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Chief Executive Officer
Participating Waste Management Organisation

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: REQUESTED COMPLETION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WASTE SECTOR SURVEY

The National Department of Science and Technology (DST) is committed to fostering innovation, job creation and enterprise development within the South African waste sector, through the investment in science and technology. In order to measure the growth of the waste sector over the next few years, a quantitative baseline of the waste sector is required. While the South African waste sector is estimated to be valued at R10 billion (DEA, 2009), there is no accurate information available on the size and skill base of the sector.

A national waste sector survey will therefore be conducted by the CSIR on behalf of the DST. The intention of the sector survey is to establish a baseline of organisational information, employee information, technology and innovation information, and summary financial information. The Waste Sector Survey falls within the scope of the Memorandum of Agreement between Statistics South Africa and the Department of Science and Technology and is therefore an official survey. Your organisations participation in this survey is of great importance to the quality and depth of the results, and would be greatly appreciated. In order to ensure that an accurate representation of the sector is obtained, all information provided will be kept **strictly confidential**. No company specific information will be released, with all information being summed to provide an overall view of the national waste sector.

We request that you task the most appropriate person within your organisation to oversee the collation of data and the completion of the questionnaire. The audit aims to be as comprehensive as possible and requires some degree of effort on your organisations part. Information will be required from your financial department, human resource department and waste management department. Once you have the data from the various persons within your organisation, it should take approximately 10-30 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Each question should be answered as accurately as possible in order to ensure high quality data and an accurate report on the state of the waste sector in South Africa.

We kindly request your assistance in completing this form and returning it to us **before the 10 May 2013** at the latest. Please email your completed forms to LGodfrey@csir.co.za or fax them to (012) 842-7687 on or before the due date. As a reminder, we will also be following up telephonically with all identified organisations. However, if you have any questions or comments before this time, please do not hesitate to contact the project leader, Dr Linda Godfrey at LGodfrey@csir.co.za or on Tel: (012) 841-3675.

Yours sincerely,

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