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Dear Mr. Klaas,

NOTICE: CALL TO APPLY FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCES IN TERMS OF SECTION 80 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008

The Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) hereby brings to the attention of all local municipalities within the Sarah Baartman Region a Government Notice issued by the Minister of the Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) regarding the implementation of section 80 notice of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEMWA).

The Notice, issued by the Honourable Minister, Mr Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, calls upon certain persons to apply for a waste management licence within two (2) years from the date of the Notice, in terms of sections 80(4), 81(2) and 82 of the Waste Act. The Notice applies to:

- a) Persons who operate a waste disposal facility established prior to the coming into effect of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989), and which was operational on the date of commencement of the Waste Act;
- b) Holders of permits issued in terms of section 20 of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989, where the Minister or the MEC is the licensing authority in terms of section 43 of the Waste Act; and
- c) Persons who conducted a waste management activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Waste Act at the time of its commencement and who lawfully conducted such activities in compliance with Government Notice No. 91 of 1 February 2002.

The Notice does not apply to facilities with expired waste management licences, or licences that have been suspended or revoked.

In order to ensure broad awareness and compliance, municipalities are kindly requested to place the attached Government Notice on their official municipal websites and, where possible, bring it to the attention of relevant stakeholders within their jurisdictions.

Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated and will contribute to improved compliance with national waste management legislation.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely



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