Exchange rate information

The following table sets forth certain information as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York with respect to the noon buying rate of US dollars in terms of rand for the years shown:

Rand per US dollar for the year ended 30 June or the respective month	Average[1]	High	Low
2002	10.20	13.60	8.23
2003	9.04	10.90	7.18
2004	6.88	7.80	6.17
2005	6.21	6.92	5.62
2006	6.41	7.43	5.99
2007[2]	7.15	7.76	6.72
April 2006	6.08	6.17	5.99
May 2006	6.31	6.71	6.00
June 2006	6.97	7.43	6.63
July 2006	7.07	7.23	6.83
August 2006	6.95	7.20	6.72
September 2006[2]	7.45	7.76	7.16

1. The average exchange rates for each full year are calculated using the average exchange rate on the last day of each month during the period. The average exchange rate for each month is calculated using the average of the daily exchange rates during the period.
2. Through 29 September 2006.

The rate on 29 September 2006 was R7.76 per US dollar.

3.B Capitalization and indebtedness

Not applicable.

3.C Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds

Not applicable.

3.D Risk factors

Fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

The rand is our principal operating currency. However, a large part of our group's turnover is denominated in US dollars and some part in euro, derived either from exports from South Africa or from our manufacturing and distribution operations outside South Africa. Also, a significant part of our turnover is determined by the US dollar, as petroleum prices in general and the price of most petroleum and chemical products in South Africa are based on global commodity and benchmark prices which are quoted in US dollars. Hence, a large part of our group turnover is denominated in US dollars or influenced by the underlying global commodity and benchmark prices which are quoted in US dollars. Furthermore, a significant part of our capital expenditure is also US dollar-denominated, as it is directed to investments outside South Africa or constitutes equipment or plant imported into South Africa. In our South African operations the majority of our costs are rand based and in our European operations a large part of our costs are euro based. Accordingly, fluctuations in the exchange rates between the rand and US dollar, the rand and the euro and the euro and the US dollar may have a material effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

During the 2006 financial year the rand/US dollar exchange rate averaged R6.41 and fluctuated between R5.99 and R7.43. This compares to an average exchange rate of R6.21 during the 2005 financial year, fluctuating between R5.62 and R6.92. The rand exchange rate is impacted by various international and South

African economic and political factors and we are unable to forecast whether the relatively stable performance of the rand in the 2005 and 2006 financial years will continue in the foreseeable future. Subsequent to 30 June 2006 the rand has weakened significantly against the US dollar and euro.

In addition, although the exchange rate of the rand is primarily market-determined, its value at any time may not be an accurate reflection of its underlying value, due to the potential effect of, among other factors, exchange controls. For more information regarding exchange controls in South Africa see “Item 10.D – Exchange controls”.

We use derivative instruments to protect us against adverse movements in exchange rates on certain transactional risks in accordance with our group hedging policies see “Item 11 – Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk”.

Fluctuations in refining margins and crude oil, natural gas and petroleum product prices may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

Market prices for crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products may fluctuate as they are subject to local and international supply and demand fundamentals and factors over which we have no control. Worldwide supply conditions and the price levels of crude oil may be significantly influenced by international cartels, which control the production of a significant proportion of the worldwide supply of crude oil, and by political developments, especially in the Middle East. Other factors which may influence the aggregate demand and hence affect the markets and prices for petroleum products in regions which influence South African fuel prices through the Basic Fuel Price (BFP) price formula (used for the calculation of the refinery gate price in South Africa) and/or where we market these products, may include changes in economic conditions, the price and availability of substitute fuels, changes in product inventory, product specifications and other factors. In recent years, prices for petroleum products have fluctuated widely. For most of the 2006 financial year the crude oil price fluctuated at levels above US$60 per barrel. See “Item 5 – Operating and financial review and prospects”.

A substantial proportion of our turnover is derived from sales of petroleum and petrochemical products. Through our equity participation in the National Petroleum Refiners of South Africa (Pty) Limited (Natref) crude oil refinery, we are exposed to fluctuations in refinery margins resulting from differing fluctuations in international crude oil and petroleum product prices. We are also exposed to changes in absolute levels of international petroleum product prices through our synthetic fuels and oil operations. Fluctuations in international crude oil prices affect our results mainly through their indirect effect on the BFP price formula, see “Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Synfuels” and “Sasol Oil”, as well as the impact on oil derived feedstock. Prices of petrochemical products and natural gas are also affected by fluctuation in crude oil prices. Fluctuations in the price of crude oil and petroleum products can have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

We use derivative instruments to protect us against day-to-day US dollar oil price and rand/US dollar exchange rate fluctuations affecting the acquisition cost of our crude oil needs. During the course of the 2006 financial year, we have again hedged a portion of our synthetic fuel production against falling oil prices in respect of the 2007 financial year. See “Item 11 – Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk”. While the use of these instruments may provide some protection against short-term fluctuation in crude oil prices it does not protect us against longer term fluctuations in crude oil prices or differing trends between crude oil and petroleum product prices.

