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Waste management training highlighted with the changing face of South Africa's waste industry

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Caption: In an effort to improve South Africa's waste management industry knowledge and to meet world-class requirements, the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) hosted their inaugural Level 4 accredited waste management training course in Midrand, Gauteng earlier this month. The course was developed to educate individuals on how to successfully implement environmental improvements to a site, facility, operation or process.

The professional waste management industry has been taken to the next level by the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) who has launched their first NQF Level 4 accredited waste management training course in Southern Africa. The inaugural training course was a great success and attended by 15 delegates. According to the IWMSA's President, Dr Suzan Oelofse, the majority of these delegates are recurring attendees which means that they have already obtained the NQF Level 1 to 3 training certificates.

South Africa's waste industry is experiencing a lot of changes making it even more important for waste management professionals to be equipped with the necessary skills and tools. With the NQF Level 4 accredited waste management training course, individuals are armoured with the required technical skills and knowledge that promotes professional competence to perform more challenging

supervisor roles effectively and confidently. “When completed, the training course equips attendees with the capabilities to review information and identify environmental problems and opportunities for improvement; uncover solutions to these problems and issues in the workplace; and to develop and implement a plan of action for all possible improvements,” indicates Oelofse.

Training is one of the core functions of the IWMSA, and this new addition to the organisation’s training programme emphasizes the responsibility that the IWMSA accepts towards making a significant contribution to effective waste management. “The programme is tailored towards improving the overall delivery of South African waste management services and transforming it into a world class industry. The training programmes are hands-on and promote critical thinking and interaction. Our course facilitators have years of experience in the waste industry which always promises healthy debate between delegates,” adds Oelofse.

The IWMSA’s new NFQ Level 4 accredited training course supports their main objective to positively influence more people in the industry, as well as develop quality waste management specialists. “The more people we can reach through our training programmes, the sooner we will witness positive changes within the industry,” says Oelofse.

For more information on the IWMSA and the training they offer, visit www.iwmsa.co.za. IWMSA is also on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/iwmsa>) and Twitter (twitter.com/IWMSA).

The IWMSA is a multi-disciplinary non-profit association that is committed to the protection of the environment and people of Southern Africa from the adverse effects of poor waste management by supporting sustainable best practical environmental options.

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Note to Editors

More information on NQF Level 4:

Attendees will become skilled in evaluating the impact of the improvements implemented, and ultimately, demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the environmental management principles and practices, together with their application within their own area of responsibility.

This course will broaden the attendees’ knowledge and skillset in handling and disposing of waste in an environmentally sustainable manner. Whilst focussing on the IWMSA’s overall waste strategy, the attendees’ core competencies in pioneering innovative waste management solutions will grow significantly to provide an enhanced and sustainable waste management platform to all industry role-players.