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Dear Municipal Manager
c/o Municipal Waste Management Officer

Dear Sir/Madam

INTRODUCTION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE SOURCE TO SEA PROGRAMME AND THE MASS PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) has realised that more efforts are needed to reduce, and as far as it is practically possible, to eliminate marine litter originating from land-based sources. To that end, the Department has conceptualised a national Source to Sea programme. The aim of this Programme is to combat marine litter and to ensure that our coastal areas are free from litter and plastic pollution. This will be done through mass public employment of the unemployed, with special prioritisation of women, youth and persons living with disabilities.

Rivers and other waterways such as canal systems and storm water channels are primary gateways that introduce land-based waste and discarded litter into the coastal and marine environment. The programme will be implemented in all coastal district municipalities and the people who will be employed will collect litter along river banks and waterways, working closely with the appropriate line function units at municipal level. The project is envisaged to take place for a duration of 3 (three) months with a possibility of an extension to 5 months.

Using a District Development Model, there will be recruitment of participants to assist with the cleaning of the river banks and waterways. Cleared waste is to be collected as part of the municipal collection schedule of the relevant targeted locations. The objective of the Source to Sea programme is to reduce marine pollution and to have a healthy environment. This will be achieved by supporting environmental management within the district municipalities through providing:

- I. Tools of trade (litter picking sticks, recyclable and residual refuse bags, bulk bags, rakes, scales etc.) and personal protective equipment (work suits, gloves, socks, sun hats and masks);
- II. Mass public employment (recruitment of 100 participants per district).

Should you require further information please feel free to contact Dr Yazeed Peterson on Tel no. 021 819 2450 or by email ypeterson@environment.gov.za. We look forward working with you on this mutually beneficial project.

Yours sincerely

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