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## THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A LANDFILL SITE AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM NORTHLEIGH 422, VILJOENSKROON

Notice is given of an application to the Free State Department of Economic Small business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations under the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (**NEMA**) and the NEM: Waste Act 59 of 2008 for the establishment of a landfill site and associated structures and infrastructure for the disposal of general waste on the remainder of the farm Northleigh 422, Viljoenskroon.

## **Applicant and Project description:**

The establishment of a landfill site at Viljoenskroon is an initiative by the Moqhaka Local Municipality in the Free State to manage the waste from Viljoenskroon and Rammulotsi. There is an existing landfill site. However, the existing site is within 500 m of the nearest residential houses and poorly managed with no daily covering. There is no access control or on-site management which leads to uncontrolled scavenging and fires that smolders which causes excessive smoke. The location and present state of the site poses a serious health risk to local residents and has a major pollution risk to groundwater.

The main purpose of the project is therefore for the Moqhaka Local Municipality to establish a new landfill site which will have a lower negative impact on the environment and on local residents and a longer lifetime. Furthermore, by establishing a new landfill site, they will have an opportunity to rehabilitate the existing site.

The establishing of the landfill site includes applications for a Waste License in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEMWA), 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

The Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (**S&EIR**) process has previously been undertaken to obtain a waste license and Environmental Authorization (**EA**) for this project but was cancelled by the DESTEA due to the project timeframes not being met. A S&EIR process will be undertaken for a waste license and EA as the activity is defined as a listed activity in terms of Government Notice Volume 581 (29 November 2013) and Government Notice 983 under the 2014 listed activities (4 December 2014).

Activities will include the following:

- Category B (8) activity of GN. Vol. 581 in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008 (Act 59 of 2008): the proposed establishment of a landfill site and associated structures and infrastructure for the disposal of general waste on an area covering approximately 34ha.
- Category B (10) activity of GN. Vol. 581 in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008 (Act 59 of 2008): the construction of a waste management facility for an activity listed in Category B.
- Activity 27 of GN. 983: The clearance of an area of approximately 7ha of indigenous vegetation for the establishment of a landfill site.

Find attached hereto a locality map for the locality of the landfill site on the farm Northleigh 422, Viljoenskroon.

The facility will have a recycling plant and any electricity used at the landfill will be provided by connecting to existing Eskom lines.

You are requested to send any issues and/or concerns regarding the proposed project to me in order to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), on or before 17 October 2016. The Draft Scoping report will also be available for your review. Please request to receive the report from Louis De Villiers. The issues received will be recorded and addressed accordingly, where possible.

Also note that a public meeting will be held at the Viljoenskroon library on 22 September 2016 at 12:00 to discuss the project. All residents are welcome to attend.

Your feedback regarding this project is valued.

Kind regards

Louis De Villiers

