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Attention: Arabel McClelland

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

**D:EA&DP LAND MANAGEMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/1/1/B4/45/1081/14
D:EA&DP WASTE MANAGEMENT REFERENCE NUMBER: 19/2/5/1/B4/46/WL0118/14**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR SUBMISISON OF THE FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Dear Arabel,

Your previous correspondence dated 29 April 2015 for the abovementioned project, has reference. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension as the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will not be ready for submission within the prescribed six month period from the date of comment from the Department (23 December 2014).

Number four of your letter dated 29 April 2015, indicated that a concise motivation should be provided including tasks performed to date, reasons for the delay and an indication of when the Final BAR will be submitted.

1 Tasks performed to date

An Application for Environmental Authorisation and an Application for a Waste Management Licence for the above-mentioned project was submitted to the Department on 22 July 2014. The Department acknowledged receipt of these application forms on 5 August 2014.

The Draft BAR for the above-mentioned project was submitted to the Department on 5 November 2014. In response, the Department provided written comment on the Draft BAR on 23 December 2014.

Since the submission of the Draft BAR the following was undertaken:

1. Legislated 40-day Public Participation Process on the Draft BAR.
2. Receipt of comments from Interested and Affected Parties, including the relevant authorities as listed in the letter from the Department dated 23 December 2014.
3. Additional landfill gas feasibility testing (as mentioned in the Draft BAR) was completed.

4. Technical review of the initial and additional landfill gas feasibility reports was undertaken to confirm the viability of landfill gas extraction for beneficial use as a feasible and reasonable alternative for the site.

2 Reasons for the delay

The project team have not been able to finalise the BAR for the following reasons:

1. The proponent was considerably ill and hospitalised/ booked off work for a number of weeks earlier this year and was therefore not available to make key decisions.
2. As mentioned, additional landfill gas feasibility testing and a peer review was undertaken which required additional time.

The latter two items caused the unexpected delay in the submission of the Final BAR.

3 New proposed submission date

We kindly request an extension of an additional six months in which to submit the Final BAR.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely
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