We are unable to accurately forecast fluctuations in refining margins and crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products. Fluctuations in any of these may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Cyclicality in petrochemical product prices may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

The demand for chemicals and especially products such as solvents, alkylates, fertilizers and polymers is cyclical. Typically, higher demand during peaks in the industry business cycles leads producers to increase their production capacity. Although peaks in the business cycle have been characterized by increased selling prices and higher operating margins, in the past such peaks have led to overcapacity and supply exceeding demand growth. Low periods in the business cycle are then characterized by decreasing prices and excess capacity, which can depress operating margins and may result in operating losses. We believe that some areas within the chemicals industry currently show overcapacity with the possibility of further capacity additions in the next few years. We cannot assure you that future growth in demand will be sufficient to absorb current overcapacity or future capacity additions without downward pressure on prices of chemical products. Such pressure may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

We may not be able to exploit technological advances quickly and successfully

Most of our operations, including the gasification of coal and the manufacture of fuel and chemical products, are highly dependent on the development and use of advanced technologies. The development, commercialization and integration of the appropriate advanced technologies can affect, among other things, the competitiveness of our products, the continuity of our operations, our feedstock requirements and the capacity and efficiency of our production.

It is possible that new technologies or novel processes may emerge and that existing technologies may be further developed in the fields in which we operate. Unexpected rapid advances in employed technologies or the development of novel processes can affect our operations and product ranges in that it could render the technologies we utilize or the products we produce obsolete or less competitive in the future. Difficulties in accessing new technologies may impede us from implementing them and competitive pressures may force us to implement these new technologies at a substantial cost. Examples of new technologies which may in the future affect our business include the following:

- The development and commercialization of non-hydrocarbon-dependent energy carrier technologies, development of fuel cells or the large scale broadening of the application of electricity to drive motor vehicles. These may be disruptive to the use of hydrocarbon and refined crude oil derived fuels.
- The development of improved fuels (and associated automotive technologies) from a crude oil base with equivalent properties to that of Fischer-Tropsch derived fuels, which may erode the competitive advantage of Fischer-Tropsch fuels.
- The development by competitors of next generation catalysts in which catalyst performance is manipulated, resulting in highly selective and high purity chemical products, which may render the use of our mixed feed stream catalytic-based production processes uncompetitive.

We cannot predict the effect of these or other technological changes or the development of novel processes on our business or on our ability to provide competitive products. Our ability to compete will depend on our timely and cost-effective implementation of new technological advances. It will also depend on our success in commercializing these advances in spite of competition we face by patents registered by our competitors. If we are unable to implement new technologies in a timely or cost-efficient manner, or penetrate new markets in a timely manner in response to changing market conditions or customer requirements, we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Our GTL projects may not prove sufficiently viable or as profitable as planned

We are currently developing GTL projects in Qatar and Nigeria. In addition we are considering further GTL investments in other areas of the world. The development of these projects, either solely or through our joint venture with Chevron Corporation (Chevron), is a capital-intensive process and requires us to commit significant capital expenditure and devote considerable management resources in utilizing our existing experience and know-how, especially in connection with Fischer-Tropsch synthesis technologies. See “Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Synfuels International”. This process and its products may also give rise to patent risks in connection with the use of our GTL technology. See below “Intellectual property risks may adversely affect our products or processes and our competitive advantage”.

We consider the development of our GTL projects a major part of our strategy for future growth and believe that GTL fuels will in time develop to become an efficient and widely used alternative and/or supplement to conventional diesel fuel. In assessing the viability of our GTL projects, we make a number of assumptions relating to specific variables, mainly including:

- access to sufficient competitively priced gas reserves;
- prices of crude oil, petroleum products and gas;
- fluctuations in the exchange rate of the US dollar against the rand;
- fluctuations in interest rates;
- fiscal dispensation in the countries in which we invest;
- capital cost of our facilities, including material, engineering and construction costs;
- various operating costs;
- technology and catalyst performance;
- conditions in the countries in which we invest, including factors relating to political, social and economic conditions;
- availability of skilled workers to construct and operate the plants; and
- timely completion of projects.

Significant variations in any one or more of the above factors which are beyond our control, may adversely affect the profitability or even the viability of our GTL investments. Should we not be successful in the implementation of our GTL projects, we may be required to write off significant amounts devoted to them and we may need to redirect our strategy for future growth. In view of the resources invested in these projects and their importance to our growth strategy, problems we may experience as a result of these factors may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition and opportunities for future growth.

relevant factor, or any other

There are risks relating to countries in which we operate that could adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

Several of our subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates operate in countries and regions that are subject to significantly differing political, social, economic and market conditions. See “Item 18 – Financial statements – Note 3 – Segmental analysis” for a description of the extent of our operations in the main countries and regions in which we operate. We are a South African domiciled company. The majority of our operations are located in South Africa and 81% of our turnover from continuing operations is generated from our South African facilities. Specific aspects of country risks that may have a material impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition include:

(a) Political, social and economic issues

We have invested or are in the process of investing in significant operations in African, Southeast Asian and Middle Eastern countries that have in the past to a greater or lesser extent experienced social, economic and political uncertainty. More recently certain countries in which we operate have achieved greater social, political and economic stability. Since 1994 South Africa, in particular, has experienced significantly improved social, economic and political conditions.

