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Calling all waste wise organisations in KwaZulu-Natal

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The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) are calling all waste wise organisations in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) to enter this year's IWMSA KZN Waste Management Awards. "All environmentally conscious organisations are encouraged to enter and be recognised for their contributions and commitment to responsible waste management practices," says Jan Palm, President of the IWMSA.

The Awards are hosted biennially and intend to involve all organisations in KZN to consciously choose to act in the most efficient and effective ways when managing waste. It also seeks to promote best practice in waste management throughout the province and acknowledge the achievements and provide recognition for organisations who practice and are committed to responsible and effective waste management.

Who can enter?

- **General Manufacturing <250 Employees:** Industries involved with the manufacturing of products, with a total number of employees of 250 or less.
- **General Manufacturing >250 Employees:** Industries involved with the manufacturing of products, with a total number of employees greater than 250.
- **Service Industry:** Any organisation which offers a service. For example: retail centres, hospitality establishments, housing estates or educational institutions.

Kindly note that the IWMSA KZN Waste Management Awards are open to all businesses within the above categories that are located in KwaZulu-Natal. If an organisation has more than one premises which operates independently from the others, then each premise must be entered separately and will be judged independently. It is not a requirement to be a member of the IWMSA to enter the competition. Entries close on 30 June 2018.

Judging process:

Judging will consist of a site visit and audit which will be conducted between August and October 2018. Members of the IWMSA and the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) will form the judging panel.

How to Enter:

Organisations are encouraged to enter this prestigious competition by completing the [online entry form \(https://bit.ly/2wuady3\)](https://bit.ly/2wuady3).

Documentation to be included in the online form:

- Your company's waste management policy statements.
- The report must include details about the managed waste including volume per waste type; waste classification; and name of the facility where waste is sent to for 2015/6 and 2017/8 periods.
- Projects undertaken to address waste management and cost savings.

In 2016 Unilever Tea Factory Pietermaritzburg (large general manufacturing category), Tongaat Hulett Sugar Darnall Mill (smaller general manufacturing category) and Dolphin Coast Landfill Management (service industry category) walked away with top honours at the prestigious awards. "The Awards provide a wonderful opportunity to be recognised by industry peers across the province, and we call upon as many organisations as possible to enter," concludes Palm.

For more information on the IWMSA and the KZN Waste Management Awards, visit www.iwmsa.co.za. The IWMSA is also on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/IWMSA>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/iwmsa>).

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