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Dear MEC Mohale

**Submission of Industry Waste Management Plan in terms of S28(7) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008).**

The above subject refers.

The Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan of government has identified the informal waste industry as an important element in fast tracking growth as we rebuild the economy, following the devastation of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a commitment to the rebuilding process, government has committed to increase its fiscal allocations on programmes aimed at basic services delivery. As you are aware, Free State has one of the highest number of households not receiving a basic weekly waste removal service. Your department not only has the mandate to support municipalities in delivering basic services, it has the legal instruments to package such support, working with its agencies which have complimentary mandates in terms of community upliftment and enterprise development.

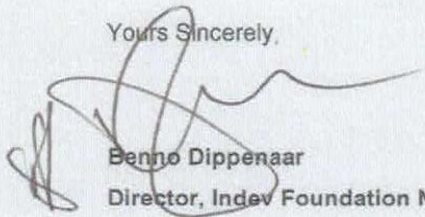
Recognising the immense role that the informal waste industry plays in waste management, Indev Foundation NPC, after consultation with waste pickers, has put together a blueprint of how to harness the potential of this industry to create as many as 1600 long term jobs across the province whilst at the same time growing cooperatives and assisting government to deliver basic services.



Indev Foundation NPC, a Not for Profit Company established with the objective of community development and municipal support, has developed an industry waste management plan, consistent with the provisions of the Waste Act 2008 (Act 59 of 2008), to provide basic waste services whilst at the same time creating jobs and growing cooperative businesses. We believe that this plan, once approved for implementation, will fast track economic development, accelerate basic waste services provision and improve the livelihoods of the people of Free State.

We also attach proof of consultation on the industry plan, with waste pickers across the province. The industry plan enjoys the support of the informal waste industry in the province. We look forward to your further direction in respect of this plan.

Yours Sincerely,



**Benno Dippenaar**  
Director, Indev Foundation NPC