(b) The possible imposition of windfall taxes on our synthetic fuel operations

A task team was appointed by the South African Minister of Finance during May 2006 to investigate possible reforms to the fiscal regime applicable to windfall profits in South Africa’s liquid fuel energy sector, with particular reference to the synthetic fuel industry. A discussion document for public comment was released in this regard. We have presented our submissions in writing to the task team and have made oral submissions at the public hearings. We cannot predict whether this investigation will lead to amendments to the current fiscal regime which we are presently subject to.

(c) Fluctuations in inflation and interest rates

Over recent years, the South African economy has had relatively low and stable levels of inflation and interest rates. Should increases in these rates occur, our costs could increase and our operating margins could be affected. High interest rates could also adversely impact on our ability to ensure cost-effective debt financing in South Africa.

(d) Transportation, water and electricity and other infrastructure

The infrastructure in some countries in which we operate, such as rail infrastructure and electricity and water supply in South Africa, may need to be further upgraded and expanded and in certain instances possibly at our own cost.

(e) Unionized Labor

The majority of our employees worldwide belong to trade unions. These employees comprise mainly general workers, artisans and technical operators. Although we have had minor labor disruptions in South Africa during 2006 we have not experienced significant labor disruptions in recent years. We have constructive relations with our employees and their unions, but we cannot assure you that significant labor disruptions will not occur in the future.

(f) Southern African regional issues

There have been some instances of social, political, and economic instability in some of the countries in the Southern African region. Although we believe South Africa’s growing stature has increasingly separated it from the effects of regional issues, such political or economic instability in neighboring countries could negatively affect market conditions in South Africa.

(g) Exchange control regulations

South African law provides for exchange control regulations which restrict the export of capital from the Common Monetary Area, which includes South Africa, subject to South African Reserve Bank dispensation. These regulations apply to transactions involving South African residents, including both natural persons and legal entities. These regulations also affect our ability to borrow funds from non-South African sources for use in South Africa or to repay these funds from South Africa and, in some cases, our ability to guarantee the obligations of our subsidiaries with regard to these funds. These restrictions have affected the manner in which we have financed our acquisitions outside South Africa and the geographic distribution of our debt. See “Item 10.D – Exchange controls” and “Item 5.B – Liquidity and capital resources”.

(h) HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa

Based on the results of our voluntary counseling and testing program which had an 82% uptake amongst all levels of the organization, we estimate that 7% of our South African workforce may be currently infected, with the highest concentration of infections in our mining operations. This is less than the 10% to 15% initially estimated during 2004. Based on an actuarial study, which excludes the positive impact of any prevention and management intervention program, we estimate that, while the percentage of infected employees may not rise significantly in the forthcoming years, there will be a significant increase in the number of AIDS related fatalities. See “Item 6.D – Employees”.

We incur costs relating to the medical treatment and loss of infected personnel, as well as the related costs of relating to the recruitment and training of new personnel. We are not in a position to accurately quantify these costs. Based on our actuarial models, we estimate that the impact of HIV/AIDS on our payroll expenses should be less than 1% of our current payroll for our South African employees by the year 2007. This calculation is based on the estimated financial impact on production resulting from the projected prevalence of HIV/AIDS among our workforce, but does not take into account indirect costs of productivity losses. We are investing human and financial resources to establish and maintain programs to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In September 2002, we launched the Sasol HIV/AIDS Response Programme (SHARP), which is our initiative to respond to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, on which we have spent a total amount of approximately R22 million to June 2006. We are committed to the on-going funding of SHARP.

We cannot assure you that the costs we are currently incurring and will incur in the future in this connection will not have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

(i) Transformation issues

In some countries our operations are required to comply with local procurement, employment equity, ownership and other regulations which are designed to address country specific social and economic transformation issues.

As a leading and patriotic South Africa-based company, we embrace and will continue to participate in initiatives to bring about meaningful transformation to assist in correcting the imbalances and injustices of the apartheid era. We consider these initiatives to be a strategic imperative and we acknowledge the risk of not vigorously pursuing them or of them not succeeding and adversely impacting on the long-term sustainable performance and reputation of our company. It is not currently known what additional cost implications will arise for us to comply with these transformation initiatives.

As part of an initiative of the government of South Africa to advance the participation of historically disadvantaged South Africans in the country’s economy, in November 2000, we became party to an agreement with the government and the liquid fuels industry, the Charter for the South African Petroleum and Liquid Fuels Industry on Empowering Historically Disadvantaged South Africans in the Petroleum and Liquid Fuels Industry (the Liquid Fuels Charter). The Charter deals with the following key matters:

- participation in ownership and control in all facets of the industry by historically disadvantaged South
- addressing the skills gap in the industry;
- employment equity; and
- procurement from historically disadvantaged South Africans.

See “Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Oil” and “- Empowerment of historically disadvantaged South Africans”.

The Liquid Fuels Charter requires us, amongst other things, to ensure that historically disadvantaged South Africans hold at least 25% equity ownership of our liquid fuels business by the year 2010. We entered into a 25% equity transaction with Tshwarisano LFB Investment (Pty) Limited (Tshwarisano), on 1 July 2006 and we are now compliant with the equity ownership targets of the Liquid Fuels Charter. See "Item 8.B – Significant changes".

The financing arrangements for the Tshwarisano transaction are set out in "Item 5.A – Operating results – Our operations are subject to various laws and regulations in the countries in which we operate" and "Item 8.B – Significant changes".

