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Dear Stakeholder

A WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION WITH A BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR A 200 DTPD (DRY TONNES PER DAY) WASTE ACT, FOR A REPULPER AND RECOVERED FIBRE PLANT AT SAPPI ENSTRA PAPER MILL, SPRINGS, EKURHULENI

Introduction

The purpose of this letter is to provide stakeholders with initial information about the proposed 200 DTPD (Dry Tonnes Per Day) Repulper and Recovered Fibre Plant at Sappi Enstra Mill in Springs, Gauteng Province.

The Sappi Paper and Paper Packaging – Enstra Mill (Sappi) intends to mothball their current pulp mill, which will make them totally reliant on bought-in pulp of various grades to ensure that sufficient pulp is supplied to the paper machines.

In order to meet the paper demands Sappi proposes to procure paper waste from local suppliers and to repulp it in order produce waste-grade recycled paper. This activity is required to keep the mill operational. By running waste based grades on the paper machines, the viability and profitability of the mill should improve significantly.

The proposed Recovery and Recycling Plant is located on the Farm Geduld No 123 IR, East Geduld Road, Enstra Township 12, Springs, Gauteng Province, to the north of Cowles Dam. The East Geduld Road runs past the western boundary of the site.

Basic Assessment and Waste License Application for the proposed Paper Waste Recovery and Recycling Plant

SRK Consulting has been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner to conduct a Waste License Application and Basic Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the construction of the proposed Paper Waste Recovery and Recycling Plant.

The Basic EIA and Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for the proposed Paper Waste Recovery and Recycling Plant will be conducted in terms of GNR 543 and GNR 544 of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and GNR 718 of the National Environmental Management Waste Act 59 of 2008 (NEMWA).

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Public participation process

As an integral part of the environmental studies, a public participation process will be undertaken to obtain the comments and concerns of all interested and affected parties (I&AP's).

A Background Information Document (BID) is attached hereto as Appendix A and provides the background to the proposed changes at Sappi Paper and Paper Packaging.

We wish to inform you that you and/or your organisation have been identified as a stakeholder for this process and we request your involvement therein. We request that you study the attached BID and provide us with your comments and concerns about the proposed changes at Sappi Paper and Paper Packaging, Enstra Mill by 12 March 2012.

All Queries related to this invitation and the project can be directed to **Ian Minnaar** at **SRK Consulting on the following contact details:**

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We encourage and look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours faithfully



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