

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

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

CITY OF TSHWANE: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES: WASTE MANAGEMENT

Date: 11 March 2014 **Time:** 15:00 **Location:** No.11 Francis Baard Street, Pretoria, 0001

Purpose The purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion with the CoT Environmental Management Services: Waste Management 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 INTRODUCTION

1.1 WELCOME

Mr J Hayes opened the meeting at 15:00. 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 Municipal officials that were present at the meeting.

1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Two (2) project team members attended the Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

Table 1: Project Team Members

| Title | Initials and Surname |
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| Mr | J Hayes |
| Ms | M Maimane |

Eight (8) officials from the City of Tshwane attended the Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

Table 2: City of Tshwane Officials

| Title | Initials and Surname |
|-------|----------------------|
| Ms | S. Bhailall |
| Ms | N Rhouda |
| Ms | P Rambau |
| Ms | T Mathlobogoane |
| Mr | T Mogano |
| Mr | L Makhubele |
| Mrs | D Mohlaba |
| Ms | M Chueu |

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 1 | Mr L Makhubela enquired as to whether the water supply for the project area is via municipal infrastructure or groundwater. | Mr J Hayes indicated it to be via the groundwater supply. |
| 2 | Mr L Makhubela enquired as to why Interwaste chose the Project Site as the preferred site after the site selection process. | Mr J Hayes indicated that the criteria for site selection inter alia included the existing land use (the site being a quarry); the potential life span of about 80-100 years; the geological conditions of the proposed site that allows for development of the landfill site. The location of the proposed landfill is such that it will serve the northern areas of Tshwane. |
| 3 | Mrs M Mohlaba enquired about the role that the municipality will play on this proposed Multisand Landfill. | Mr J Hayes indicated that operational details are to be discussed between the CoT and Interwaste. |
| 4 | Ms S Bhailall enquired about commencement of operations at the proposed Multisand Landfill. | Mr J Hayes indicated that should the proposed Project be authorised, development could be anticipated to commence in 2017. |
| 5 | Ms S Bhailall enquired as to why Interwaste chose the Northern side of Tshwane when they could have chosen the Southern side where there is a need for the landfill and space for it. She further said that the proposed Multisand is close to the Onderstepoort Landfill which still has ample capacity for the next few years. | The feasibility study indicated that the existing landfills within the northern parts of Tshwane have limited air space available. Also, given the expansion of the northern parts of Tshwane, the need for a landfill facility to cater for these areas was identified. |
| 6 | Mr L Makhubela enquired as to whether the Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal by | Ms S Bhailall responded by confirming that it does. |

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| | Landfill still applies to the waste disposal facilities nowadays. | |
| 7 | Mr L Makhubela enquired as to whether the Water Use Licence Application (WULA) for the proposed Multisand Landfill is going to be a CNI. | Mr J Hayes responded by confirming that it going to be a CNI. |
| 8 | Ms S Bhailall enquired regarding the tons of waste to be disposed of at the proposed Multisand Landfill on daily basis. | Mr J Hayes indicated that the exact tonnages will only be determined subsequent to final design. However, it will be classified as a Class B site, which will cater for more than 500 tons/day. |
| 9 | Mr L Makhubela enquired which office from Department of Water Affairs (DWA) that is involved in the project. | Ms M Maimane responded by saying it should be the DWA Gauteng Regional Office. |
| 10 | Mr L Makhubela enquired as to whether Multisand is currently doing groundwater monitoring on site. | Mr J Hayes indicated that no known monitoring is currently taking place, although there are existing boreholes within the project area. Mr Hayes will however, confirm whether monitoring is taking place |
| 11 | Mr L Makhubela enquired as to whether the wetland identified is within a drainage line. | Mr J Hayes indicated that the wetland has in all likelihood been created due to existing mining operations. A wetland delineation study is still to be conducted. |

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 |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 24 May 2014 | Submission of the Final Scoping Report to Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). |
| June-July 2014 | DEA review of the Final Scoping Report |
| July-October 2014 | Specialist Studies |
| August-September 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 15:45.

Appendix A

Detailed attendance register

Appendix B

Copy of the Presentation.