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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K for 6 March 2006

Sasol Limited

1 Sturdee Avenue

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South Africa

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

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Enclosures:

Interim results and dividend announcement number 53 for the six months ended 31 December 2005

sasol limited group interim financial report and declaration of dividend number 53 for the six months ended 31 December 2005

significant earnings growth higher international oil prices major capital projects advanced – R6,1 bn gearing reduces to 29% interim dividend increased by 22% at 31 Dec 31 Dec 30 June 2005 2004 2005 Reviewed Reviewed Audited Restated Restated RmRmRm**ASSETS** Property, plant and equipment 60 796 50 672 56 550 Goodwill 483 509 580 Intangible assets 1 763 1 987 1 900 Post-retirement benefit assets 275 231 300 Deferred tax assets 416 409 507 Other long-term assets 2 570 1 908 2 212 Non-current assets 66 303 55 885 61 880 Investment held-for-sale 41 41 Inventories 11 001 9 208 9 995 Trade and other receivables

11 346
12 384
Short-term financial assets
17
8 178
Cash restricted for use
598
447 1
002
Cash
2 940
2 974
2 509
Current assets
27 429
23 983
26 109
Total assets
93 732
79 868
87 989
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES
Shareholders' equity
48 665
37 494
43 533
Minority interest
313
379 253
Total equity
48 978
37 873
43 786
Long-term debt
13 754
10 746
12 951
Long-term provisions
3 458
2 430
2 954
Post-retirement benefit obligations
2 998
2 843
2 970
Long-term deferred income
1 020
221 763
Deferred tax liability
6 446

6 286

Non-current liabilities

27 676

22 404

25 924

Short-term debt

1 987

4 609

3 300

Short-term financial liabilities

838

2 127

792

Other current liabilities

13 096

9 455

11 572

Bank overdraft

1 157

3 400

2 615

Current liabilities

17 078

19 591

18 279

Total equity and liabilities

93 732

79 868

87 989

balance sheet

for the period ended half-year half-year full year 31 Dec *31 Dec* 30 June 2005 2004 2005 Reviewed Reviewed Audited Restated Restated RmRmRm**Turnover** 40 256 33 806 69 239 Cost of sales and services rendered (22981)(21496) $(42\ 267)$ Gross profit 17 275 12 310 26 972 Non-trading income 165 227 417 Marketing and distribution expenditure (2590)(2.652)(5097)Administrative expenditure (1877)(1955)(4075)Other operating expenditure (1376)(926)(3802)Share-based payment expense (84)(68)Currency translation losses

(418)

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(457)
91
Operating profit
11 095
6 479
14 369
Dividends and interest received
142
68
            149
Income from associates
81
81
            184
Borrowing costs (net of costs capitalised)
(269)
(362)
(587)
Net income before tax
11 049
6 266
14 115
Taxation
(3 662)
(2293)
(4568)
Earnings
7 387
3 973
9 547
Attributable to
Shareholders
7 295
3 915
9 437
Minority shareholders
92
            110
58
7 387
3 973
9 547
Basic earnings per share
- attributable earnings basis
cents
1 179
639
            1
537
- headline earnings basis
cents
1 158
692
            1
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Diluted earnings per share*

attributable earnings basis cents

1 152

629 1

511

headline earnings basis

cents 1 131

681 1

697

Dividends per share

- interim**

cents

280

230 230

-final

cents

310

income statement

^{*} Taking the Sasol Share Incentive Scheme into account.

^{**}The interim dividend was declared subsequent to 31 December 2005 and is presented for information purposes only. No provision regarding this interim dividend has been recognised.

for the period ended half-year half-year full year 31 Dec 31 Dec 30 June 2005 2004 2005 Reviewed Reviewed Audited Restated Restated RmRmRmBalance at beginning of period as previously reported 35 400 35 400 Share-based payment expense – prior year adjustment 2 Balance at beginning of period restated 43 786 35 402 35 402 Negative goodwill written off 610 610 Shares issued during period 258 129 311 Earnings for period 7 295 3 915 9 437 As previously reported 3 983 9 573 Share-based payment expense (68)(136)Dividends paid (1920)(1440)

(2856)

