BACKGROUND
Sasol recognized its growth plans and related property acquisitions in Southwest Louisiana would result in expansion of the facility toward our near neighbors. Through ongoing, direct dialogue to understand and address specific community needs and concerns, a number of requests for a voluntary property purchase program were received.

In response, Sasol launched the Voluntary Property Purchase Program in 2013. The program offered residents in designated areas northwest and west of Sasol’s existing facility near Westlake, Louisiana an opportunity to sell their properties to Sasol and move to a residential area of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY
To qualify for the program, as of July 12, 2013, residents must have owned and had title to either an improved property or unimproved property in the program area, or be a tenant whose landlord participates in the program.

Registration to participate in the program is now closed. We will continue to work with our near neighbors who chose to stay and work together to address the needs of the community.

VOLUNTARY
Participation in the program was entirely voluntary. Individuals that qualified within the program area were under no obligation to participate in the program or to request an appraisal from Sasol.

More than 80 percent of property owners eligible for the program registered to participate, meaning that they have agreed to have their home appraised, the first step in the process to receiving an offer.

APPRAISAL PROCESS
Independent appraisers evaluated the properties in the purchase area, then establish the price through comparable home sales in Calcasieu Parish. Because there were no recent comparable home sales in the purchase area, the comparisons are made for sales in nearby areas considered higher-value. This eliminates any discount that could have occurred because of the location of the properties.

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The offers were for the appraised value of the property, plus 40–60 percent, depending on the type of property. Minimum appraised values were set for the different type of properties to provide additional protection to lower-value properties. The Voluntary Property Purchase Program was designed to provide property owners with greater than market value for their property.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN
Throughout the process, Sasol hosted community meetings in Mossville one to three times per month, depending on community requests, to answer questions and receive input from the community.

In addition to these community meetings, a Sasol representative met individually with Mossville residents, by appointment, twice a week at the Mossville School, and our on-the-ground counselors continue to meet face-to-face with community members to give personal attention and guidance to those with unique situations and concerns.

For additional information, please visit: www.sasolvppp.com.