



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & CLEANSING SECTION

To: Province of the Eastern Cape
Department of Economic Affairs, Environmental & Tourism

Attention: Deon De Villiers

From: Acting Municipal Manager

Date: 30 March 2015

Dear Sir

Re: Compliance Notice in terms of Section 31L of the National Environmental Management Act. (Act 107 of 1998) As amended as a result of non-compliance with permit (b 33/2/1400/3/P234) issued in terms of Section 20 of the Environmental Conservation Act (Act 73 of 1989).

1. The Makana Municipality received your notice on the 23 March 2015
2. We admit that things are not what they are supposed to be. This is the direct results of the financial position the municipality finds itself in.
3. Makana Municipality was placed under administration in terms of Section 139 (1) (b) in October 2014 after it failed to meet its financial obligations.
4. Over the past two years the municipality had a major cash flow problem and has been unable to pay its creditors.
5. The Bulldozer that we use on the landfill site in Grahamstown for compaction has been out of order for the past 6 months. The municipality has only one Bulldozer.
6. Nearly all service providers (businesses who supply parts for vehicles) have closed their accounts with Council for non-payment and it is nearly impossible to get any parts to repair vehicles.
7. Our Finance department has managed to pay the service provider to fix the tracks of the Bulldozer at a cost of R140 000.
8. Sections of the fence on the Landfill Site has been stolen three times during last year and we are in the process to claim the money form the insurance.

Makana Municipality shall strive to ensure sustainable, affordable, equitable and quality services in a just, friendly and healthy environment, which promotes social and economic growth for all.

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9.This Section only has one front end loader equipped with rubber tyres that we use daily to open a spot where the new refuse can be dumped for the day, it does not have any compacting or covering capabilities.

10.We have a gentleman who control the vehicles and write down the kind of waste and registration number of vehicles.

11.The Control Room at the Weighbridge has been broken into and the weighbridge system has been stolen.

12.A new Security Company has been employed and they are doing a good job.

13.As from October 2014 up till now no refuse has been placed in cells, compacted or covered. To sort out most of the problems that you had indicated in your report we need the bulldozer to be in operation.

14.We are aware that we are not adhering to the condition of the permit and plead for more time to be able to attend the issues raise in your communique. Our Cleansing section will do anything in its power to rectify the problems as soon as the bulldozer is back in operation.

We have applied for funding so that we can be able to attend to these problems. We would also appreciate if your Department could provide assistance.

At this stage we are unable to work out a plan because of the problems cited above.

We trust that our request will receive your favourable consideration.

Should there be any queries contact the writer hereof,

Yours Faithfully



M. Planga
Acting Municipal Manager