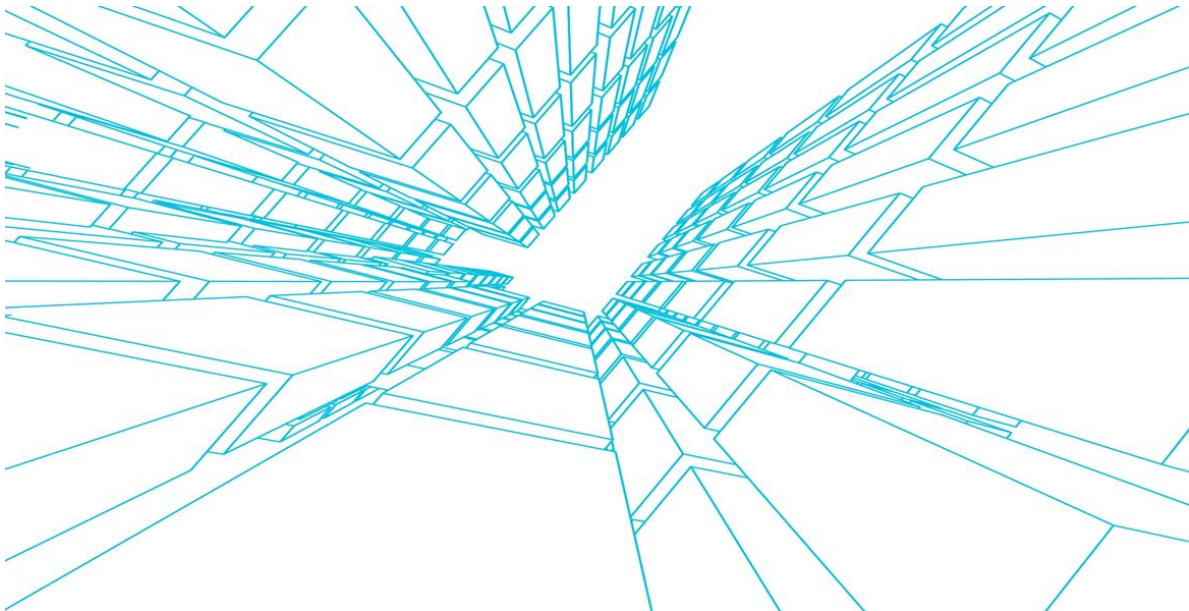


# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE EXISTING UNLICENCED WILLISTON MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY**

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## ABBREVIATIONS

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| BID    | Background Information Document  |
| CRR    | Comments and Responses Report  |
| DEA    | Department of Environmental Affairs  |
| DENC   | Northern Cape Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation |
| DWS    | Department of Water & Sanitation   |
| EA     | Environmental Authorisation  |
| EAP    | Environmental Assessment Practitioner                                      |
| EI     | Environmental Impact   |
| EIA    | Environmental Impact Assessment  |
| EMPr   | Environmental Management Programme   |
| GNR    | Government Notice Regulations  |
| I&AP   | Interested and Affected Parties  |
| WML    | Waste Management License   |
| NEMA   | National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)          |
| NEM:WA | National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008)    |
| PPP    | Public Participation Process   |
| SR     | Scoping Report   |

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has appointed Sustainable Environmental Solutions (Pty) Ltd (SE Solutions) and AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd to prepare the necessary application to license the un-licensed Williston waste disposal facility (WDF). The Williston is situated within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality. In order to obtain a Waste Management License (WML) from the Northern Cape Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC), an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is to be conducted.

The EIA process is undertaken in compliance with the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) as amended (NEMWA). The application form has been submitted to the DENC.

The Public Participation Process (PPP) is an integral part of the EIA process. The main objectives of a PPP are to:

- Inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and provide background and technical information about the proposed development and the environmental assessment process;
- Create networks and feedback mechanisms whereby I&APs can participate and raise their viewpoints (issues, comments and concerns) with regards to the proposed development and associated activities; and
- Ensure that the views of the I&APs are reflected and considered by the Applicant and the Competent Authority.

## 1.2 Aim of the Report

The aim of this report is to:

- Describe the PPP conducted thus far;
  - Present the register of registered I&APs;
  - Provide a list of comments raised to date; and
  - Outline the way ahead.
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## 2. THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The objectives of Public Participation in an environmental process are to provide sufficient and accessible information to stakeholders in an objective manner to assist them to:

- Raise issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits;
- Verify that their issues have been recorded and considered in the environmental investigations;
- Assist in commenting on feasible alternatives;
- Contribute relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment; and
- Comment on the findings of the environmental assessment.

### 2.1 Approach

The approach towards any PPP is dependent on the details of the project. Each project has a particular geographic and technical nature, and hence the PPP should be structured accordingly. Where possible, and within the required statutory frameworks, it is also desirable to structure such a process to address the process needs of I&APs.

