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Green Drop 2013

On 27 and 28 August 2012, the DWA appointed Assessors, visited Steve Tshwete Local Municipality for our Official Green Drop Assessment and Plant Inspection.

On 18 January 2013, we attended our Green Drop 2012 Final Confirmation session in Nelspruit.

The criteria required were:

1. Process Control, Maintenance and Management skill- Focusing on Classifications, of Treatment plants and process controllers, the qualification of maintenance teams & Operation and Maintenance manuals.
2. Waste water monitoring program efficacy- addressing operational and compliance monitoring and the Accreditation of laboratory used.
3. Submission of Waste water quality results- addressing the submission of 12 months data on the DWA Green drop System
4. Compliance of quality results- Calculates a percentage of compliance performance based on the Special standard Limits applied to STLM.
5. Waste water quality risk management-W2RAP risk abatement plan and incident management protocol, addressing risks at the works, the system of reporting such issues as well as actions taken to minimize or eliminate these risks.
6. Bylaws – addresses the existing Bylaws and the proof of enforcement of these by laws
7. Waste Water treatment capacity- This discusses the Design of process, Flows, and medium to long term planning of improvements.
8. Waste Water Asset Management - Addresses the Financials, costs, outcomes of process audits and action plans.
9. Energy consumption- including projections and an energy saving strategy.

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is currently upgrading and refurbishing our largest Waste Water Plant to improve effluent quality. This poses a challenge, and may result in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality not achieving any Green Drops this year. However, we are sure to have increased our total compliance scores from 2011, and are determined to achieve Green drop status in 2014.

2013 is An Official Blue Drop year, and we are awaiting the criteria information in order to begin our preparations for our assessments, which are expected to commence in the second half of the year.

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Yours faithfully

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