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**Oil and Gas Exploration Project**  
**Engagement between SASOL and KZN Coastal Communities (17/05/2018)**

Good Day

These questions are in correspondence with Jon Harris Executive Vice President of Sasol upstream with whom we the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, various organisations and the coastal community of KwaZulu Natal had a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 about the oil and gas exploration that is set to take place on the coast of KZN.

Questions from the community to Sasol:

1. How do you see the future of renewable energy in South Africa?
2. Are you aware that the oil& gas operations contribute to climate change-when according to 99% of scientist 80% of oil and gas should remain underground?
3. What is your response to the corruption charges levelled at ENI? Are you prepared to work within a corrupt relationship as the company is accused of serious allegations?

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4. Is Sasol aware of the dynamics of the Agulhas current?
  
5. Are you going to work with the South African government regarding air quality standards since Sasol has not done anything to lower its carbon emissions and has constantly approached government to defer the emission standards and undermine the Paris Accord signed by the SA government?
  
6. 13 years of air quality standards protocol that has been deferred because of the aggressive approach by SASOL and ESKOM. Where is the emergency plan proof of these facilities been safe for the fence line neighbours?
  
7. Sasol intends dumping its drilling waste at sea. These are often contaminated with drilling lubricants, synthetic-based drilling fluids (SBFs) and other non-aqueous drilling fluids (NAFs). We demand that the composition of these emissions and effluents regarding their toxicity, biodegradation, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons content, and metals content, be made public. In addition, please provide us an explanation as to how

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these sediments contaminated with petroleum products, heavy metals and salts, will be mitigated.

8. In Secunda, people are getting sick from the air pollution levels but Sasol does not seem to be doing anything about it, is Sasol going to assist this community.
  
9. In the event of explosions or spills, who pays? Sasol, the South African government or tax payers?
  
10. Is Sasol providing commitment to be transparent with regards to oil spills response and capacity? An emergency response team based in Saldhana Bay is inadequate, 360km of ocean will be ruined by the time the response team arrives, how will Sasol and Eni deal with this?
  
11. What appropriate insurance plans do Sasol and Eni have for remediation against oil spills and other environmental damages?

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12. Our request is that you establish a hearing threshold-based safety zone during seismic survey activities beyond 12 kilometres. There is science to show this should be a minimum distance from sound source. You will be invading the soundscape of deep diving species like Pilot whales and Beaked whales, because the continental shelf-break edge is an important foraging area for these species. Consideration should also be made for elevated levels of nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) in these deep diving whales making them more susceptible to man-made disturbances. Please fully address the adverse effects of subsurface man-made noise during these operations caused by vibration into the seabed, through drill string, casing and of the drill bit. Your key species of concern need to broaden to include Short-finned Pilot Whales and Cuvier's beaked whale since both are acoustically sensitive species, vulnerable to man-made noise pollution and are resident in the region.

13. Does Sasol fulfil its social responsibility to the communities? What about the destruction of subsistence fisherfolk livelihoods, tourism jobs, small business on our coastline.

14. Is Sasol going to renegotiate the petroleum deal with the South African government?

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15. There are many health concerns regarding Sasol especially cancer, how does Sasol respond to this

16. Does Sasol uphold its principles in its company portfolio?

17. Has permission been granted for drilling to commence?

18. Does Sasol have any plans for a sustainable future; are they going to work with the community or against the community?

19. Could Sasol use the methane method as an alternative to plastic? (sewages)

20. What is Sasol's commitment to the oil and gas process?

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21. Sasol has been operating in the Wentworth community, why is there no board here? and when is Sasol going to open up a training centre for the youth?

22. Is Sasol going to stop overpricing the gas by 300%?

23. In the process of the EIA, can we ensure Sasol's commitment to engage?

24. Have you thought about the children's future?



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Please note that there has been a 20 page list of concerns and questions raised at the public participation meetings in Durban on 7 February 2018, which has not been answered to by the consultants. Please could you liaise with ERM to acquire these questions?

Thank you

Regards

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