Public policy engagement
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Introduction to Sasol

- integrated energy company with substantial chemical interests,
- Listed on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE) in 1979, and on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in 2003
- World leader in producing liquid fuels from coal and natural gas via Fischer Tropsch Process

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- UN GC CEO Water Mandate endorsed by Sasol CEO – March 2008
How does Sasol approach water policy engagement?

Seldom comment as Sasol (unless issue is very specific to the company’s)

NEDLAC (National Economic Development and Labour Council) is a vehicle through which business engages with government and labour

Government engagement with organised business, labour and community groupings

Discuss and obtain consensus on issues of social and economic policy

Process called “social dialogue”

Adopt a constructive approach:

“This is the issue, this is what we think is wrong and this is our proposal on how to fix it”
Why does Sasol participate in water policy engagement?

Business not opposed to regulations, but regulations should be:
- easy to understand and use
- be consistently applied
- applied in a harmonized way
- avoid regulating the same issue with two (or more) pieces of legislation

Regular engagement leads to the building of personal relationships and ability to engage through informal networks
What benefits result from Sasol’s water policy engagement?

- Highest strategic collaborative structure for the South African water sector
- Serves as platform for seeking consensus on key policies, strategies and frameworks
- Membership includes water sector players from local government, agriculture, industry, environment and civil society

Sasol still new to global policy engagement
- Recent engagement with International Finance Corporation on environmental guidelines
- Pleased with consideration given to comments provided on coal and gas processing
Conclusion on Sasol’s water policy engagement

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Thank you