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Sir,

PROPOSED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY SUBJECT: J13020/GDARD REF NO GUAT 002/13-14/E0280 DEA REF NO: 12/9/11L1422/3.

1. We would like to point out our objection to the above proposed waste disposal Site because of the following reasons.
2. The proposed site will attract wild migrating birds to the area which are the carriers of various diseases like New Castle, Avian influenza and bird flu strains. This will put our broiler industry at higher risk over which we have no control.
3. The farm was established in 1986 after thorough investigation as the location is of utter importance due to spreading of diseases we obtaining permission from Peri-Urban local authority at the time.
4. We currently work on an all in all out slaughter system to reduce risk of diseases spreading this will seriously be compromised with your proposed actions.
5. We have been in existence in this area for 29 years and have invested large sums of capital to sustain the business.
6. We have grown in employing people from 1986 – 2014 from 100 up to 500 employees this will have to seriously be taken into consideration as their jobs will be in serious jeopardy.

7. We also had a look at the present landfill site at Rosslyn – near Onderstepoort and noticed a lot of management problems like spreading plastics which cattle can eat and papers all over the area and migrant workers sifting through the waste for whatever they can get and living on the site. As well as birds being attacked to the dump site.
8. This also brings an additional security risk to our business in the form of trespassers and possible theft.
9. We are still in an expansion phase of the company and will create a further 400 jobs. You surely must realise that risk verses capital investment will be influenced negatively with this proposal and will put a hold on expansion and employment.
10. The ground value of the property will also be affected largely because who wants to live next to a dump site.
11. Kroon's is currently processing 60 000 birds a day providing protein to the nation – the cleanliness of the surroundings can account for a clean and healthy product.
12. The water supply is also critical as the normal amount of water needed is 15lts per bird slaughtered. The quality of the water is of paramount importance to produce a safe and edible product.
13. The company's contributions to the economy must also be considered and its sustainability rather be enhanced than placed in jeopardy.
14. We trust you will give urgent attention to our concerns and will re-consider the approval of the proposed landfill site adjacent to our property.
15. We also request electronic copies on CD of the management plan and what the position would be and our rights to take actions.
16. We also reserve all our rights under the law to take necessary action.
17. Supply us with an accurate map of proposed fill site as the map attached is not accurate.

Yours Faithfully,


RW Kroon