

Mark Schnell, General Manager, Sasol North America

Mark was educated at the University of Natal, South Africa, where he received a BSc degree in Chemical Engineering in 1983. Mark joined Sasol in 1984, and in the earlier part of his career held various positions in process development, operations, process design, and marketing. In 1998 Mark became involved in Sasol's Gas-To-Liquids (GTL) initiative, initially with Sasol Synfuels International, and subsequently with Sasol Chevron, Sasol's GTL joint venture with Chevron. As Global Marketing Manager he developed and implemented a strategy for marketing of products from GTL ventures, leading a team that took Sasol's first international GTL venture, the Oryx GTL plant in Qatar, successfully into market in 2007. In 2008 Mark was appointed Chief Executive of Sasol Chevron. With the decision by the shareholders to pursue their GTL aspirations independently, Mark moved to India in 2010 as Sasol's Country President, to advance a 100,000 bpd Coal-to-Liquids project through a joint venture with the Tata group. Having led the project through its prefeasibility phase Mark moved to the USA towards the end of 2011 as Director, New Business Development to lead two large capital projects through their feasibility phases; a 100,000 bpd Gas-To-Liquids project and a world scale Ethylene Cracker with derivatives, jointly amounting to a US\$ 15 billion to US\$ 20 billion investments. Both of these projects were sanctioned to proceed into their Front End Engineering and Design (FEED) phases in November 2012. With this milestone achieved Mark moved to Sasol Synfuels International to head up its Global Marketing, Strategy, and Business Development Portfolios. Mark is based in Houston, USA.