

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

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

KROONS GOURMET CHICKEN

Date: 12 March 2014

Time: 16:00

Location: Kroons Gourmet Chickens

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion with representatives from Kroons Gourmet Chickens 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

Ms J Hayes opened the meeting at 15:30. He welcomed all and thanked them for attending. All attendees introduced themselves. Please refer to **Table 1** for a list of the project team members and **Table 2** for the Kroons Gourmet Chickens representatives that were present at the meeting.

Having indicated that the project team would like to make a presentation to provide more information on the proposed Multisand landfill project, representatives from Kroons Gourmet Chicken indicated that they oppose the landfill project and did not want to see any presentation. It was decided only to have a discussion regarding the proposed project, with concerns about the project being recorded.

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

Six (6) representatives from Kroons Gourmet Chickens attended the Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

Table 2: Kroons Gourmet Chickens Representatives

Title	Initials and Surname
Mr	E Muller
Mr	C Kroon
Ms	M Burger
Ms	P Kroon
Mr	J Kroon
Mr	R Kroon

Please refer to Appendix A for a detailed attendance register.

2 DISCUSSION

	Comments	Response
1	Ms P Kroon indicated that the proposed Multisand Landfill may potentially lead to their business being closed. This is mainly due to the risk of spreading of avi-faunal diseases due to birds being attracted to the landfill site. Of concern currently is the Sacred Ibis speci that is already present on the chicken farm.	Mr Hayes indicated that AECOM is currently in the beginning of the EIA process, which is to be conducted prior to the landfill being licensed. The project cannot be developed should authorisation not be obtained. Mr Hayes further indicated that the concern regarding migrating birds attracted to the landfill is noted and will be investigated during the EIA process.
2	Mr J Kroon indicated that they obtain their water from boreholes that may be polluted by the proposed landfill.	Mr Otto indicated that the proposed landfill will be equipped with a Class B liner that will prevent groundwater pollution.
3	Mr C Kroon indicated that the existing southern access road to the landfill site is not adequate for a landfill site. He also indicated that they are currently undertaking most of the maintenance on that road.	Mr Hayes indicated that a traffic impact study will be conducted as part of the EIA process. This study will investigate different options for access to the proposed landfill and will investigate whether certain access routes are to be upgraded.
4	Ms P Kroon indicated that the crocodile farm, approximately 3 km from their property already attracts birds through leftovers from chickens that died of disease being fed to the crocodiles. With the birds then attracted to the chicken farm, it increases the risk for spreading of diseases.	The comment was noted and will be investigated during the EIA process.
5	Mr J Kroon enquired whether it has already been decided that the landfill will be constructed	Mr Hayes indicated that AECOM is currently in the beginning of the EIA process, which is to be conducted as part of the landfill licensing process. The results from the EIA process is considered when the regulating authorities decide as to whether a landfill license is to be issued. The landfill cannot be developed should authorisation not be obtained from the GDARD and DEA.
6	Mr J Kroon indicated that the disposal of organic material at the proposed landfill may furthermore increase the risk of diseases at the Kroon Gourmet Chicken abattoir.	Mr Otto indicated that this matter will be investigated during the EIA process.
7	Mr J Kroon enquired how vectors (e.g. flies) and rodents (e.g. rats) will be managed at the landfill	Mr Otto indicated that Interwaste is a private company listed on the JSE. Therefore they would need to manage and operate the proposed landfill strictly according to DWA's Minimum Requirements for waste disposal by landfill. This will include the daily compaction and covering of waste, which in turn greatly reduces a habitat and food for vectors and rodents.
8	Ms P Kroon enquired whether they should obtain legal representation, as they strongly object to development the proposed landfill.	Mr Otto indicated that the project team present cannot instruct them to get legal representation.

5 WAY FORWARD AND GENERAL

On behalf of Interwaste, Mr Otto put out an invitation for representatives from Kroons Gourmet Chickens to visit Interwaste's existing large regional FG Landfill in Olifantsfontein. Should there be interest in such a visit, this can be arranged by the EIA team.

6 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 16:45.

Appendix A

Detailed attendance register