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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND COMMENTS: SIMMER AND JACK LANDFILL CELL 1 EXPANSION

The Department acknowledges receipt of your report dated 30 September 2013 for the above-mentioned activity.

Background

The information provided on your report indicates that the facility has a permit for Cell 1. It further indicated that Cell 8, the proposed site for development of a new cell is not covered by the permit. It is clearly indicated that the conditions of the permit are being adhered to through sound landfill management.

Proposed expansion of Cell 1

The proposed activity referred to in the report is listed in terms of Government Notice No.
718 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008 (Act 59 of 2008)
Category A, activity No. 19:

"The expansion of facilities of or changes to existing facilities for any process or activity, which requires an ammendment of an existing permit or license or a new permit or license in terms of legislation governing the release of pollution effluent or waste".

Recommendations

- 1. It is therefore recommended that an application for ammendment of the permit be lodged to the Department for the proposed development.
- 2. The application for ammendment should be accompanied by the proposed design report and drawings for approval.
- 3. It was noted in the report that the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were informed about the proposed development in the meeting; it is recommended that a full public participation process must be conducted and the summary of issues and comments raised by I&APs thereof be assessed, responded to and incorporated in the application for ammendment.

Proposed development of Cell 8

- 1. A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted on the proposed site and submitted to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), this is due to the existence of graves on site.
- 2. Written proof of ownership of the cemetery should be attached to the HIA.
- 3. Signed agreement/ arrangement with the owners of burial rights must be made to cater for the proposed grave removal. This information must be submitted with the HIA.
- 4. Upon approval of the proposed site development by SAHRA a waste management licence application will need to be lodged to the Department.
- 5. Comments from SAHRA should be consolidated and included in the application for the waste management licence.
- 6. The design drawing must be sent to the Department for approval which will be carried out in conjunction with the Department of Water Affairs: Resource Protection and Waste.

A person who wishes to commence, undertake or conduct an activity listed under Category A of GN 718 must conduct a Basic Assessment process, or an activity listed under Category B must conduct an HWSD/13-14/0023-Acknowledgement And Comments: Simmer And Jack Landfill Cell 1 Expansion

Environmental Impact Assessment as stipulated in the environmental impact assessment regulations made under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107of 1998), as part of the waste management licence application.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Ms. Noelene Zulu on email address given above.

Yours faithfully

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