In October 2002, the government and representatives of South African mining companies and mineworkers' unions reached broad agreement on a charter (the Mining Charter), designed to facilitate the participation of historically disadvantaged South Africans in the country's mining industry. The Charter's stated objectives include the:

- expansion of opportunities for persons disadvantaged by unfair discrimination under the previous political dispensation;
- expansion of the skills base of such persons;
- promotion of employment and advancement of the social and economic welfare of mining communities; and
- promotion of beneficiation of ore into higher value substances.

The Mining Charter, together with the scorecard to facilitate the interpretation of and compliance with the Mining Charter, requires mining companies to ensure that historically disadvantaged South Africans hold at least 15% ownership of mining assets or equity in South Africa within 5 calendar years (i.e. by 2009) and 26% ownership within 10 calendar years (i.e. by 2014) from the effective date of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act which was on 1 May 2004. The Charter further specifies that the mining industry is required to assist historically disadvantaged South Africans in securing finance to fund their equity participation up to an amount of R100 billion within the first 5 calendar years after the implementation of the aforementioned Act. Beyond this R100 billion commitment, the Mining Charter requires that participation of historically disadvantaged South Africans should be increased towards the 26% target on a willing buyer-willing seller basis. See "Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Mining" and "Empowerment of historically disadvantaged South Africans".

Various principles of the Mining Charter have been incorporated in regulations promulgated by the Minister of Minerals and Energy under the new Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act with respect to the South African mining industry. We have commenced a process to apply for the conversion of our existing mining licenses under the new Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act. See below "New mining legislation may have an adverse effect on our mineral rights". When considering applications for the conversion of existing mining licenses under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, the Minister of Minerals and Energy must take into account, among other factors, the applicant company's compliance with the Mining Charter. We have entered into a transaction with Eyesizwe Coal (Pty) Limited (Eyesizwe) for our mining export activities which is expected to be effective in 2007. This venture will result in approximately an 8% indirect black economic empowerment (BEE) equity ownership in Sasol Mining and together with other BEE transactions under consideration by Sasol Mining would result in 15% BEE equity ownership by 2009 and 26% by 2014.

In December 2004 the Minister of Trade and Industry issued certain draft Codes of Good Practice for Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment for public comment pursuant to the Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act of 2003. These codes are intended to provide businesses with guidance on implementing the requirements of the Act. These Codes have been published for comments and we have commented on the Codes and await publication in the South African Government Gazette.

It is not currently known what additional costs or implications will arise for us to comply with the said Act and other requirements of both the Liquid Fuels and Mining Charters or the Codes of Good Practice for Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment and we cannot assure you that these costs or implications will not have a material adverse effect on our shareholders or business operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

(j) Engineering and construction contract costs

The increase worldwide in the sanctioning of large engineering and construction contracts has resulted in a shortage of engineering and construction resources and strains in these industries. These have impacted on some of our projects and have affected construction timing schedules and costs. Whilst higher international crude oil prices may boost post-commissioning income streams and compensate for construction delays and higher capital costs, these strains in the engineering and construction industries are nevertheless a cause for concern and may impact on our project plans and growth ambitions.

(k) Other specific country risks that are applicable to countries in which we operate and may have a material impact on our business include:

- external acts of warfare and civil clashes;
- government interventions, including protectionism and subsidies;
- regulatory, taxation and legal structure changes;
- the control of oil and gas field developments and transportation infrastructure;
- failure to receive new permits and consents;
- cancellation of contractual rights;
- expropriation of assets;
- lack of capacity to deal with emergency response situations; and
- the introduction of selective environmental and carbon taxes.

Some of the countries where we have already made, or other countries where we may consider making, investments are in various stages of developing institutions and legal and regulatory systems that are characteristic of parliamentary democracies. However, institutions in these countries may not yet be as firmly established as they are in parliamentary democracies in South Africa, the United States and some European countries. Some of these countries are also transitioning to a market economy and, as a result, experience changes in their economies and their government policies that could affect our investments in these countries. Moreover, the procedural safeguards of the new legal and regulatory regimes in these countries are still being developed and, therefore, existing laws and regulations may be applied inconsistently. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to obtain the legal remedies provided under those laws and regulations in a timely manner.

As the political, economic and legal environments remain subject to continuous developments, investors face uncertainty as to the security of their investments. Any unexpected changes in the political or economic conditions in the countries in which we operate (including neighboring countries) may have a material adverse effect on the investments that we have made or may make in the future, which may in turn have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

New mining legislation may have an adverse effect on our mineral rights

The Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act came into effect on 1 May 2004. The fundamental principle of the Act is that mineral resources are the common heritage of all South Africans and collectively belong to all the people of South Africa. The Act provides that the right to prospect and mine, including the right to grant prospecting and mining rights on behalf of the nation, be administered by the government of South Africa which will have the right to exercise full and permanent custodianship over mineral resources.

