write off of unsuccessful exploration wells	
<b>(5)</b>	
49	
43	
Realisation of foreign currency translation reserve	
<b>(547)</b>	
-	
-	
Tax effects and non-controlling interests	
<b>(195)</b>	
(77)	
(582)	
Effect of remeasurement items for equity accounted joint ventures and associates	
Gross remeasurement items	
<b>2</b>	
12	

13

Tax effects

-

-

-

**Headline earnings**

**19 521**

18 375

36 640

**Headline earnings adjustments per above**

Mining

**8**

(5)

7

Exploration and Production International

**1 825**

5 478

5 472

Energy

**(48)**

(417)

60

Base Chemicals

**252**

604

1 765

Performance Chemicals

**(1 318)**

75

254

Group Functions

**(548)**

7

84

**171**

5 742

7 642

**Headline earnings per share**

Rand

**32,00**

30,19

60,16

**Diluted headline earnings per share**

Rand

**31,92**

30,04

59,64

The reader is referred to the definitions contained in the 2014 Sasol Limited financial statements.

1

The total number of employees includes permanent and non-permanent employees and the group's share of employees within joint operations,



but excludes contractors, equity accounted joint ventures' and associates' employees.

**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 March 9, 2015

By:

/s/ V D Kahla

Name: Vuyo Dominic Kahla

Title: Company Secretary