

NOTICE OF PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: DECOMMISSIONING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA'S ONDERSTEPSPOORT INCINERATOR

WML REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

This notice board serves to inform you, as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), of the proposed application for a Waste Management Licence for the following project: Decommissioning of the University of Pretoria's Onderstepoort Incinerator. The Waste Management Licence application will be lodged with the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (the Competent Authority) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEM:WA), 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), as amended, and Government Notice (GN) No. 921 of 29 November 2013 (List of Waste Management Activities that have, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the environment), as amended. For this Waste Management Licence application, a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process will be conducted.

The applicant, the University of Pretoria, has appointed EARTHnSKY Environmental (Pty) Ltd. in terms of Regulation 12 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017), as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the above-mentioned application process. EARTHnSKY Environmental complies with the requirements of Regulation 13 of GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project entails the decommissioning and demolishing of the University of Pretoria's Onderstepoort Incinerator. The incinerator was constructed prior to 1989 (the exact date is unknown) and uses outdated technology. The outdated technology does not ensure compliance with the Maximum Emission Rates as stipulated in the incinerator's Atmospheric Emission Licence (Licence Number: 9/16/1/2/38/R; issued on 12 August 2019). It is financially more feasible for the University of Pretoria to dispose of the infectious waste generated at Onderstepoort, when compared to the costs that would be involved in operating the incinerator in future. Operational costs would include, for example, air quality monitoring costs and costs to replace/upgrade abatement technology on the incinerator to enable compliance to the Maximum Emission Rates. The applicant therefore wishes to rather decommission and demolish its Onderstepoort incinerator. An underground diesel tank linked to the incinerator will also be removed. The diesel tank is owned and managed by TOTAL and has a capacity of 8m³. The removal will be managed by TOTAL and they will be responsible for any rehabilitation of contaminated soil in the vicinity of the tank.

PROJECT LOCATION

- Project property: Portion 0 (remaining extent) of the Farm Onderstepoort 478 JR
- Project site GPS coordinates: 25°38'54.84"S; 28°10'43.14"E
- The project location is ±10km to the north of the Pretoria CBD, in the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT

The proposed project requires a Waste Management Licence and a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process for the following waste management activity in terms of GN No. 921 of 29 November 2013, as amended:

- Category A(14): The decommissioning of a facility for a waste management activity listed in Category A or B of this Schedule.

The Waste Management Licence application will be submitted to the Competent Authority in due course. Upon acceptance of the application, the Competent Authority will issue a reference number for the application.

The following reports are applicable to this application for a Waste Management Licence:

- A Basic Assessment Report in accordance with Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017; and
- An Environmental Management Programme in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation processes for this application are conducted according to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations of 4 December 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP for the proposed project, and subsequently be kept informed of the progress of the project, please request and complete the "Interested and Affected Party registration form" (obtainable from the EAP). If you do not receive a confirmation of registration, kindly please confirm that we have received your registration form. Alternatively, you may also submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing **before 8 December 2020**, to the EAP using the contact details given below.

As required in the EIA Regulations, newspaper advertisements will be/have been placed in the Pretoria North Rekord newspaper and the Beeld newspaper on the 5th of November 2020. The draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public review and commenting for a period of 30 days (registered I&APs will be informed as soon as the report is available for review). Electronic copies of the report will be provided to registered I&APs via email or registered post. Please inform us should you require a hard copy of the report instead. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding this site notice.

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