SITE NOTICE PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 1  Site Notice (Afrikaans) Erected at Site Entrance
Photo 4  Site Notice (Afrikaans) Erected in Cues Pool Pub (Daleside)
Photo 5  Site Notice (English and Afrikaans) Erected in Randvaal Local Library
INVITATION TO COMMENT AND REGISTER

Air Products South Africa (Pty) Ltd is planning to construct and operate a new acetylene gas production facility which will be located near Witkopdorp, Daleside, south of Johannesburg. The proposed facility will be constructed on Stand 88 and 89 of Valley Settlements Agricultural Holdings, located just off Tillet Road; an area currently zoned for industrial use.

THE PROJECT

At present, Air Products operates two acetylene gas facilities, which have been encroached on by industrial and residential development. Air Products therefore plan to close these two facilities and construct and operate a new facility, where encroachment would be restricted. To ensure this, the new facility is proposed to be constructed at the mid-point of the two properties listed above, therefore adequately buffering the new facility.

The proposed facility will produce acetylene gas from mixing granules of calcium carbide and water inside an enclosed chamber. Acetylene gas bubbles to the surface, which is then drawn into a process of cooling and drying. The gas is then compressed, prior to be filled into gas cylinders, which are stored at the site, prior to distribution. The proposed facility is expected to produce a maximum of 14 400m³ of acetylene gas per day.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process and the application for an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations (June 2010) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended. The proposed facility triggers Activity 23 of Government Notice R544 and Activity 4 and 5 of Government Notice R545. A full Scoping/EIA process will therefore be undertaken.

Notice is also given in terms of Section 38 (3) of the National Environment Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEMAQA) for a new Air Emissions Licence (AEL) application. The proposed facility triggers activity Category 6: Subcategory 6.1 (Organic Chemical Manufacturing), as published in Government Notice R248 (May 2010).

Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM), an independent environmental assessment consultancy, has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Air Emissions Licence and associated Public Participation Process for the proposed development.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Stakeholders are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and to participate in the Project. You may submit written representations on, or objections to, the EIA and AEL applications within 21 days commencing from 3 December 2013 and concluding on 13 January 2014. Representations should include your name, contact details and indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the applications. These may be submitted to Ms Janet Mkhabela of ERM:

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Please quote the ERM reference number on all correspondence:

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The proposed activity requires environmental authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) through a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the process.

INVITATION TO AN OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

This notice serves to notify you of an open house and project public meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, 20 February 2014** where the applicant and the EIA team will present the findings of the Draft Scoping Report and obtain comments from the public. The details of these meetings are as follows:

**Venue:** Japie Greyling Primary School, Cnr. Blousysie & Witkruisarend Rd, Randvaal  
Open House Event: 14:00 – 17:00  
Public Meeting: 17:30 – 18:30

For all enquiries, please contact **Janet Mkhabela** or **Kasantha Moodley** on:  
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We look forward to your participation.