#### 2.1.1 Identification and Registration of I&APs

At the time of compiling this report, the database contained 50 stakeholders across a range of sectors and spheres of government, including:

- National Government;
- Provincial Government;
- Local Government;
- Landowners;
- Agriculture;
- Business and Industry (mining and commercial); and
- Environmental groups.

AECOM made an effort to ensure that individuals and/or organisations were identified from an institutional as well as a geographical point of view. Note that the I&AP database reflects all stakeholders for the project as a whole (i.e. for all allocated landfills to be licensed within the Northern Cape and North-West provinces).

**Refer to Appendix 1 for the I&AP Register.**

#### 2.1.2 Announcement of the Proposed Project

Various mechanisms were used to create public awareness of the proposed WML application for the existing Williston WDF. An opportunity to participate in the S&EIR process and to register as an I&AP was announced on between 09 - 11 **September 2015**.

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### 2.1.2.1 Media

Newspaper advertisements notifying the public about the environmental application and opportunities to participate in the EIA process for the proposed WML application for the Williston WDF were placed in the following newspapers:

**Table 2-1: Project Announcement Newspaper advertisements**

| PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT |              |          |                   |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|
| Newspaper            | Distribution | Language | Date              |
| Noordwester          | Local        | English  | 11 September 2015 |
| DF Advertiser        | Regional     | English  | 11 September 2015 |

**Copies of the Newspaper Advertisements are included in Appendix 2.**

### 2.1.2.2 Notification Letter

A notification letter, including an invitation to participate was distributed via e-mail on **09 September 2015** to identified I&APs announcing the project and the opportunities for participation.

**A copy of the notification letter is provided in Appendix 3.**

### 2.1.2.3 On-site Notices

Two (2) A2-sized site notices were erected at various public places in the project area on **06 October 2014**. The On-site notices were written in English and were placed at the following places around the affected area:

**Table 2-2: Site Notice Locations**

| Site Notice No. | Location  |
|-----------------|---|
| 1               | Williston WDF Entrance                            |
| 2               | Karoo Hoogland Municipal Office, Williston Office |

**Copies and photographs of the site notices are provided in Appendix 4.**

### 2.1.3 Dissemination of Information

Information was disseminated to registered I&APs primarily by means of a Background Information Document (BID) and Notification letters. Issues raised and comments received from I&APs will be integrated into the Draft Scoping Report (DSR).

#### 2.1.3.1 Background Information Document

The BID has been useful in providing background information to the public on the proposed waste licence application for the existing Williston waste disposal facility. Furthermore, it provided



information on the processes that have been followed and the contact details of the PPP Consultant. The BID was distributed to all registered I&APs.

**A copy of the BID is provided in Appendix 5.**

## 2.2 Draft Scoping Report Review Period

The draft Scoping Report will be available for a thirty (30) day review period to registered I&APs from TBI to TBI (excluding public holidays). The draft Scoping Report will be available at the following venues:

Table 2-3: Venues for draft Scoping Report

| Venue                             | Address                    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality | 2 Mulder Street, Williston |
| W K van der Spuy Public Library   | Herbs Street, Williston    |

Electronic copies (dropbox link) of the draft SR will be made available upon request.

**Refer to Appendix 3 for a copy of the notification letter.**

## 2.3 Comment and Response Report

All issues and concerns raised by I&APs during the EIA process, will be recorded and responded too in the Comments and Responses Report (CRR) which will form part of the final Scoping Report

**Refer to Appendix 6 for the CRR and Appendix 7 for Copies of comments received from I&APs.**

## 2.4 Final Scoping Report

Once the review period on the draft SR has concluded, the report will be updated to a final SR together with the CRR. The final SR will then be submitted to the DENC for review to give authority to continue with the EIA phase of the proposed WML of the Williston WDF. Once the DENC has given AECOM and SE Solution a go ahead on the EIA phase of the proposed project, all registered I&APs will be notified of the continuation into the EIA of the proposed project.

# 3. CONCLUSION

Based on the inputs received during the PPP conducted thus far, the following conclusions can be made:

- The PPP process complies with the regulatory requirements;
- Issues and concerns were identified in order to feed into the EIA process; and.
- Communication with the I&APs, especially the communities surrounding the site, should continue. This is to ensure informed decision-making and a clear process throughout.

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## **4. Appendices**

### **4.1 APPENDIX 1: I&APs REGISTER**

## **4.2 APPENDIX 2: COPIES OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS**

Noord-Kaap: 09 September 2015

DF Advertiser: 11 September 2015

### **4.3 APPENDIX 3: EXAMPLES OF NOTIFICATION LETTERS**

Announcement of the Project

Circulation of the BID and Comment Sheet

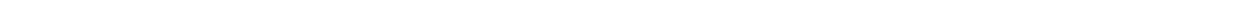


#### **4.4 APPENDIX 4: COPY AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE SITE NOTICES**

A Copy of the Site Notice

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## Photographs of the Site Notices



## **4.5 APPENDIX 5: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**



## **4.6 APPENDIX 6: COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

No comments received to date

## **4.7 APPENDIX 7: COPIES OF COMMENTS RECEIVED**

No comments received to date

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