The Act requires mining companies, including our company, to apply for conversion of their existing prospecting and mining permits. A wide range of factors and principles must be taken into account by the Minister of Minerals and Energy when considering these applications. These factors include the applicant’s access to financial resources and appropriate technical ability to conduct the proposed prospecting or mining operation, the environmental impact of the operation and, in the case of prospecting rights, considerations relating to fair competition. Other factors include considerations relevant to promoting employment and the social and economic welfare of all South Africans and showing compliance with the provisions of the Mining Charter for the empowerment of historically disadvantaged South Africans in the mining industry. See “Item 4.B – Business overview – Regulation of mining activities in South Africa” and “– Empowerment of historically disadvantaged South Africans”.

The Act also provides that a mining right granted under the Act may be cancelled if the mineral to which such mining right relates is not mined at an optimal rate. Furthermore, royalties from mining activities will become payable to the state under provisions contained in the “Mineral and Petroleum Resources Royalty Bill”. This Bill was first published in March 2003 and has since been revised, with the final Bill was published on 11 October 2006. The Bill provides for a royalty rate of 1% on coal with an ash content of higher than 15% for South African energy consumption and 3% on coal with an ash content lower than 15%. The royalty is revenue based, payable bi-annually in arrears, and will take effect from 1 May 2009. The royalty will be deductible for normal income tax purposes. It is the declared intent of the South African government not to disrupt operations as a result of the introduction of the new legislation and we intend to undertake the appropriate actions in order to ensure conversion of our existing prospecting and mining rights. However, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in our applications for conversion and that our rights on existing coal mine reserves will not be affected, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

New legislation on petroleum and energy activities may have an adverse impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

The Petroleum Products Amendment Act became effective on 17 March 2006. This Act amends the existing Petroleum Products Act, enacting provisions regulating a range of matters including the licensing of persons involved in the manufacturing, wholesale and retail sale of petroleum products. As the Act and regulations to be promulgated there under regulate matters pertaining to wholesale and retail sales of petroleum products, Sasol Oil, Natref and Sasol Synfuels are currently in the process of applying for licenses for manufacturing and wholesale and site licenses for our plants, wholesale activities and retail sites as required by the Act and regulations. We cannot assure you that these licenses will be granted and if they are granted that the conditions of the licenses will not have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. New retail site development could be delayed given the requirements under the new regulations. See “Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Oil” and “- Regulation of petroleum-related activities in South Africa”.

The Petroleum Pipelines Act became effective on 1 November 2005. The Act regulates petroleum pipelines activities, including the construction and operation of petroleum pipelines and storage and loading facility and the delivery of certain commercial services in connection with these pipelines and facilities. The Petroleum Pipelines Act grants broad discretion to the Minister of Minerals and Energy to adopt different pricing methodologies in connection with the setting of tariffs, which may prove advantageous for some competitors, because of different market and geographic positions. The regulations pertaining to pricing methodologies have not been issued yet, but the regulations that may be promulgated under the Act may affect our advantage due to the location in the economic heartland of the country of our Natref refinery and our synfuels facilities at Secunda. See “Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Oil” and “- Regulation of petroleum-related activities in South Africa”. We have applied for licenses under the Petroleum Pipelines Act and the rules issued by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) for our depots and related infrastructure and await the issue of licenses. Notwithstanding continuous interaction and comments submitted in respect of regulations to be issued under these statutes, we cannot assure you that the enactment of new legislation or the amendment of existing laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. Among the matters governed by the Petroleum Pipelines Act, of particular significance to our business are issues relating to the discretion granted to the South African Minister of Minerals and Energy with respect to the exercise of executive powers, the determination or approval of tariffs and the issue of open access to pipelines and depots.

The Gas Act came into effect on 1 November 2005. The Act regulates matters relating to gas transmission, storage, distribution, liquefaction and re-gasification activities. Although we negotiated a ten year regulatory dispensation (8 years remaining until 2014) with the South African government covering the supply of Mozambican natural gas to the South African market, we cannot assure you that the enactment of the Gas Act and the appointment of the NERSA (appointed pursuant to the National Energy Regulator Act which became effective on 1 November 2005) will not have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. See "Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Gas" and "– Regulation of gas related activities in South Africa".

The South African government issued guidelines relating to new fuel specifications, portions of which came into effect on 1 January 2006 and resulted in regulations being issued on 23 June 2006. These specifications relate to the phasing out of lead from the petroleum products we manufacture, a reduction in the sulfur content in certain of these products and a new national octane structure. The clean fuels introduction plans have been successfully completed and in order to meet these new specifications we have made significant capital investments at our manufacturing sites to modify our current petroleum production processes. It is as yet uncertain what the final market demand will be for the various new products. Should the demand for particular products outstrip our ability to manufacture them as a result of a delay in completing modifications to our plants and/or anticipated demand projections being exceeded this could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

The guidelines regarding the importation and exportation of petroleum products were issued for public comment on 23 June 2006. From the guidelines it can be concluded that there may be more flexibility afforded to oil companies and wholesalers, including airline companies, to directly import petroleum products. No protection will be granted to local and domestic manufacturers to satisfy their needs for local production before imports are undertaken.

The Consumer Protection Bill was issued for public comment on 23 June 2006 and intends to establish national norms and standards relating to consumer protection and prohibits certain unfair marketing and business practices and to promote responsible consumer behavior.

