

# 'Let's do recycling for the whole earth'

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STRIJDOM PARK – Ward 104 councillor Mike Wood has continued his drive to highlight the different kinds of businesses in his ward, this time at a company seeking to get recycling to be part and parcel of Randburg's everyday lives.

Whole Earth Recycling is a waste management, recycling and empowerment company based in Strijdom Park and has been running for the past five years.

The company collects mixed recycling including dry recyclables such as paper, cardboard and plastic.

The initiative has a community project seeking to uplift the lives of an estimated 24 sorters who sort through the collected recyclables in the warehouse on Tungsten Road.

The sorters sell the goods from buyers who come to the warehouse, to generate an income for themselves.

Whole Earth Recycling's Carmen Jordaan said, "Once everyone has finished sorting material for the day, the recyclables are weighed and they are paid at the premises by buyers for the kilograms of materials they have collected. We function like a buy-back centre, except those that are here don't have to roam the streets looking for bins to dig in or travelling for miles to sell their goods."

All recyclable goods are collected by households and businesses who have

signed up for the initiative in the Randburg area, usually with the help of residents associations, by the company's trucks on a weekly basis. Residents, complexes, offices and/or the associations are charged a very small fee for the collection per month.

"All goods are separated at the source as we provide households with 10 blue bags per month to separate their own recyclable goods, and we collect once a week. The amazing thing about our service is that whether we collect from 10 households or 100, the cost to us is the same. So it only makes sense that the more communities sign up to our initiative, the less monthly fees there will be for everyone," she continued.

Fairly recently, the company has started bailing some of the collected materials, making it easier to sell and get a better price for those who sort.

Wood added, "One of my goals this year is to drive recycling initiatives. It really is a major problem and we are running out of

landfill sites, and the projection for landfill site capacity in the next five years in Johannesburg is not looking great.

"I myself am a customer of Whole Earth Recycling and the difference that it has made to recycling in our neighbourhood is immense. I encourage all residents and residents associations who are looking for a solution like this to inquire further." Details: [www.wholeearth.co.za](http://www.wholeearth.co.za)



Whole Earth Recycling's Danie and Carmen Jordaan stand with Ward 104 councillor Mike Wood. Photos: Reuven Blignault



A sorter takes a bag of containers ready to be compacted for selling.



Sorters sort through the pile of collected recyclable materials collected for the day.



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## INVITATION TO COMMENT AND REGISTER NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE AUTHORIZATION PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN BRYANSTON EXT. 3, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that the Gauteng Department of Human Settlement (GDHS) is proposing to construct affordable housing in Bryanston Ext. 3. The Notice is in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended. It is also in terms of Section 41(4) of the National Water Act No 36 of 1998, read with Regulations 17 to 19 Regarding Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications and Appeals in GNR 267 published in Government Gazette 40713 of 24 March 2017. The project is part of the Gauteng Rapid Land Release Programme (RLRP) which was launched in 2018. One of the key objectives of the RLRP which will be realised by the Bryanston Ext. 3 project is to address the housing backlog in the Gauteng Province while catering for social and economic development. The project will also cater for agricultural as well as commercial activities.

The proposed project site is located within Ward 104 of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality. The site, which occupies 1.9 Hectares is located on Erven 3975, 3976, 3977 and 3978 in Bryanston Ext. 3 and is within the boundaries of the Ferndale Valley Arboretum. It is bounded by Spruce Street to the north and the broader Ferndale Valley Arboretum and the Bryanston River to the east. The broader Ferndale Valley Arboretum is also located south of the site and Cork Avenue runs on the west of the site. The approximate centre coordinates of the site are 27°58'55.6"S; 26° 4' 4.6 "E.

The development of the housing and associated infrastructure will require the clearance of indigenous vegetation on the proposed site. According to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, a Basic Assessment (BA) process is required for the project based on Listing Notice 1, Activity 27 and Listing Notice 3, Activity 12(c)(ii). These pertain to the clearance of indigenous vegetation of more than 1 Hectare but less than 20 Hectares and of 300 square metres or more in a Critical Biodiversity Area respectively. A Water Use Authorization (WUA) will be triggered in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998). These activities will be confirmed with the Department of Water and Sanitation.

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, and the Regulations Regarding the Procedural Requirements for Water Use License Applications and Appeals (2017), all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) must be provided with an opportunity to participate in the EIA and WUA Process for the proposed project. All parties who wish to participate in the process by commenting, registering as I&APs or obtaining more information on the proposed project can contact **Ntsebo Mkhize** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **E-mail:** [ntsebom@gaenvironment.com](mailto:ntsebom@gaenvironment.com) or [environment@gaenvironment.com](mailto:environment@gaenvironment.com) or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT BY LATEST 02nd MARCH 2020

