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## **Customer Communication:**

*This communication is intended for Sasol's customers to assist them in planning their polymer supply positions through the indicated period.*

## **Southern African Supply Status: C2 and C3 Value Chains July - December 2024**

Dear Customer,

This communication serves to inform all our customers as to the latest outlook on polymer supply through the latter half of 2024, with specific reference to our supply coverage through the typical peak demand season and our plant shutdown period.

### **1. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)**

The PVC plant will be undertaking a statutory maintenance shutdown over the period 28<sup>th</sup> August to 19<sup>th</sup> September. Stock cover over this maintenance period and through to year end is expected to meet the current forecasted customer demand profile. Customers who can accommodate flexibility in pack mode may be requested to interchange 25kg bags and Jumbo bags dependent on inventory coverage levels.

### **2. Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE)**

The Poly 2 plant will be undergoing its statutory maintenance shutdown over the period 1-14<sup>th</sup> September. Prior to this shutdown the plant will be producing both film and rotational moulding grades to cover the plant outage period.

Rotomoulding customer demand forecasts have been factored into the upcoming production schedule to ensure full forecast coverage is maintained through September/October until the next planned production campaign (mid-October).

LLDPE film grade availability will remain balanced against current customer demand forecasts through to year end. Limited opportunities for additional volume requests above the current forecasts may be considered dependent on grade mix and stock level coverage.

### **3. Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)**

The Poly 3 plant will not undergo a statutory maintenance shutdown this year but will be taken offline for a limited period of 7 days during August.

Current inventory coverage remains relatively tight, with heightened caution on availability on the two injection moulding grades. Stock recovery over the entire LDPE portfolio through July and August will improve this position substantially (IM grades to be produced in campaign mode). Customers are requested to ensure that their 6-month rolling demand forecasts are updated with their Sasol Account Manager so that these forecasts can be taken into consideration in the forward-looking production schedules.

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#### **4. Polypropylene (PPH and ICP grades)**

The PP1 unit is currently operating at full rates and will not undergo any maintenance shutdown period for the remainder of calendar year 2024. The shutdown period on this plant is currently set for March 2025.

The PP2 unit is currently operational although producing at reduced rates. This plant will require a statutory maintenance shutdown which will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August and run through to 18<sup>th</sup> September. This shutdown period coincides with the maintenance outage period of the upstream propylene feedstock producing units.

PP grade availability will remain tight through to calendar year end, especially on certain homopolymer grades which are predominantly produced on the PP2 unit. While we expect to fulfil the overall customer monthly demand, orders and deliveries will be confirmed and executed as product becomes available ex-production. Customers can thus expect delivery delays over this period. Please ensure that your grade specific rolling demand forecasts are accurately updated with your Sasol Account Manager so that these can be brought into the production schedules timeously.

Sasol trusts that this information provides the appropriate guidance to assist our customers in terms of planning your polymer supply positions through the remainder of 2024. Please discuss with your Base Chemicals (Polymers) Account Manager should you require any further clarification or assistance.

All demand forecasts and where applicable planned allocations are subject to actual production taking place as planned and apply only to the month in question. No rolling of untaken allocation volumes into future months, or bringing allocation volumes forward can be allowed from month to month should Sasol not be able to execute on these.

Customers are reminded that supply forecasts and allocations, like customer demand forecasts, are planning tools used to provide some guidance to both Sasol and its customers. However, the actual 'contract of sale' as per the General Terms and Conditions of Sale ("GTOS") as signed by both parties arises once Sasol has confirmed delivery against accepted orders placed by customers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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