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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 781 OF 2002 COMPETITION COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 10 (6) (a) of the Competition Act, 1998 (the Act), read with rule 19 (4) (a) of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings in the Competition Commission published in Gazette No. 22025 of 1 February 2001 that Sasol Limited, Sasol Mining (Pty) Limited, Sasol Synfuels (Pty) Limited, Sasol Nywerhede (Pty) Limited and Sasol Oil (Pty) Limited have applied to the Competition Commission in terms of section 10 (1) of the Act for an exemption from certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Act. In the particular the applicants have requested that they be permitted to continue with the Main Supply and Blue Pump agreements entered into with the oil companies active in South Africa until 31 December 2003.

These practices are prohibited in terms of section 4 (1) of the Act.

The application is based on the premise that the agreement is required for the economic stability of the industry as designated by the Minister of Trade and Industry after consulting with the Minister of Minerals and Energy [section 10 (3) (b) (vi) of the Act].

Interested parties may within 20 business days from the date of this notice make written representations to the Commission why the exemption should not be granted.

Such representations may be directed to the Manager: Enforcement and Exemptions, Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040, or by facsimile to number 012 482-9118 (Case No. 2002May49).

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