



EnviroServ on track to meet DEA requirements at Shongweni

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 – In recent months EnviroServ staff has been hard at work putting the Department of Environmental Affairs' (DEA) 11-point action plan in place at their Shongweni Landfill site, and much progress has been made, said EnviroServ Group CEO Dean Thompson.

"I would like to thank the team, which includes 50 people at Shongweni and up to 250 in KwaZulu- Natal whose work is linked to the operations at site, for their commitment and dedication to finding a solution. "We remain on track to meet our 11-point action plan as agreed with the DEA," Thompson said.

For four weeks, the Shongweni site stopped accepting all Class A (Type 1) waste while a review of all waste streams was conducted to determine which could have contributed to the malodour reported in recent months. "We have now completed the review and made operational changes to the way we handle certain waste types to further reduce any contribution to odours being generated."

Permanent covers for all Shongweni leachate tanks, which are designed to collect and store leachate, are being installed. "So far, the installation of one cover has been completed and a further two tanks have been emptied and will be covered within the next week. Once the tanks have all been emptied, the stormwater dams will follow suit." EnviroServ has submitted a Leachate management plan to the DEA.

A review of site operations including air quality management and control is in progress. "A scientific report by a specialist appointed by the community previously revealed that EnviroServ was not the sole source of the malodour as there are a number of other industries operating in the same area."

Despite having existing air quality monitoring in place, EnviroServ will soon install real-time air quality monitors, which will allow the company to determine air quality immediately and as well as help identify other odour sources. "The DEA has committed to investigate other potential contributors to the problem."

EnviroServ has also, by its own accord, temporarily suspended tankering of effluent to Southern





Wastewater Treatment Works. “We informed eThekweni Water and Sanitation on 21 September 2016 after noting inconsistencies in the samples.”

Other progress includes the circulation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, to assist with the roll-out of engagement with community members and other stakeholders. “Once the TOR is agreed upon we will ask potential service providers to submit proposals which will again be reviewed by all stakeholders. We have already begun engagement with local leadership, including chiefs and councillors.

“EnviroServ has made and continues to make a concerted effort to find a solution to the malodour problem, in many cases going over and above what is has been requested by the DEA.”