

**FOCUS GROUP MEETING**

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

**RABBONI CENTRE MINISTRIES**

**Date:** 12 March 2014      **Time:** 13:30      **Location:** Plot 27, Uitval Grond, Rosslyn

**Purpose**                      The purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion with Rabonni Centre Ministries 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 13:30. 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 Rabboni Centre Ministries representatives 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**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Initials and Surname</b>
Mr	J Hayes
Mr	K Otto
Ms	M Maimane

Three (3) representatives from Rabboni Centre Ministries attended the Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

**Table 2: Rabboni Centre Ministries Representatives**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Initials and Surname</b>
Mr	B Mogalane
Mr	S B Mosuoce
Mr	S Mokheswana

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	Mr S Mokhwesana informed the project team that before the Rabonni Centre Ministries decided to develop their property, they conducted a study and there was at the time no indication of a landfill site within the area. He further stated that the plan is for the church to build a large number of residential facilities on the premises together with a church, larger than the one currently being constructed, to accommodate about 10 000 people. The church does not want a landfill next to their property.	Mr J Hayes responded by saying that this is the beginning of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, hence AECOM is consulting with the stakeholders to get them involved in the process and provide them with an opportunity to raise issues they may have regarding the project. He further stated that all concerns are noted.
2	Mr S Mokhwesana enquired how Interwaste will manage the breeding of flies at the landfill. He further stated that flies are uncontrollable. He also informed the team of the smells from the landfill, hence they do not want that landfill near the church premises.  He added that based on previous experience, landfill sites are not managed properly thus resulting in nuisances and pollution e.g. the Onderstepoort landfill.	Mr K Otto indicated that these concerns are noted. Mr Otto indicated that the proposed landfill will be operated in compliance with the Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal by Landfill. This includes daily compaction and covering of waste which drastically reduced the habitat and food source for flies. In addition, buffer zones will be considered to keep a distance between the neighbouring properties and landfill. "Red Top" fly traps are also effectively used to control flies when the landfill working face is confined to a limited area.
3	Mr S B Mosuoie enquired about the road access route proposed for the waste trucks.	Mr Otto indicated that access to the landfill side will be via the southern side, with possibility of access via the Northern side being investigated for future use, mainly because majority of the waste will be coming from the Northern side. A traffic impact assessment will be conducted to determine the viability of this proposed access route.

4	Mr B Mogalane enquired about the criteria used to identify the Multisand property as the preferred site when compared with the other 14 sites reportedly listed in the site selection report.	Mr K Otto responded by saying the site selection report is an appendix to the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and requested Mr Mogalane to refer to that for more information as to why Multisand is the preferred option. However, criteria for consideration included the location, potential fatal flaws, existing land use and the geology of the area.
5	Mr K Otto invited representatives from the Rabboni Centre Ministries to visit Interwaste's large regional FG Landfill near Olifantsfontein. This will provide them with a better understanding of the way in which Interwaste manage their landfills. He further indicated that Interwaste is a private company that are held liable for any pollution caused by its waste management activities. Hence they strive to adhere to strict conditions set in DWA's Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal by Landfill.	Mr S Mokhwesana requested that Mr K Otto specifically states the names of those landfill sites he is referring to because after a couple of visits to the landfill sites within the area he was not impressed with the way they were managed.  Mr K Otto referred him to the FG Landfill (owned and operated by Interwaste) and the Rietfontein Landfill(owned by EMM but operated by Interwaste).
6	Mr B Mogalane enquired about the number of years that Interwaste has been in operation for.	In response Mr K Otto said 20 yrs. He further explained that they merged with Enviro-Fill (specialists in landfill operations) during that period.
7	Mr B Mogalane enquired about the life span of the proposed Multisand Landfill site.	Mr K Otto responded by saying that the landfill is, depending on the waste disposal rate, expected to have a life of approximately 80-100 years.

## 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-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 14:45.

## **Appendix A**

### **Detailed attendance register**

## **Appendix B**

**Copy of the Presentation.**