It remains uncertain what the impact on our business will be when the guidelines and the Consumer Protection legislation are passed. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

We may not be successful in attracting and retaining sufficient skilled employees

We are highly dependent on the continuous development and successful application of new technologies. In order to achieve this, we need to maintain a focus on recruiting and retaining qualified scientists and engineers. In the past, we have been successful in recruiting and retaining such personnel. We have also established certain research and development facilities overseas. However, demand for personnel with the range of capabilities and experience required in our industry is high globally and success in attracting and retaining such employees is not guaranteed. The risk exists that our scientific, engineering and project execution skills base may be depleted over time because of, for example, natural attrition and a shortage of people being available in these disciplines. Failure to attract and retain people with the right capabilities and experience could negatively affect our ability to introduce and maintain the appropriate technological improvements to our business and our ability to successfully construct and commission new plants. This may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Intellectual property risks may adversely affect our products or processes and our competitive advantage

Our various products and processes, including most notably, our chemical, CTL and GTL products and processes have unique characteristics and structures and, as a result, are subject to patent protection, the extent of which varies from country to country. The expiry of a patent results in increased competition in the market for the previously patented products and processes. In addition, aggressive patenting by our competitors may result in an increased patent infringement risk.

A high percentage of our products can be regarded as commodity chemicals, some of which have unique characteristics and structure. These products are normally utilized by our clients as feedstock to manufacture specialty chemicals or application-type products. We have noticed a worldwide trend of increased filing of patents relating to the composition of application-type products. These patents may create pressure on our clients who market these application-type products which may adversely affect our sales to these clients. Patent-related pressures may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

We believe that our proprietary technology, know-how and trade secrets, especially in the Fischer-Tropsch area, provide us with a competitive advantage. A possible loss of experienced personnel to competitors, and a possible transfer of know-how and trade secrets associated therewith, may negatively impact this advantage. Similarly, operating and licensing technology in countries in which intellectual property laws are not well established and enforced may result in some transfer of our know-how and trade secrets to our competitors. This may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Increasing competition from products originating from countries with low production costs may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

Certain of our chemical production facilities are located in developed countries, including the United States and Europe. Economic and political conditions in these countries result in relatively high labor costs and, in some regions, inflexible labor markets, compared to others. Increasing competition from regions with lower production costs, for example the Middle East and China, exercises pressure on the competitiveness of our chemical products and, therefore, on our profit margins and may result in withdrawal of particular products or closure of facilities. We cannot assure you that increasing competition by products originating from countries with low production costs will not result in withdrawal of our products or closure of our facilities, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Changes in consumer and safety, health and environmental regulations and legislation and public opinion may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

Our products are required to comply with legislation relating to the protection of the environment, health and safety of employees, the public and/or the end consumer, as well as customer needs. As these regulations may grow stricter, we may be required in some cases to incur additional expenditure in providing additional test data in order to register our products or to adjust the manufacturing processes for certain of our products, including liquid fuels and chemicals, or even withdraw some of them, in order to be in a position to comply with market needs or more stringent regulatory requirements. For example, compliance with the registration, evaluation and authorization of chemicals (REACH) procedure proposed by the European Commission (EC) may have significant cost implications as we may be required, among other things, to provide risk assessments and apply for registration of our products. Similarly, public opinion is growing more sensitive to consumer health and safety and environmental protection matters, and, as a result, markets may apply pressure on us concerning certain of our products. Should we be required to comply with REACH requirements we may incur significant additional costs. We may be required to withdraw from the market certain products which we consider uneconomical given these additional costs of compliance or otherwise due to public opinion considerations. These factors may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Our exploration, mining and production operations are required to conform to legislation relating to the protection of the environment, health and safety of the workforce and/or neighboring communities. As these regulations may grow stricter, we may be required in some cases to incur additional expenditure in order to provide additional protection or to adjust specifications or manufacturing processes or transport and distribution arrangements for certain of our operations or products. Should we make changes or incur such costs this may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. More specifically:

- the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, in terms of which the Vaal Triangle area (in which our Sasolburg operations are located) has been declared a Priority Area for purposes of implementation of an emission reduction and management plan by the South African Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. The Department is also in the process of setting ambient air quality and emission standards, which will form the basis for a review of atmospheric emission licenses for our operations in Sasolburg and Secunda. More stringent air quality standards may have significant cost implications for us; and
- the nature of some of our processes, like the gasification of coal to produce synthetic fuels and petrochemicals, result in relatively high emission of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. Although certain countries in which we operate are exempt from greenhouse gas reduction targets set in terms of the Kyoto Protocol, it is uncertain how any future developments in carbon dioxide restrictions will affect our group.

We may face potential costs in connection with industry-related accidents or deliberate acts of terror causing property damage, personal injuries or environmental contamination

We operate coal mines, explore for and produce oil and gas and operate a number of plants and facilities for the storage, processing and transportation of oil, chemicals and gas related raw materials, products and wastes. These facilities and their respective operations are subject to various risks, including, but not limited to, fire, explosion, leaks, ruptures, discharges of toxic hazardous substances, soil and water contamination, flooding and land subsidence, among others. As a result, we are subject to the risk of experiencing, and have in the past experienced, industry-related incidents.

The terrorist attacks in the United States on 11 September 2001 and subsequent attacks in various parts of the world demonstrated the increased risk posed by the threat of terrorism. Our facilities, located mainly in South Africa, the United States and various European countries, as well as in various African countries, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, are subject to the risk of experiencing deliberate acts of terror.

