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MEDIA ALERT: IWMSA comment regarding the Integrated Industry Waste Tyre Management Plan

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The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) have raised their concerns regarding the process that was followed by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) which resulted in the approval of the Integrated Industry Waste Tyre Management Plan (IIWTMP) that was submitted by the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa (REDISA).

Earlier this week (25 January 2012), the DEA indicated that they had withdrawn the approval of the IIWTMP which had been approved in the Government Gazette Notice (Notice No. 983 published in Gazette No. 34796) published on 28 November 2011.

Stan Jewaskiewitz, President of the IWMSA has indicated, "We at the IWMSA are very concerned about the process that was followed that resulted in the approval of the REDISA IIWTMP plan, especially in light of the fact that the South African Tyre Recycling Process Company (SATRP), had also developed and submitted such a plan." Jewaskiewitz added, "We welcome the decision of the Acting Minister to withdraw the approval of the REDISA plan and to open it up for further public comment.

"The IWMSA are encouraging our members to use this opportunity to engage with the DEA regarding the IIWTMP. We will gladly offer our services and expertise to the DEA to host workshops on this issue to ensure that our voice is heard." Jewaskiewitz concluded.

The IWMSA is a non-profit organisation comprising a body of dedicated professionals in their respective fields, who give freely and voluntarily of their time and expertise in order to effectively educate, promote and further the science and practice of waste management. For more information, visit: www.iwmsa.co.za

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