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Movement in foreign currency translation
reserve
(629)
(745)
313
Increase in share-based payment expense
reserve
84
68 137
Movement in cash flow hedge accounting
reserve
44
(72)
552
Movement in minority interest
60
6 (120)
Balance at end of period
48 978
37 873
43 786
Comprising
Share capital
3 461
3 021
3 203
Accumulated earnings
50 410
40 933
45 035
Foreign currency translation reserve
(1 965)
(2 398)
(1 336)
Share repurchase programme
(3 647)
(3 647)
(3 647)
Share-based payment expense reserve
695
542 611
Investment fair value reserve
2
2 2
Cash flow hedge accounting reserve
(291)
(959)
(335)
Shareholders' equity
48 665

statement of changes in equity

half-year full year 31 Dec *31 Dec* 30 June 2005 2004 2005 Reviewed Reviewed Audited RmRmRmCash receipts from customers 39 461 33 506 68 263 Cash paid to suppliers and employees $(27\ 310)$ (25703)(49451)Cash generated by operating activities 12 151 7 803 18 812 Investment income 144 92 169 Borrowing costs paid (688)(729)(1523)Tax paid (1732)(1785)(3753)Dividends paid (1920)(1440)(2856)Cash retained from operating activities 7 955 3 941 Additions to property, plant and equipment $(6\ 044)$ (5 781) (12414)

for the period ended

half-year

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Acquisition of businesses
(147)
Disposal of businesses
596
24
               36
Cash disposed of on disposal of businesses
(47)
(94)
Other net (expenditure in)/proceeds
from investing activities
(328)
192
               245
Cash utilised in investing activities
(5924)
(5612)
(12\ 227)
Share capital issued
258
129
               311
Dividends paid to minority shareholders
(39)
(53)
(64)
Increase in long-term debt
335
2 172
4 165
(Decrease)/increase in short-term debt
(1\ 010)
1 081
(440)
Cash effect of financing activities
(456)
3 329
3 972
Translation effects on cash and cash
equivalents of foreign entities
(90)
(114)
(175)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents
1 485
1 544
2 419
Cash and cash equivalents*
- balance at end of period
2 381
             896
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- less balance at beginning of period

896

(1 523)

(1 523)

Increase in cash and cash equivalents

1 485

1 544

2 419

*Comprising cash restricted for use, cash and bank overdraft.

cash flow statement

for the period ended half-year half-year full year 31 Dec *31 Dec* 30 June 2005 2004 2005 Restated Restated RmRmRmSelected ratios Operating margin % 27,6 19,2 20,8 Borrowing cost cover times 16,5 9,1 9,6 Dividend cover times 4,2 2,8 2,8 Share statistics Total shares in issue million 680,5 673,9 676,9 Treasury shares (share repurchase programme) million 60,1 60,1 60,1 Weighted average number of shares million 618,5 612,4 613,8 Diluted weighted average number of shares

million

633,0 622,5 624,4 Share price (closing) Rand 226,50 121,00 180,80 Market capitalisation Rm154 133 81 542 122 379 Net asset value per share Rand 78,45 61,08 70,58 Other financial information Total debt (including bank overdraft) - interest bearing Rm16 598 18 731 18 865 - non-interest bearing Rm300 24 1 Borrowing costs capitalised Rm536 434 1 116 Capital commitments - authorised and contracted Rm10 249 9 877 11 429 - authorised, not yet contracted Rm5 008 10 787 7 740 Guarantees and contingent liabilities - total amount Rm

27 974 33 122 - liability on balance sheet 10 986 6 689 11 230 Significant items in operating profit - employee costs Rm4 597 4 748 8 782 - depreciation of property, plant and equipment Rm1 783 1 803 3 591 Effective tax rate % 33,1 36,6 32,4 Number of employees number 30 185

30 150 30 004

salient features

for the period ended Reconciliation of headline earnings half-year half-year full year 31 Dec 31 Dec 30 June 2005 2004 2005 Restated Restated RmRmRmAttributable earnings 7 295 3 915 9 437 Capital effects (200)221 1 275 Impairment of assets 99 242 1 078 Reversal of impairment (140)Profit on disposal of business (199)(40)Profit on sale of participation rights in GTL (33)Profit on disposal of assets *(12)* (9) (20)Scrapping of property, plant and equipment 52 21 290 Deferred tax asset written off

