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Dear Messrs Grobler, Lamba, Müller and Levington,

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 April addressed to President von der Leyen on the delegated acts under Article 27(3) and Article 28(5) of the Renewable Energy Directive. I was asked to reply on her behalf.

I appreciate your engagement on this matter and have read your input with interest.

I would also refer to the meeting held on 1 June 2022 between SASOL representatives and services from the Directorates-General for Energy and Research and Innovation, during which you had the opportunity to further highlight the points mentioned in your letter.

Meanwhile the Commission has launched a consultation on both draft delegated acts. In line with the mandate set out by the co-legislators in the Renewable Energy Directive

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(Directive (EU) 2018/2001), the first draft<sup>1</sup> sets out criteria for hydrogen producers with direct connections to renewable power generation plants as well as hydrogen producers that are taking renewable electricity from the grid. In the latter case, the draft sets out criteria for additionality and temporal and geographic correlation, which provide sufficient safeguards to ensure that renewable fuels of non-biological origin are produced from renewable energy and achieve greenhouse gas emission savings. At the same time, it provides producers and project developers with sufficient time to implement the requirements and rewards early investments by permanently exempting them from some of the requirements.

The second draft delegated act<sup>2</sup> sets out a methodology for determining the emissions savings of renewable fuels of non-biological origin and recycled carbon fuels based on a robust life cycle assessment approach.

All citizens and stakeholders were invited to provide their comments on both drafts by 17 June. After the consultation, the Commission will propose the final draft delegated acts to the European Parliament and the Council, who have two months to scrutinize the Commission's proposals, before they enter into force.

I thank you for your constructive input and welcome your continued engagement on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Link: Production of renewable transport fuels – share of renewable electricity (requirements) (europa.eu);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Link: Renewable energy – method for assessing greenhouse gas emission savings for certain fuels (europa.eu)