

21st October, 2008

# MINUES OF THE SASOL BOAD MEETING HELD ON 26/6/2008 AT MR. KATUA'S RESIDENCE.

Present: Prof. G-C.M.Mutiso

Mr. F.M.Katua Mr. Bajaber Ms. J.W.Muna Ms. E. Mweti Ms. P.Mwalali Ms. J.Sila Ms. E.Ngava

### Absent with apology:

Mr. M. Muyanga Mr. P.van Dongen

The meeting was called to order by the Ex-Chair Mr. Katua at 11.45 am and opening prayers led by Ms. J.Sila.

## Review of minutes of previous Board meeting.

The minutes had been circulated for the members perusal.

### Matters arising from the minutes

### Min 11/2007 Transition strategies

The board resolved to hold a strategic plan meeting in Feb/March 2009 to map the way forward for SASOL. This would be led by a competent facilitator. The meeting should be held out of Kitui for maximum concentration. It should involve the Board members and staff.

One of the facilitators mentioned as a possibility is Mr. Mboloi Mutua.

### Min 2/2008 Impact of the current political instability

The situation turned rather dramatically a few days after the meeting in February. At the end of the month, "power sharing coalition" was put in place. Exploration about what would happen to CIDA funds though MCC was made redundant. Although the meeting with Jim did not materialise we had a telephone conversation during which, Jim informed SASOL to rest easy. He thought there was no threat, The matter was laid to rest.

### Min 4/2008 Kanyangi Secondary School

Kanyangi Sec School is due for of the ICT programme September 2008. The generator which has been bought by the school fraternity has arrived. A temporary computer laboratory has been prepared as they plan to build larger premises. This action underscores the importance attached by the community to computing for future generations. SASOL plans to have Kanyangi as one of the future ICT hubs in Kitui.

With no further issues arising the minutes were confirmed as a true record of proceedings: proposed by Mr. Ngava, seconded by Ms. E. Mweti.

### The days business

### Min 8/2008 Introduction of Ms. Muna

The Executive Chair Mr. Katua introduced Ms. Muna as a person he has known for quite sometime. They worked together in ECK. Nationally she was instrumental in streamlining pension payment through Post bank, an action whose effect has been to ease the agony of pensioners elicited by clerks at the administration officers when pensioners were paid through District treasuries. The Chair then invited Ms. Muna to address the Board.

Ms. J.W.Muna said she was excited to be invited to the SASOL Board. She is convinced that the approach used by SASOL in its working is appropriate in reducing poverty in Kitui and in the wider Ukambani region. Currently Ms. Muna is the Chair of Maendeleo Kitui, a council member of Kenyatta University. In her latter position she has been able to pull to KU to open a campus at the former KTTC in Kitui.

Ms. Muna started work in Probation Department and worked as children officer, and then she was transferred to Post bank rising to Personnel Manager.

Ms. Muna said that she is interested in community work and is a member of network for Development in Kitui. In Maendeleo which acts as community mobiliser, the focus is on water, environment and education. Once again Ms. Muna thanked the Board members for their invitation to join the SASOL Board.

# Min 9/2008 Progress report –Half Year Progress Report

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### Min 10/2008 Renewable Energy

In view of the escalating crude oil costs energy costs are increasing dramatically. The potential to shift to solar and wind energy become very attractive indeed. Some areas in Kitui suffer from inadequate wind speeds less than 2 m/s where wind energy is not viable. Other areas might have enough wind, for example Yatta Plateau and Mutomo. However all areas have enough sun for most of the year. The drawback is the cost of current solar panels in the market. There is however new research which is likely to come up with new more efficient collectors at affordable prices. Institution of solar power in schools would effectively reduce the power bills.

Ms. Muna advised that there is a solar energy programme in the Ministry of education for schools and she would follow the issue for local schools.

The MAITO building will have solar power and we have so far obtained quotations from chloride Exide. It was suggested that we get a quotation from shinliff for comparison since they were thought to be cheaper.

Prof. Mutiso promised to get further information from Hawkins on solar roofing shingles, other possibilities suggested for schools is the use of ED lamps in schools.

In addition to solar energy it is possible to harness energy from waste matter accumulated in the schools. This is to be followed up in the Exchange energy programme.

### Min 11/2008 Loss of Material

Two artisans who have been involved in loss of material at site in conjunction with some community members had their services terminated. Both cases have been reported by site community members to the administration who were instrumental in the recovery of the misappropriated material.

### Min 12/2008 Visit to MAITO

An appropriate date for the visit to this site will be arranged and communicated to the Board members.

### Min 13/2008 Meeting days

The members suggested that Tuesdays to be the appropriate days for Board meetings which have the least inconvenience to the majority of members.

### Min 14/2008 Condolences

Mr. Katua recently lost a brother and sister in one week. All the members conveyed heartfelt condelences for this traumatic loss.

Mr. Katua requested of the members for moral and prayer support as he and his wife meet the challenges of the loss as they guide the families that are left not to tear themselves apart.

### Min 15/2008 Accountant

A suitable accounting firm Kyalo & Associates has been identified and commissioned. This was as a result of the principal Auditor/Accountant of Nyenge & Co leaving his post which enormously weakened the firm. A change however was very good as we have already digitalized our accounting system with the new firm.

With no further business the Chair concluded the days business by asking Mr. Ngava to take the closing prayers.

With no further business the Chair closed the meeting and asked Ms. Sila to say closing prayers at 1.00 PM.

Signed:	•••••
Chairman	
Secretary:	