111

122 Tax effect on reconciling items

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(7)
            (235)
Headline earnings
7 162
4 240
10 599
Capital effects by operating segment
Mining
(2)
               6
23
Synfuels
(29)
              (14)
(110)
Liquid Fuels Business
(7)
(6)
(63)
Gas
133
Synfuels International
33
33
Olefins and Surfactants
121
(248)
(783)
Polymers
5
           (11)
(12)
Solvents
(382)
Other
                            19
(21)
              19
200
            (221)
(1
275)
The reader is referred to the definitions contained in the 2005 Sasol Limited annual financial statements.
salient features
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(continued)

segment report half-year half-year full-year Dec 2005 Dec 2004 June 2005 RmRmRmContribution to group turnover Mining 705 626 1 471 Synfuels 462 408 820 Liquid Fuels Business 15 539 11 091 23 525 Gas 715 814 1 408 Synfuels International 119 Olefins and Surfactants 9 835 8 791 18 040 Polymers 3 907 3 617 7 199 Solvents 4 364 3 875 8 063

Other

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4 511
4 683
8 713
40 256
33 806
69 239
half-year
half-year
full-year
Dec 2005
Dec 2004
June 2005
Restated
Restated
Rm
Rm
Rm
Operating profit*
Mining
636
             533
1 239
Synfuels
7 3 3 6
3 686
7 546
Liquid Fuels Business
1 125
763
1 892
                            780
Gas
470
931
Synfuels International
(256)
(52)
(201)
Olefins and Surfactants
290
(136)
(231)
Polymers
394
              569
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Solvents

516 551

1 238

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Other

274 95 480

11 095

6 479

14 369

*Taking into account the effect of capital items. Refer salient features for further detail.

Dec 2005

turnover

Dec 2005

operating profit

a pleasing performance

Attributable earnings for the first half of the financial year 2006 (the 'interim period') increased by 86% from R3,9 billion to R7,3 billion. Headline earnings per share increased by 67% to R11,58. In US dollar terms, attributable earnings per share of US\$1,81 represented a 76% increase.

IFRS 2, which refers to share-based payments, applied from 1 July 2005 resulted in attributable earnings diluting by R84 million and headline earnings per share reducing by 14 cents during the interim period. Previous years' comparative information has been restated accordingly.

higher international oil prices

Operating profit increased by R4,6 billion (71%) to R11,1 billion. Higher average international oil prices (dated Brent US\$59,21/b versus US\$42,77/b) boosted operating profit by about R2,9 billion, taking into account the negative effect of the Sasol Synfuels oil production hedge incurred in the previous reporting period of R0,7 billion. This benefit was enhanced by the positive impact of the weaker rand (average rate R6,52: US\$1,00 versus R6,21: US\$1,00), which increased operating profit by approximately R0,6 billion. The currency effects manifested themselves across all of Sasol's businesses. The benefit of higher international oil prices was, however, only realised in the energy and fuel-related businesses with adverse effects being experienced in the chemical businesses because of higher oil-derivative feedstock costs. Furthermore, margins were adversely affected in most of the chemical businesses by a reduction in international chemical commodity prices.

major capital projects advanced

Cash flow capital expenditure amounted to R6,1 billion. Major projects advanced included the fuel quality enhancement and polymer expansion project (Project Turbo) in South Africa, the Oryx gas to-liquids (GTL) venture in Qatar and the Arya Sasol polymers project in Iran.

gearing reduced

Gearing (net debt as a percentage of shareholders' equity) reduced from 42% at 31 December 2004 to 29%. Gearing is expected to return to within our targeted range of 30% to 50% by the end of the financial year 2006.

interim dividend increased

The interim dividend declared of R2,80 per share represents a 22% increase compared to the previous interim dividend declared.

sasol mining

The operating profit of Sasol Mining of R636 million was R103 million (19%) better than the previous comparable reporting period, mainly because of slightly higher sales volumes and selling prices.

sasol synfuels

Primarily because of higher oil prices and slightly higher production volumes, Sasol Synfuels achieved an increase in operating profit of 99% to R7 336 million. The increase in production volumes resulted from the shift of a planned shutdown from September 2005 to September 2006. Higher intake of natural gas from

Mozambique also contributed to improved plant stability. Regrettably, a number of short, unscheduled shutdowns occurred during the period under review. The causes are being addressed to avoid reoccurrence. sasol liquid fuels business (LFB)

Higher refinery margins, improved sales volumes and some benefit from a weaker rand increased operating profit in our liquid fuels business by 47% to R1 125 million.

