

SASOL LTD

Form 6-K

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Report on Form 6-K for 3 December 2009

Commission File Number 1-31615

Sasol Limited

1 Sturdee Avenue

Rosebank 2196

South Africa

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

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**Enclosures** : Sasol Limited: Expected Earnings for the Six Months Ending 31 December 2009

Sasol Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Registration number 1979/003231/03)

ISIN: ZAE000006896

US8038663006

Share codes: JSE – SOL

NYSE – SSL

(“Sasol” or “the Company”)

## **Sasol Limited: Expected Earnings for the Six Months Ending 31 December 2009**

### **1. Introduction**

Sasol’s financial results for the year ended 30 June 2009 were characterised by the dramatic decline and volatility in oil and commodity prices. Headline earnings per share for the first half of the 2009 financial year were at a record high of R21,92 while the second six months realised only R3,50. Oil prices and commodity prices experienced in the 2010 financial year to date are much lower than the peak prices achieved in the prior year comparable period and the earnings decline was further exacerbated by the negative impact of a significantly stronger rand.

### **2. Expected earnings for the six months ending 31 December 2009**

Sasol's earnings per share and headline earnings per share for the six months ending 31 December 2009 are estimated to decrease by at least 45% compared to the prior year comparable reporting period. In terms of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements, a trading statement is necessitated when there is reasonable certainty that earnings will differ by at least twenty percent from the prior comparable period. Due to continued volatility, Sasol is unable at this time to give a more precise indication of how much this decrease will be, but a more accurate estimate will be given once the half year has closed and we have greater certainty. The expected decrease in earnings is mainly due to the significant strengthening of the rand against the US dollar and a decrease in average crude oil and product prices compared to the corresponding six months of the previous reporting period.

In addition, our results may be impacted by further changes in the oil and product prices, volume variances, the impact of a stronger rand on closing financial assets and liabilities as well as any adjustments resulting from our half year-end process. This may result in a change in the estimated earnings.

It is emphasised that this trading update deals only with the first half of the 2009 financial year comparison. The very low earnings base of the second half of the 2009 financial year will strongly influence a comparison of the full 2010 financial year’s results with 2009 and guidance in this regard will be given in due course.

### **3. Maintaining a strong cash position**

Due to the cash conservation mode adopted by management during the volatile economic climate, Sasol still has a positive cash position and a strong balance sheet. Sasol continues to generate considerable cash flows, which keep the group well-positioned in the current economic climate as well as meeting all existing debt service requirements. Our focus remains on sustainable cost containment and improving business operational efficiencies.

The overarching objective of our growth plans remains unchanged: to ensure prudent management of our resources while pursuing those projects and programmes that are in the

best interests of our shareholders and other valued stakeholders.

#### 4. CFO letter

On 3 December 2009, Sasol will post an update of its major capital projects, as well as an operational review of Sasol Synfuels, through an update from the Chief Financial Officer letter on its website ([www.sasol.com](http://www.sasol.com)).

Sasol's financial results for the six months ending 31 December 2009 will be announced on Monday, 8 March 2010.

The above information has not been reviewed or reported on by the Company's external auditors.

Johannesburg  
3 December 2009

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#### ***Forward looking statements***

*We may in this document make statements that are not historical facts and relate to analyses and other information based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. There are forward- looking statements as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "seek", "will", "plan", "could", "may", "endeavour" and "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, but are not exclusive means of identifying such statements. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and there are risks that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. If one or more of these risks materialize, 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 the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements are discussed more fully in our annual report under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on Form 20-F filed on 9 October 2009 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.*

**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: 3 December 2009

By:

/s/ N L Joubert

Name: Nereus Louis Joubert

Title: Company Secretary