

**INTEGRATED BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION  
PROCESS FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION OF THE STELLENBOSCH  
LANDFILL SITE IN STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE**

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## Notes of the Focus Group Meeting

With

**SLAB TOWN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE / WASTE PICKERS REPRESENTATIVE**

**Date:** 19 September 2014

**Time:** 14h00 – 15h00

**Venue:** Stellenbosch Landfill Site Office

### Apologies

None

### Attendance

Name	Representing
Sonja Pithey (SP)	Project Public Participation Specialists
Gordon Smith (Oupa) (Cel 062 041 1861)	Slab Town Community and Waste Pickers Representative

### Summary of Key Issues Raised and Discussed

Comment/Issues	Project Action Notes
1. Slab Town community started approximately 20 years ago when 4 – 5 people lived next to the wine effluent dam on the landfill site and the community was known as Swaarkry (Suffering). They were later moved to Veldwachters, next to the river when they were approximately 20 people. Law enforcement moved them approximately 10 years ago to the current site at the Adam Tass entrance.	Slab Town heritage
2. Slab Town community consists of approximately 70 people, with 10 – 12 children between the ages of 2 and 10 years old. Most residents work as waste pickers on the Landfill site. A few (6 - 10 people) work on neighbouring farms.	Slab Town profile
3. Slab Town has access to clean drinking water from the wastewater treatment works' water mains and have had access to chemical toilets for the past 6/7 years.	Slab Town: water and sanitation
4. They are well aware of the dangers of living next to the landfill site (gas, fires, pollution) and agree that fires are mostly from cable burning on the landfill site.	Slab Town risks: gas, fire, pollution
5. Six to seven months ago, the community were told by Stellenbosch Municipality (SM) that they would	Relocation to Klaptmuts

be relocated to RDP houses in the Klapmuts area but nothing has happened since then.	Urgent follow up action for Stellenbosch Municipality Housing Department
6. The entire community all want to move away from the risks associated with the landfill and receive a house, and they call on SM to please report back to them on progress in this regard.	Willingness of community to move out of landfill buffer zone
7. Oupa suggest that the end-use for the landfill should be a "grassy hill" /"mooi afgewerk."	Suggest "grassy hill" end-use
8. There is an issue amongst waste pickers, because only 40 are allowed on site at a time. Most of the waste pickers are from Slab Town and Oupa is one of the few lucky ones who always get in to collect the waste.	Waste Pickers issue Note: On the day of the meeting there was a very angry mob of waste pickers outside the gate, who seemed to be harassing those that were inside.
9. Moving forward in this project, Oupa feels happy to continue representing the community and said he will remain the voice of the community. He undertook to provide feedback to the community of this meeting and the broader aims of this project.	Oupa to remain community representative
10. Oupa will ensure that the Slab Town community prepare themselves for future discussions with the Stellenbosch Municipality regarding future relocation to a safer site.	Slab Town community awaits follow up discussions with Housing Department. Note: Relocation is a red flag issue in this project and a follow up meeting with the Slab Town community and Stellenbosch Municipality is suggested as a matter of urgency.

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