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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 8079 **21 October 2026**

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT NO. 59 OF 2008)

CONSULTATION ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE EXCLUSION OF A WASTE STREAM OR A PORTION OF A WASTE STREAM FROM THE DEFINITION OF WASTE FOR BENEFICIAL USE

I, David Maynier, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby in terms of regulation 6(3) of the Regulations regarding the exclusion of a waste stream or a portion of a waste stream from the definition of waste, 2018, read with sections 72 and 73 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), give notice of my intention to take decisions on applications received for the exclusion of a waste stream or a portion of a waste stream from the definition of waste for specified beneficial use, as set out in the Schedule hereto.

In considering these applications, the criteria contemplated in regulation 7, as well as the risk assessment requirements contemplated in regulation 8 of the aforesaid Regulations, will be considered. Where a waste stream or portion of a waste stream is excluded from the definition of waste, the applicant will be required to implement and comply with a risk management plan based on the risk assessment, and to submit annual reports to the Department in terms of regulation 10 of the Regulations.

Members of the public are hereby invited to submit written representations or objections to the proposed decisions within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government *Gazette* or the newspaper, whichever date is the last date, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General
Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
Attention: Mr Jeremia Sibande
Director: Waste and Chemicals Policy and Information Management
Private Bag X447
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By hand at: Ground Floor (Reception), Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria 0001

By email to: jsibande@dffe.gov.za

Any enquiries in connection with the notice may be directed to Mr. Matjelele Phaladi at mphaladi@dffe.gov.za, Tel: 012 399 9852/066 336 0878.

The Government Notice, register of applications, risk assessments, and the risk management plans of the applications received can also be accessed at http://sawic.dffe.gov.za/ under "Draft documents for comment".

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto will be included in a comments and responses report which may be made available to the public. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/organization, being made publicly available in any comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted as part of the comments submitted.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



DAVID MAYNIER
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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SCHEDULE

Applications for the exclusion of a waste stream or a portion of a waste stream from the definition of waste for beneficial use:

No:	Date received	Facility name	Reference	Waste Stream and Beneficial Uses
1.	04-Feb-2025	Northam Platinum	12/11/9/L250319094553/5/N	**Slag** • Reduction of dust in exposed regions by utilising the material as dirt road covering; • Pneumatic air-blasting abrasive; • Insulation; • Rock support; • Building material (concrete, bricks, walling, roofing, etc.); • Road aggregate, surfacing, and under burden; • Construction fill; and • Buttress material for tailings facilities.
2.	05-Dec-2025	Tongaat Hullet Limited Maidstone Mill	12/9/11/L260223170635/3/N	**Effluent pond sludge/dam sludge** • Soil enhancement in the field of agriculture. • Soil Ameliorant
3.	26-Mar-2025	Tongaat Hullet	12/9/11/L250326161732/4/N	**Sugar cane spillages** • Soil ameliorant; and • Soil enhancement.
4.	22-May-2026	Tongaat Hullet Limited Felixton	12/9/11/L260522143933/4/N	**Bagasse** • Animal Feeds; and • Soil conditioner.

5.	22-May-2026	Tongaat Hullet Limited Felixton	12/9/11/L26052214490/4/N	**Cane Riddlings and sand residues** • Soil ameliorant; and • Soil enhancement.
6.	13-Sep-2023	Samancor Lesedi Operations	12/9/11/L230919120720/7/N	**Waste rock to be used for the construction of:** • Road base, stabilisation, and wearing course; • Platforms and foundations for buildings; • Berms and dams for stormwater management; • Fill for construction purposes; • Cladding and gabions for erosion control and rehabilitation; and • Aggregates and concrete aggregates.
7.	23-Jun-2025	Rand Water Panfontein	12/9/11/L250709153201/3/N	**Water Treatment Residue** • Agricultural practices
8.	11-Jun-2025	Freys Food Brands (Pty) Ltd	12/9/11/L250612113543/4/N	**Boiler Ash** • Construction / concrete products, block and brick making.
9.	04-Jul-2025	Rheinmetal Denel Muniton Boskop	12/9/11/L250709154634/3/N	**Coal ash** • Brick making
10.	03-Sep-2024	Belgotex Floor Covering KZN	12/9/11/L240903163521/4/N	**Boiler Ash** • Block making; and • brick making.
11.	31-Oct-2025	Mondi Limited	12/9/11/L251217113223/4/N	**Woodyard Grits** • Soil conditioner

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12.	03-Oct 2025	Sappi Ngodwana Mill	12/9/11/L251003100923/6/N	**Dregs and Grits** • Fertilizer
13.	25-Feb-2026	Twinsaver Group Kliprivier	12/9/11/L2602170713/3/N	**Sludge** • Brick making; • Composting; • Coal manufacturing; • Energy fuel (e.g. biomass & industrial boilers); • Soil conditioner (Farming & roads); • Bedding (Cows & chicken farms); • Egg trays; • Cement; • Gypsum board; • Asphalt; and • Road construction.
14.	25-Feb-2026	Twinsaver Group Belville	12/9/11/L260225171824/9/N	**Sludge** • Brick making; • Composting; • Coal manufacturing; • Energy fuel (e.g. biomass & industrial boilers); • Soil conditioner (Farming & roads); • Bedding (Cows & chicken farms); • Egg trays; • Cement; Gypsum board; • Asphalt; and Road construction.

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15.	27-Feb-2026	Sasol South Africa Ltd (Drying bed sludge / Bio sludge)	12/9/11/L260306182323/2/N	**Drying bed sludge / Bio sludge** • Brickmaking • Blockmaking • Composting for daily cover alternative • Bioremediation • Land application excluding agriculture and stock grazing
16.	27-Feb-2026	Sasol South Africa Ltd (Heavy ends)	12/9/11/L260306182819/2/N	**Heavy Ends A, Heavy Ends B, Heavy Ends Blend** • Heating fuel applications • Alternative Fuel Resources (AFR)
17.	01-April-2026	Sasol South Africa (Ltd): Secunda Operations	12/9/11/L260415144550/6/N	**Nitro fertilizers dam sludge** • Soil liming agent in agriculture • To reduce the rate of soil acidification • To optimize water and nutrient use efficiency
18.	09-Jan-2026	Standerton Oil Mills	12/9/11/L260226102737/6/N	**Boiler Ash** • Brick and Block making
19.	22-Jul-2026	AECI Property Services (Pty) Ltd	12/9/11/L260804110653/4/N	**Filter Cake** • Fertiliser / Enhancer for Cultivation
20.	28-Mar-2026	uMngeni uThukela Water (Midmar Treatment Plant)	12/9/11/L260415151511/4/N	**Water treatment residues** • Land application for agricultural use

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21.	23-Jul-2026	Lamberts Bay Foods (Pty) Ltd	12/9/11/L260723102250/9/N	**Bottom Coal Ash** • Clay Brick Manufacturing

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