

chief executive's review of operations

sasol synfuels international commenced construction in qatar of sasol's first gas-to-liquids plant

Advancing our GTL groundwork . . .

Earthworks progressing at Escravos in Nigeria, where Sasol Chevron is developing its first GTL plant. Once commissioned in 2007, the plant will enable the associated gas that accompanies crude oil production at Escravos to be beneficiated rather than flared.

Seeking an exploration partner for South

Africa Sasol remains active in Block 3A/4A off South Africa's west coast where SPI has a prospecting sublease agreement with the Petroleum Agency South Africa and the Ministry of Minerals and Energy. The agreement covers an area of 28 395 km² in shallow Atlantic waters up to a depth of about 300 m.

The extensive data gathered from the three-dimensional seismic survey undertaken in November 2001 has since been evaluated and interpreted. We are currently seeking to form a joint-venture exploration partnership before committing to exploration drilling.

Gabonese activities yield first oil flows

The Etame oilfield in offshore Gabon came into production in September 2002. It has since maintained a steady production rate of about 15 000 bbl/d. SPI has a 27,8% shareholding in this field.

Immediately south of the Etame oilfield, initial seismic studies of the Dussafu block (formerly Phenix), have been completed. The primary seismic findings were promising enough to justify the signing of a production sharing agreement with the Government of Gabon in May 2003. SPI is the operator for the Dussafu venture and intends to complete an exploration drilling programme before June 2005.

Exploration continues in Equatorial

Guinea and Nigeria Further north in Nigerian waters, we are working in partnership with Chevron Nigeria in conducting deepwater exploration for oil and gas. Government ratification of our entry into Block 214 with ExxonMobil, Chevron Nigeria, Nigerian National Petroleum Company and ConocoPhillips is imminent and we expect drilling to commence before the end of 2003.

SPI also holds a non-operating interest in three exploration licences offshore Equatorial Guinea.

Sasol Synfuels International (SSI)

- **Construction of a GTL plant commences in Qatar.**
- **Awarding of Nigerian GTL project engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract to be finalised in 2004.**
- **Exploratory discussions progressing to develop GTL plants in other gas-rich regions.**
- **Drive to lower future GTL capital and operating costs continues.**