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Dear Stakeholder

**BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS
PROPOSED REDISA WASTE TYRE PRE-PROCESSING DEPOT CATO RIDGE,
KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW

It is REDISA's intention to apply for a Waste Management Licence (WML), in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA), from the Kwazulu-Natal Provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (KZN EDTEA), as the Competent Authority, for the authorisation of the proposed waste tyre pre-processing (i.e. storage, baling and shredding) depot in Cato Ridge. Storage has commenced on site upon REDISA receiving a letter of confirmation of registration from the KZN EDTEA to undertake storage at the depot.

The Waste Tyre Pre-processing Depot that has an operational area of ~15 000m² and will be operated within Portion 164 of the Farm Riet Vallei 851 located approximately 200m off 7 Eddie Hagan Drive. The subject property has been handed over as "minimum fit-for-purpose" (ready-to-use-for-storage) by the landowner. Existing infrastructure ready to be used on the site includes:

The pre-processing **construction activities for the development of the depot will be minimal**. Activities for construction will be conditioned to those involved with the erection of the baling and shredding warehouse. These will involve:

- » Four excavated foundation holes (1m X 1m X 1m)
- » Placement of the warehouse structure – the warehouse is to be open-aired on all four sides (i.e. not a closed structure, just roofed)
- » Laying of a concrete for flooring. The concrete will not be batched or mixed on site, the developers will use 'ready-mix concrete. This is as per engineering best practice in order to fasten the bailer and shredder machine to the floor

The proposed REDISA Nelspruit Waste Tyre pre-processing depot will be operated on now vacant land, previously occupied by a scaffolding company, within the Axis Industrial Park -an area currently zoned for industrial I use. The site is situated within the City of Mbombela Local Municipality.

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In terms of the EIA Regulations of December 2014 (Government Notice 983 – 986 published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA; No. 107 1998)), the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed depot is a listed activity requiring environmental authorisation.

A WML is required to carry out the abovementioned activities, in accordance with Sections 19(1) and 20(b) of the NEM:WA read in conjunction with Government Notice 921 of November 2013. The WML application process for activities listed under Category A is required to be supported by a Basic Assessment (BA) carried out in terms of NEMA EIA Regulations (GN R. 982 of December 2014). **Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd** has been appointed by the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa (REDISA) to undertake the required WML Application and BA process for the proposed development.

Savannah Environmental, as an independent environmental consultant, been contracted to undertake the required environmental assessments in order to identify and assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the depot, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in a Basic Assessment Report. An application for environmental authorisation has been submitted to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (KZN EDTEA), as the competent authority.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

A Draft Basic Assessment Report for the proposed **REDISA Waste Tyre Pre-Processing Depot** has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for a 30-day review period. The review period is from **7 February 2017 – 8 March 2017**. You are invited to view the report at the Cato Ridge Public Library . The report is also available for download at www.savannahsa.com

Please submit comments to Savannah Environmental before or on **8 March 2017**. Comments must be made as written submission via fax, post or email. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

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