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FOCUS GROUP MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW MULTISAND REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

CITY OF TSHWANE COUNCIL OFFICE

Date:	12 March 2014	Time:	10:00	Location:	City of Tshwane Council Office, 16 Dale
					Street, Karen Park, Pretoria

Purpose The purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion with the relevant City of Tshwane councilor and officials regarding the proposed landfill project; providing an opportunity for stakeholders to raise comments or issues with regard to the proposed project and to ensure that all comments regarding the proposed project are taken into account and addressed in the final Scoping Report (FSR).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 WELCOME

Mr J Hayes opened the meeting at 10:10. He welcomed all and thanked them for attending. Attendees introduced themselves. Please refer to **Table 1** for a list of the project team members and **Table 2** for the Tshwane councillor and officials that were present at the meeting.

1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Three (3) project team members attended the Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

Table 1: Project Team Members

Title	Initials and Surname
Mr	J Hayes
Mr	K Otto
Ms	M Maimane

Five (5) City of Tshwane councillors and officials attended the Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

Table 2: City of Tshwane Officials

Title	Initials and Surname
Cllr	R Morudu
Mr	N Thobejane
Mr	T Dimo
Mr	S Kgole
Ms	J Manaka

Please refer to Appendix A for a detailed attendance register.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The following agenda was presented for the FGM. The subsequent presentation followed the structure of the agenda.

Table 3: Agenda for the FGM

No	Item
1	Welcome and Attendance
2	Purpose of the Meeting
3	Project Description and Location
4	Discussion
5	Way Forward
6	General
7	Closure

3 PRESENTATION

Mr J Hayes gave a brief overview presentation on the proposed Multisand Landfill project. The presentation covered the:

- Project Description;
- Project Location; and
- Contents of the Draft Scoping Report.

Please refer to Appendix B for a copy of the presentation.

4 DISCUSSION

	Comments	Response	
1	Cllr Morudu informed the team that there is a	Mr J Hayes indicated that the project was announced	
	new development proposed close to Rosslyn	through the placement of newspaper advertisements,	
	and enquired whether these developers were	background information documents and notification of the	
	informed about the proposed Multisand project.	availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for public	
		review.	
2	Mr N Thobejane asked if the project team received any comments from Interested and	Mr J Hayes responded by indicating that comments received are all recorded as part of the EIA process. Mr	
	Affected Parties related to the proposed	Hayes indicated that various Focus Group Meetings are	
	Multisand project.	still to be conducted during the day, in addition to a	
		planned Public Open Day.	
3	Cllr Morudu requested the project team to	Ms M Maimane responded and said all documentation	
	place the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) at the	requested will be delivered to the office of Cllr Morudu.	
	City of Tshwane (CoT) Akasia Office during the public review period to make it easily	AECOM will be in communication with the council office regarding the public open day on 27 May 2014.	
	accessible for the Akasia community. She	regarding the public open day on 27 May 2014.	
	further requested that copies of the comments		
	sheets be made available to the community		
	and for the project team to avail themselves for		
	the CoT public meeting arranged for 27 May		
	2014.		
4	Cllr Morudu informed the project team that the	Mr K Otto indicated that it will be appreciated since the	
	updated version of the Integrated Development	only IDPs accessible are still in draft format, except for the	
	Plan (IDP) for CoT is available and further	2004 IDP that was finalised.	
	requested that the project team review this		
	report for updated waste management		
	information. She further informed the project		
	team that she will confirm the reference number of the latest IDP and forward it to the		

	team.	
5	Cllr R Morudu enquired about the job creation opportunities linked to the Multisand project, specifically in terms of recycling.	Mr K Otto responded that recycling opportunities will be investigated, but support from the municipality is required for waste to be separated at source. He further indicated that from experience there is a high risk associated with recycling at the landfill as it has a negative impact on the health and safety of the reclaimers. There has been reported accidents on site e.g. a truck that injured one of the reclaimers, resulting in the sorter losing her leg.
6	Mr N Thobejane enquired about the way forward after the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process.	
7	Mr K Otto informed CoT of the process Interwaste follows to identify appropriate sites for landfill development. He said Interwaste prefers previously mined sites to use waste disposal as a means of rehabilitating open quarries. This also minimise the negative impact that landfills have on the environment because most of the mined sites are already degraded.	The comment was noted by all attendees.

5 WAY FORWARD AND GENERAL

Mr J Hayes presented the following programme for the proposed Multisand Landfill EIA process, but indicated that the dates are not fixed and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Date	Activity
	Submission of the Final Scoping Report to Department of
24 May 2014	Environmental Affairs (DEA).
June-July 2014	DEA review of the Final Scoping Report
July-August 2014	Specialist Studies
August-October 2014	Public review of the Draft EIA Report
December 2014	Submission of the final EIA Report to DEA
December 2015-March 2015	DEA review of the Final EIA Report
May 2015	Decision on Environmental Authorisation (EA)
May 2015	Notification of the EA decision

6 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10:55.

Appendix A

Detailed attendance register

Appendix B

Copy of the Presentation.