The expansion of the dual brand (Sasol and Exel) retail network advanced successfully and market share objectives were met.

The proposed merging of our liquid fuels business with Engen was considered at the Competition Tribunal during October 2005. The ruling announced by the Competition Tribunal on 23 February 2006, prohibiting the merger, is being studied and a response is being formulated together with Petronas of Malaysia. The Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) component of this merger advanced successfully with the announcement during the period under review of our broad-based Tshwarisano LFB Investments transaction. Likewise, the implications of the ruling on this transaction are being considered. sasol gas

Primarily driven by higher selling prices and moderate sales volume increases, both to external customers and Sasol businesses, operating profit increased by 66% to R780 million including a capital profit of R199 million. On 1 July 2005 the South African Government, through its gas pipeline development company iGas, acquired a 25% stake in Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Investments Company (Pty) Limited (ROMPCO), which owns the natural gas pipeline between Mozambique and South Africa.

sasol synfuels international

This business hosts the growth ambitions of the group relating to GTL and coal-to-liquid (CTL) ventures. Its costs are associated with advancing the Qatar and Nigeria GTL projects and evaluating others in accordance with our strategic objective to build these global businesses. Costs rose to R256 million in this period as a direct consequence of increased activity in this respect. We expect our Oryx GTL plant to come into operation during the second quarter of 2006.

sasol olefins and surfactants (O&S)

The operating profit of Sasol O&S of R290 million is R426 million better than the operating loss achieved during the previous comparable reporting period, mainly because of non-recurring impairment costs incurred during the previous period and the reversal of impairment costs relating to the Octene train-3 project that were previously written off. Excluding these capital effects, the operating profit amounted to R169 million, which was R57 million (51%) higher than the first half of the previous financial year. Oil-derivative feedstock costs reached record high levels although most of these increases were recovered through increased product pricing and continuing cost optimisation initiatives. The results of O&S were also negatively impacted by Hurricane Rita which caused our Lake Charles site to close down for almost a month. Towards the end of the reporting period, detergent-range alcohol prices started to come under pressure in anticipation of significant oleochemical-based capacity additions coming on stream in South East Asia.

sasol polymers

Higher oil-derivative feedstock costs from Sasol Synfuels could not be fully recovered through higher polymer selling prices resulting in significantly depressed margins. Sasol Polymers achieved an operating profit of R394 million, which was 31% lower than the comparable result of the previous period.

sasol solvents

After an extraordinary previous year characterised by unprecedented high selling prices and margins, market conditions in the solvents industry normalised. Operating profit of R516 million was R35 million (6%) lower than the comparable result of the previous reporting period.

other businesses

Sasol Nitro's performance improved because of higher ammonia prices and pleasing results from our explosives business. The fertiliser business experienced trading difficulties because of lower sales resulting from high maize inventories and reduced plantings because of late rains.

The operating profit of Sasol Wax was lower than in the previous period mainly because of currency effects and higher oil-derivative feedstock cost increases that were not recovered through selling prices.

basis of preparation and accounting policies

The condensed consolidated interim financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2005 has been prepared in compliance with the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (in particular International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting) and the South African Companies Act, 1973, as amended.

Except as otherwise disclosed, the accounting policies applied in the presentation of the interim financial report are consistent with those applied for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The following accounting standards were adopted by Sasol with effect from 1 July 2005:

IFRS2 Share-based payment (with retrospective application);

IFRS4 Insurance contracts;

IAS21 The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates;

IAS24 Related party disclosure;

IAS32 Financial instruments: disclosure and presentation; and

IAS39 Financial instruments: recognition and measurement.

The provisions of IFRS2 Share-based payment have been applied retrospectively and comparative information restated accordingly. IFRS2 requires that every business accounts for the effects of its share-based payment expenses on profit and its financial position, including the effects of share options granted to employees. The effect of the adoption of this standard is set out in the interim financial report. Basic earnings and diluted earnings per share were reduced by 11 cents for the six months ended 31 December 2004 and 22 cents for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The adoption of the remaining standards had no material effect on the financial results and financial position of the group.