Industry-related accidents and acts of terror may result in damages to our facilities and may require shutdown of the affected facilities, thereby disrupting production and increasing production costs. Furthermore, acts of terror, accidents or our historical operations may cause, or may have caused, environmental contamination, personal injuries, health impairment or fatalities and may result in exposure to extensive environmental remediation costs, civil litigation, the imposition of fines and penalties and the need to obtain costly pollution control technology.

We obtain insurance cover over our assets and against business interruption. We limit certain of the insured exposures. In some cases we also have indemnity agreements with the previous owners of acquired businesses which limit certain of our exposures to environmental contamination. As a result of the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001 and more recently hurricanes Katrina and Rita, our insurance costs and deductibles (retained risk) have increased significantly. We are implementing a number of programs, including on-the job safety training, in order to increase safety, and we closely monitor our safety, health and environmental procedures. However, there can be no assurance that accidents or acts of terror will not occur in the future, that insurance will adequately cover the entire scope or extent of our losses or that we may not be found directly liable in connection with claims arising from these events.

In general, we cannot assure you that costs incurred as a result of the above or related factors will not have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Failure to comply with safety, health and environmental and other laws may adversely affect our market position and our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition

We are subject to a wide range of general and industry-specific environmental, health and safety and other legislation in jurisdictions in which we operate. Environmental requirements govern, among other things, land use, air emissions, use of water, wastewater discharge, waste management and site remediation. These regulations often require us to obtain and operate in compliance with the conditions of permits, licenses and authorizations from the appropriate regulatory authorities. Compliance with these laws, regulations, permits, licenses and authorizations is a significant factor in our business, and we incur, and expect to continue to incur, significant capital and operating expenditures in order to continue to comply, in all material respects, with applicable laws, regulations, permits and authorizations.

Failure to comply with applicable safety, health and environmental laws, regulations or permit requirements may result in fines or penalties or enforcement actions, including regulatory or judicial orders enjoining or curtailing operations or requiring corrective measures, installation of pollution control equipment or other remedial actions, any of which could entail significant expenditures.

We are also continuing to take remedial actions at a number of sites due to soil and groundwater contamination. The process of investigation and remediation can be lengthy and is subject to the uncertainties of site specific factors, changing legal requirements, developing technologies, the allocation of liability among multiple parties and the discretion of regulators. Accordingly, we cannot estimate with certainty the actual amount and timing of costs associated with site remediation.

In order to comply with these safety, health and environmental licenses, laws and regulations we may have to finance from our available cash flows or from alternative sources of financing. We may be required to provide for financial security for environmental rehabilitation in the form of a trust fund, guarantee, deposit or any other method as may be required by the regulations (not yet promulgated) under the Petroleum Products Act in respect of the rehabilitation of environmental impacts. However, this is not required in terms of the Petroleum Products Amendment Act and the regulations if a license applicant at the time of the commencement of the Petroleum Products Amendment Act, held or was in the process of developing a site, manufactured or wholesaled or retailed petroleum products. No assurance can be given that changes in safety, health and environmental laws and regulations or their application or the discovery of previously unknown contamination or other liabilities will not have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Whilst it is our policy that asbestos-containing materials will be phased out on prior risk-based order, currently certain asbestos-containing materials at our facilities. In addition, our manufacturing processes may utilize and result in the emission of substances with potential carcinogenic properties. We also manufacture products which may contain carcinogenic components. Although we implement occupational health and safety, product stewardship and other measures to eliminate or mitigate potential risks, we cannot assure you that no liabilities may arise as a result of the use or exposure to these materials.

In addition to undertaking internal investigations we are also subject to review from time to time by government authorities for compliance with, inter alia, tax, customs and excise duty, antitrust laws and regulations impacting our operations. Our product pricing structures are also reviewed from time to time by regulatory authorities. Whilst it is our policy to conduct our operations in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and we have established control systems to monitor such compliance, no assurance can be given that these control systems will not fail or that some of our product pricing structures will not change in the future. Failure to interpret correctly and comply with such laws and regulations and/or changes to our product pricing and cost structures may have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

Our coal, crude oil and natural gas reserve estimates may be materially different from reserves that we may actually recover

Our reported coal reserves are estimated quantities based on applicable reporting regulations that under present and anticipated conditions have the potential to be economically mined and processed. Our proved developed and undeveloped crude oil and natural gas reserves are estimates based on applicable reporting regulations. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of reserves and in projecting potential future rates of coal, oil and natural gas production, including many factors beyond our control. In addition, reserve/reservoir engineering is a subjective process of estimating underground deposits of reserves that cannot be measured in an exact manner and the accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data and engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Estimates of different engineers may vary and results of our mining/drilling and production subsequent to the date of an estimate may justify revision of estimates. Reserve estimates may require revision based on actual production experience and other factors. In addition, several factors including the market price of coal, oil and natural gas, reduced recovery rates or increased production costs due to inflation or other factors may render certain of our estimated proved and probable coal reserves and proved developed and undeveloped oil and natural gas reserves uneconomical to exploit and may ultimately result in a restatement of reserves. This may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. See "Item 4.D – Property, plants and equipment".

