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DRAFT COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING (CLOSURE) OF THE UMZIMKHULU LANDFILL, UMZIMKHULU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Comments and Responses Report (CRR) captures the comments and issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the Notification phase of the Basic Assessment Process for the decommissioning of the Umzimkhulu landfill. The necessity for the CRR as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process is based on Regulation 44 of the National Environmental Management Act's (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 (as amended). The comments have been categorised to allow for easy reference(I&APs). A summary of the Public Participation Process undertaken for the project is as follows:

- Publication of a media advertisement in the local newspaper, East Griqualand Fever Newspaper of 20 October 2017;
- On-site notices advertising the Waste Management Licence Process were erected on site and at visible and accessible locations close to the site on Thursday 19th October 2017;
- Notification Letters were distributed in the Umzimkhulu Area on Thursday and Friday 19th and 20th October 2017. Notification Letters were also distributed by e-mail to other potential I&AP's from the 18th October 2017 to date. It must be noted that the comments received during the distribution of the Notification Letters were provided in isiZulu. These were translated into English and captured in this Comments and Responses Report.

The Draft BAR will be availed for public review and will be placed at the Umzimkhulu Public Library in Umzimkhulu. Copies of the report will also be provided to the KwaZulu Natal Department of Environmental Development, Tourism and Environment Affairs (EDTEA) as the Competent Authority, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) as the client, the Umzimkhulu Local Municipality as the applicant, the Department of Water and Sanitation as well as any other additional parties who will express an interest in the acquisition of the report.

It must be highlighted that comments obtained during the inception meeting between the EAP and other Stakeholders are attached in **Appendix E6** of the Draft Basic Assessment Report. **Table 1** indicates the name of the I&AP, their organisation, the date of the receipt of the comments as well as the response of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to the comment. **This report contains all comments that have been received to date**

2. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Table 1: Comments and responses for the proposed closure of the Umzimkhulu Landfill

NO	TITLE	NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	DATE OF RECEIPT OF COMMENT	COMMUNICATION METHOD	COMMENT	RESPONSE
2.1 Issues related to Recycling								
2.1.1	Ms	Yoliswa	Pendu	Reclaimer	19.10.2017	Face to face communication during the distribution of the Notification Letters on the 19.10.2017	We request that the municipality must register and allow only recyclers who have consulted with the municipality and only use municipality rates	The comment is noted and the municipality will be provided with an opportunity to comment.
2.1.2	Mr	Bonga	Mbanjwa	Reclaimer	As above	As above	Can the municipality provide information on the waste dumped at the dump site and provide weigh bridge and information on registering cooperatives. Can the municipality also provide training to improve effectiveness of reclaimers. Can the municipality also address erratic payments by recycling agents.	The comment is noted and the municipality will be provided with an opportunity to comment.

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2.1.3	Ms	Nosisa	Mbanya	Reclaimer	As above	As above	Can uMzimkhulu municipality provide information on rates recyclers use to pay reclaimers and match them against rates paid out in other districts.	The comment is noted and the municipality will be provided with an opportunity to comment.
2.1.4	Ms	Nokuzula	Dzanibe	Reclaimer	As above	As above	We are thankful for the information and we hope we can be moved to the new dumpsite	The comment is appreciated and details on the set up of the New landfill will be provided as received from the municipality.
2.1.5	Mr	Pinky	Mjoli	Reclaimer	As above	As above	Can the municipality provide reclaimers with uniforms and gloves?	The comment is noted and the municipality will be provided with an opportunity to comment.
2.1.6	Ms	Gladys	Bane	Reclaimer	As above	As above	We hope that the municipality can ensure we are provided alternative work at the new dump site.	The comment is noted and the municipality will be provided with an opportunity to comment.
2.2 Complaints about living conditions								
2.1.7	Ms	Kholekile	Ciya	Resident Mankofu Village	20.10.2017		Windblown litter emanating from the dumpsite makes the community and yards unclean	The Municipality is trying to address the issues of windblow litter by formally licensing the landfill, install the required infrastructure and closing the site to prevent such impacts from occurring.

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2.2.1	Mr	Xolani	Khuzwayo	Resident Mankofu Village	As above	Face to face communication during the distribution of the Notification Letters	The landfill makes the community unclean as flies are prevalent in the area and rain water from the landfill pollutes the water members of the community drink.	The Municipality recognises the issues that are as a direct result of the poor management of the landfill and it is hoped some of these issues can permanently be addressed by the proposed closure of the site.
2.2.2	Ms	Mandisa	Mjoli	As above	As above	As above	We have previously informed the municipality that they located us next to the dump site which pollutes the water as people settled in the area before the dumpsite.	The comment is noted and the municipality will be provided with an opportunity to comment.
2.2.3	Ms	Nozipho	Dzanibe	As above	As above	As above	The area is infested by flies and majority of people from the village settled before the dumpsite was started	The issue of flies and other bad odours will be addressed by the proposed closure.
2.2.4	Ms	Hlengiwe	Dzanibe	As above	As above	As above	The dump site makes the yard unclean because of windblown litter	The Municipality recognises the issues that are as a direct result of the poor management of the landfill and it is hoped some of these issues can permanently be

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								addressed by the proposed closure of the site.
2.2.5	Ms	Macule	Chiya	As above	As above	As above	The landfill is a positive development as it prevent people from other areas relocating to settle in the area.	The comment is noted

**the name 'Umzimkhulu Dumpsite' is used by the occupants of the landfill area*

3. SUMMARY OF KEY COMMENTS AND ISSUES RECEIVED TO DATE

The comments received to date were limited to the poor living conditions caused by the landfill as well as the need to provide facilities and equipment for reclaimers. The issues can be summarised as follows:

3.1. Issues related to Recycling

A large number of the reclaimers interviewed at the Umzimkhulu Landfill were concerned about the proposed closure of the landfill and the potential loss of jobs. The EAP highlighted that the reclaimers will be consulted by the Municipality prior to the closure of the landfill. It was also however also highlighted to the reclaimers that a formal system for recycling and sorting will be implemented at the new landfill and they are encouraged to approach the municipality Waste section to obtain details.

3.2. Complaints about living conditions

Majority of the residents interviewed at Mankofu Village raised their complaints about the poor living conditions caused by bad odour, wind blown litter and smoke emanating from Umzimkhulu Landfill. The EAP responded to this complaint by stating that the proposed activities would likely permanently address these issues which have been recorded.

4. CONCLUSION

This Comments and Responses report includes the comments and responses received during the Notification of the Closure of the Umzimkhulu Landfill. The comments received were mainly related to the issues affecting Recycling and poor living conditions for adjacent land owners.

It is anticipated that additional comments will be obtained subsequent to the review of the Draft Basic Assessment Report. These will be captured in the Comments and Responses Report that will form part of the Final Basic Assessment that will be submitted to the KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.