Further details will be provided in the annual report for the year ending 30 June 2006.

related party transactions

The group, in the ordinary course of business, enters into various sale and purchase transactions on an arm's length basis at market rates with related parties.

disposal of businesses

On 1 July 2005, a 25% interest in Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Investments Company (Pty) Limited was sold to iGas (Pty) Limited in terms of the shareholders' agreement. A profit of R199 million was realised on this transaction.

The group is advancing the process of preparing its Olefins & Surfactants business for sale.

post-balance sheet date events

The 2006 budget presented by the Minister of Finance, South Africa, made reference to a task force being appointed to investigate a windfall tax which may affect Sasol. The company is still studying the proposals and will be engaging with government to obtain further information on the proposed investigation. Sasol will cooperate with the proposed task force and is confident that, once all of the pertinent facts have been scrutinised, an outcome will result in which the interests of all stakeholders would be addressed.

On 23 February 2006, the South African Competition Tribunal prohibited the merger between Sasol Oil (Pty) Limited and Engen Limited.

changes in contingent liabilities since 30 June 2005

The South African Competition authorities received a complaint against Sasol Oil (Pty) Limited in April 2003. The competition authorities found against Sasol that it was a dominant firm whose conduct met the test required in establishing prohibited price discrimination. The company filed a notice of appeal which was heard and upheld by the South African Competition Appeal Court.

principal foreign currency conversion rates

The economic indicators used in preparing the interim report were:

One unit of foreign

31 Dec

31 Dec

30 June

currency equals

2005

2004

2004

Rand/US\$ (closing rate)

6,33

5,66

6,67

Rand/US\$ (average rate)

6,52

6,21

6,21

Rand/euro (closing rate)

7,49

7,70

8,07

Rand/euro (average rate)

7,85

7,82

7,89

independent review by the auditors

The condensed consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2005 and the related condensed consolidated statements of income, changes in equity and cash flow for the six months then ended have been reviewed by our auditors, KPMG Inc. Their unmodified review report is available for inspection at the registered

office of Sasol Limited.

profit outlook

Assuming lower oil and commodity chemical prices and a stronger rand relative to the first half, earnings in the second half of the financial year are expected to be considerably lower than the first half year although pleasing growth in earnings for the full financial year is anticipated.

declaration of interim dividend number 53

The directors of Sasol Limited have declared an interim dividend of 280 cents per share (2004: 230 cents per share) for the six months to 31 December 2005. The dividend has been declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa. The salient dates are:

Last day for trading to qualify for and participate in the dividend

(cum dividend)

Friday, 31 March 2006

Trading ex dividend commences

Monday, 3 April 2006

Record date

Friday, 7 April 2006

Dividend payment date (electronic and certificated register)

Monday, 10 April 2006

On 10 April 2006, dividends due to certificated shareholders on the South African registry will either be electronically transferred to shareholders' bank accounts or, in the absence of suitable mandates, dividend cheques will be posted to such shareholders.

Shareholders who have dematerialised their share certificates will have their accounts, at their Central Securities Depository Participant or broker credited on Monday, 10 April 2006.

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 3 April 2006 and Friday, 7 April 2006, both days inclusive.

On behalf of the board

P V Cox

LPA Davies

T S Munday

Chairman

Chief executive

Deputy chief executive and

chief financial officer

Sasol Limited

6 March 2006

Forward-looking statements: In this report we make certain statements that are not historical facts and relate to analyses and other information based on forecasts of future results not yet determinable, relating, amongst other things, to exchange rate fluctuations, volume growth, increases in market share, total shareholder return and cost reductions. These are forward-looking statements as defined in the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believe", "anticipate", "intend", "seek", "will", "plan", "could", "may", "endeavour" and "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties and, if one or more of these risks materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may be very different from those anticipated. The factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements are discussed more fully in our most recent annual report under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on Form 20-F filed on 26 October 2005 and in other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date on which they are made, and Sasol does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any of them, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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(executive):

LPA Davies (Chief executive),

T S Munday (Deputy chief executive and chief financial officer), V N Fakude

Company secretary:

N L Joubert

Company registration number:

1979/003231/06, Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

ISIN code:

ZAE000006896

Share codes:

JSE-SOL NYSE-SSL

American depositary receipt (ADR) program:

Cusip number 803866300 ADR to ordinary share 1:1

Depositary:

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Sasol Limited, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 6 March 2006

By:

/s/ N L Joubert

Name: Nereus Louis Joubert Title: Company Secretary