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Sasol’s Lake Charles Chemicals Project delivering on its commitment to Louisiana, with more to come

Company announces it will add 100 more jobs over the next year

LAKE CHARLES, La., UNITED STATES—Sasol’s Lake Charles Chemicals Project in Calcasieu Parish has delivered 700 jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local taxes and billions of dollars to Louisiana businesses. And that’s only the beginning.

“This project is the largest capital investment in Sasol’s history, and the benefits we have generated for Louisiana far outpace what we originally envisioned,” said Mike Thomas, Sasol senior vice president of North American Operations. “Our partnerships with the state of Louisiana and the local community have made this possible, and Sasol is set to bring continued growth to Calcasieu Parish and the state for many years to come.”

Sasol started up two of the project’s seven units earlier this year, with the remaining units expected to come online later this year and early next year.

To date, Sasol has hired 700 new employees, spent more than $4 billion with Louisiana businesses, supported 6,500 construction jobs and contributed over $230 million in taxes, infrastructure improvements and other benefits to the Southwest Louisiana community and the state of Louisiana—during the construction period alone.

“After hiring 700 new jobs for the project, 85 percent of which were from Louisiana, I’m pleased to announce that we have 100 more to go,” Thomas said. “That’s 800 full-time, quality Louisiana manufacturing jobs with an average annual salary of $80,000 per year.”

As Sasol brings its new units online, it is poised to kick off the next phase of growth for the area. During operation, the new facility will sustain more than 800 permanent jobs and an average of 1,000 contract positions. During operations, Sasol’s project will generate over $20 million annually in sales, employment and other taxes for local and state governments according to an economic impact study performed by economist Dr. Jim Richardson.
Project impacts are in addition to Sasol’s existing chemical facility in Lake Charles, which employs about 450 people and will continue generating sales and property taxes for the region and the state.

Sasol has also contributed more than $5 million to community projects focused on education, small business development and environmental sustainability.

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