There is a possible risk that sanctions may be imposed by the US government as a result of our Iran related activities

There are possible risks posed by the potential imposition of US economic sanctions in connection with activities we are considering in the polymers field and considering in respect of a GTL opportunity (with respect to which no investment decision has yet been made) in Iran. For a description of our activities in Iran see "Item 4.B – Business overview – Sasol Polymers" and "Sasol Synfuels International". The risks relate to two sanctions programs administered by the US government that we have considered: the Iranian Transactions Regulations (ITR) administered by the US Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act (ILSA) administered by the US Department of State.

The ITR prohibit or restrict most transactions between US persons and Iran. The ITR, administered by OFAC, do not apply directly to either Sasol or the group entities involved in activities in Iran, because none of them would be considered a US person under these regulations. Nonetheless, because the group is a multinational enterprise, we are aware that the ITR may apply to certain entities associated with the group, including US employees, investors and certain subsidiaries.

We are taking measures to ensure that US employees, investors and certain subsidiaries of the group will not violate the ITR as a result of their respective affiliations with the group. For instance, to that end, we are taking measures to:

- ensure that no US persons are involved in our Iranian activities, either as directors and officers, or in other positions, including engineering, financial, administrative and legal;
- ensure that funds dedicated to projects in Iran will be kept segregated from general group funds;
- ensure that no funds of US investors will be utilized in the projects by using separate bank accounts for any funds directed to, or to be received from, these projects and monitoring the flow of funds to and from these projects; and
- separate the results of these businesses into separate legal entities.

By undertaking these steps, we believe that any risks posed by the ITR to US persons and entities affiliated with the group will be mitigated. Nevertheless, we cannot predict OFAC's enforcement policy in this regard and it is possible that OFAC may take a different view of the measures described above. In such event, US persons or affiliates associated with the group may be subject to a range of civil and criminal penalties.

ILSA was adopted by the US government with the objective of denying Iran and Libya the ability to support acts of international terrorism and fund the development or acquisition of weapons of mass destruction. ILSA is now only applicable to Iran following the removal of sanctions imposed against Libya. ILSA grants the President of the United States discretion in imposing sanctions on companies found to be in violation of its provisions involving investment in the petroleum industry in Iran. Should the US government determine that some or all of our activities in Iran are investments in the petroleum industry, as statutorily defined by ILSA, the President of the United States may in his discretion impose, among other sanctions, restrictions on our ability to obtain credit from US financial institutions, restrictions on our ability to procure goods, services and technology from the United States or restrictions on our ability to make sales into the United States.

We cannot predict future interpretations of ILSA or the implementation policy of the US government with respect to ILSA. Although we believe that our polymers project is not in the petroleum industry and we were only involved in a feasibility study in connection with other activities in Iran, we cannot assure you that our activities in Iran would not be considered investments as statutorily defined by ILSA or that the imposition of sanctions on the company or other entities of the group would not have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

The exercise of voting rights by holders of American Depositary Receipts is limited in some circumstances

Holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) may exercise voting rights with respect to the ordinary shares underlying their American Depositary Shares (ADSs) only in accordance with the provisions of our deposit agreement (Deposit Agreement) with The Bank of New York, as the depositary (Depositary). For example, ADR holders will not receive notice of a meeting directly from us. Rather, we will provide notice of a shareholders meeting to The Bank of New York in accordance with the Deposit Agreement. The Bank of New York has undertaken in turn, as soon as practicable after receipt of our notice, to mail to holders of ADRs voting materials. These voting materials include information on the matters to be voted on contained in our notice of the shareholders meeting and a statement that the holders of ADRs on a specified date will be entitled, subject to any applicable provision of the laws of South Africa and our Articles of Association, to instruct The Bank of New York as to the exercise of the voting rights, pertaining to the shares underlying their respective ADSs on a specified date. In addition, holders of our ADRs will be required to instruct The Bank of New York how to exercise these voting rights.

Upon the written instruction of an ADR holder, The Bank of New York will practicable, to vote or cause to be voted the shares underlying the ADSs in accordance with the instructions received. If instructions from an ADR holder are not received by The Bank of New York by the date specified in the voting materials, The Bank of New York will not request a proxy on behalf of such holder. The Bank of New York will not vote or attempt to exercise the right to vote other than in accordance with the instructions received from ADR holders. We cannot assure you that you will receive the voting materials in time to ensure that you can instruct The Bank of New York to vote the shares underlying your ADSs. In addition, The Bank of New York is not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions or for the manner of carrying out voting instructions. This means that you may not be able to exercise your right to vote and there may be no recourse if your voting rights are not exercised as you directed.

Sales of a large amount of Sasol's ordinary shares and ADSs could adversely affect the prevailing market price of the securities

Historically, trading volumes and liquidity of shares listed on the JSE have been low in comparison with other major markets. The ability of a holder to sell a substantial number of Sasol's ordinary shares on the JSE in a timely manner, especially in a large block trade, may be restricted by this limited liquidity. Sales of ordinary shares or ADSs, if substantial, or the perception that these sales may occur and be substantial, could exert downward pressure on the prevailing market prices for the Sasol ordinary shares or ADSs, causing their market prices to decline.